

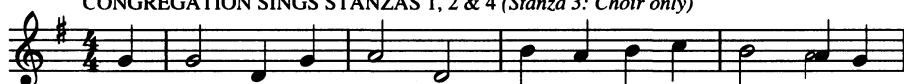
A Festival of Lessons and Carols

CAROL PRELUDE

OPENING CAROL

O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

CONGREGATION SINGS STANZAS 1, 2 & 4 (*Stanza 3: Choir only*)



1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
2. True God of true God, Light from Light E - ter - nal,
3. Sing, *choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion; O*
4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing.



come ye, O come ye, to Beth - le - hem.
lo, he shuns not the Vir - gin's womb;
sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav'n a - bove!
Je - sus, to thee be all glo - ry giv'n.



Come and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
Son of the Fa - ther, be - got - ten, not cre - at - ed;
Glo - ry to God, all glo - ry in the high - est;
Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing:



O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,
Ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus, ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus,



O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.
ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus Do - mi - num.

GOOD CHRISTIAN FRIENDS, REJOICE

CONGREGATION SINGS STANZAS 1 & 3 (*Stanza 2: Choir only*)



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| 1. Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice | with heart and soul and voice; |
| 2. <i>Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice</i> | <i>with heart and soul and voice;</i> |
| 3. Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice | with heart and soul and voice; |



give ye heed to what we say:	Je - sus Christ is born to - day!
<i>now ye hear of end - less bliss:</i>	<i>Je - sus Christ was born for this!</i>
now ye need not fear the grave:	Je - sus Christ was born to save!



Ox and ass be - fore him bow, and	he is in the man - ger now.
<i>He hath o - pened heav - en's door, and</i>	<i>we are blest for - ev - er - more.</i>
Calls you one and calls you all to	gain his ev - er - last - ing hall.



Christ is born to - day,	Christ is born to - day!
<i>Christ was born for this,</i>	<i>Christ was born for this!</i>
Christ was born to save,	Christ was born to save!

NINTH LESSON (John 1:1-14)

John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.

When all things began, the Word was there already.
The Word was with God, and the Word was God.
Nothing was created without the Word.

The Word gave life, the light of all people.
The light shines in the darkness,
and to this day, the darkness has not extinguished it.

For the light to be made known, God sent a messenger,
a man named John.
John was not the light;
he came to witness to the light,
the true light that comes to the world to shine on all people.

The Word was in the world;
though the world owed its very existence to the Word,
the world did not recognize the Word.

However, those who heard and believed received power
to become children of God,
not children born in a human sense of man and woman, flesh and blood,
but rather born as true children of God.

So the Word became flesh and lived among us,
through the glory of God, full of grace and truth.

Thanks be to God.