

# Ring Bells Ring

## December 24th, 2021



Please take a moment to silence your cellphone. Thank you.

If you are fully vaccinated, you are invited to join in singing the Carols.

Our choir present a program of simple beauty and congregational singing of familiar carols, a 'Light in the Darkness' of the present time, harkening to a simpler, more joyful experience of the season.

Choir

*Alleluia, Rejoice*

*J. Edmund Hughes*

*Men*

O come, O come Emanuel, and ransom captive Israel  
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice, rejoice!

*Women*

Hodie Christus natus est:  
Hodie salvator apparuit:  
Hodie in terra canunt Angeli,  
laetantur Archangeli:  
hodie exultant justi, dicentes:  
Gloria in excelsis Deo, alleluia.

*Translation*

Today Christ is born:  
Today the Savior has appeared:  
Today the Angels sing,  
Today the righteous rejoice, saying:  
Glory to God in the highest, alleluia.

Carol

**O Come, All Ye Faithful**

**Hymn #83, v. 1, 3, 6**

**O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
come, and behold him, born the King of angels;**

***Refrain:***

***O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
Christ the Lord.***

**Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;  
glory to God, glory in the highest; *Refrain***

**Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to thee be glory given;  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing; *Refrain***

Choir: *The Angels and the Shepherds*

*Bohemian Carol, arr. C. H. Trevor*

*Women*

Shepherds, O hark ye, glad tidings we bring, Peace and goodwill to the world now we sing;  
See in a manger Christ the Anointed,  
Whom for your Saviour God hath appointed. Alleluia.

*Men*

In yonder manger behold now he lies, Whom angel voices foretold from the skies.  
Seeking thy mercy, we kneel before thee, Singing thy praises, humbly adore thee. Alleluia.

*All*

Still through the ages the song doth resound, Peace and goodwill on the earth shall abound;  
Bear we the tidings to every nation,  
Born is the Christ Child for man's salvation. Alleluia.

Choir: *Coventry Carol, from the Pageant of the Shearmen and Tailors, arr. Martin Shaw*

*Refrain*

*Lully, lulla, thou little tiny child, By by, lully lullay.*

*Women*

O sisters too, how may we do for to preserve this day  
This poor youngling, for whom we do sing, By, by, lully lullay?

*Men*

Herod, the king, in his raging, charged he hath this day  
His men of might, in his own sight, All young children to slay.

*Solo: Mary Abbott*

That woe is me, poor child for thee!  
And ever morn and day, For thy parting neither say nor sing  
By, by, lully lullay!

Carol

**Hark! The Herald Angels Sing**

**Hymn #87, v. 1-3**

**1. Hark, the herald-angels sing  
glory to the new-born King,  
peace on earth, and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled.  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,  
join the triumph of the skies;  
with the angelic host proclaim,  
'Christ is born in Bethlehem.'  
*Hark, the herald-angels sing  
glory to the new-born King.***

**2. Christ, by highest heaven adored,  
Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
late in time behold him come,  
offspring of a Virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see:  
hail, the incarnate Deity,  
pleased as man with us to dwell,  
Jesus, our Emmanuel.**

**3. Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die.  
Born to raise us from the earth,  
Born to give us second birth.  
Ris'n with healing in his wings.  
Light and life to all he brings,  
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!**

Choir

*Who But the Lord?*

*Craig Courtney*

*Men*

O come, Thou bright and morning star and bring us comfort from afar.  
Dispel the shadows of the night and turn our darkness into light.

Who but the Lord can give the shadows light,  
can break into the dark, draw morning from the night? Who but the Lord will hear our cry  
and answer: "Here am I?"

Who but the Lord makes blinded eyes to see, brings music to the deaf,  
sets the lonely captive free?

Who but the Lord will by his glory show the paths of peace?  
Who but the Lord? Who but the Lord?

O shine on us the brightness of Your face,  
To earth's remotest end, every people, every race.  
O shine on us until to each is shown your saving grace.  
O shine on us, O shine on us, O shine.

Who but the Lord can give the shadows light?  
None but the Lord.

Choir

*Cantique de Noël (O Holy Night)*

*Adolphe Adam*

*Jill Lynch, soprano*

O Holy night! The stars are brightly shining  
It is the night of our dear Savior's birth  
Long lay the world in sin and error pining  
'Til He appears and the soul felt its worth  
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices  
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn  
Fall on your knees; O hear the Angel voices!  
O night divine, O night when Christ was born  
O night, O Holy night, O night divine!

Led by the light of Faith serenely beaming  
With glowing hearts by His cradle we stand  
So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming  
Here come the Wise Men from Orient land  
The King of kings lay thus in lowly manger  
In all our trials born to be our friend  
He knows our need, to our weakness is no stranger  
Behold your King; before Him lowly bend  
Behold your King; before Him lowly bend

Truly He taught us to love one another;  
His law is love and His Gospel is Peace  
Chains shall He break, for the slave is our brother  
And in His name, all oppression shall cease  
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we  
Let all within us Praise His Holy name  
Christ is the Lord; O praise His name forever!  
His power and glory evermore proclaim  
His power and glory evermore proclaim

Carol

Angels We Have Heard on High

Hymn #96, v. 1-4

Angels we have heard on high  
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply  
Echoing their joyous strains.

Come to Bethlehem and see  
him whose birth the angels sing;  
come, adore on bended knee  
Christ the Lord, the newborn King. *[Refrain]*

*Refrain:*

*Gloria, in excelsis Deo!*

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See Him in a manger laid  
Jesus, Lord of heaven and earth!  
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,  
With us sing our Savior's birth. *[Refrain]*

Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be

Which inspire your heav'nly song? *[Refrain]*

Choir

*Personent, hodie*

*arr. Gustav Holst*

*Refrain*

*Ideo, ideo, ideo gloria in excelsis Deo!*

On this day earth shall ring with the song children sing to the Lord, Christ our King, born on earth to save us; him the Father gave us.

His the doom, ours the mirth; when he came down to earth  
Bethlehem saw his birth; ox and ass beside him from the cold would hide him.

God's bright star, o'er his head, Wise Men three to him led;  
kneel they low by his bed, lay their gifts before him, praise him and adore him.

On this day angels sing; with their song earth shall ring, praising Christ, heaven's King, born on earth to save us, him the Father gave us.

Choir

*The First Noel*

*Andrew Huish*

*Refrain*

*Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King, the King of Israel.*

The first Noel the angel did say,  
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;  
in fields where they lay akeeping their sheep,  
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

They looked up and saw a star  
shining in the east, beyond them far;  
and to the earth it gave great light,  
and so it continued both day and night.

Then let us all with one accord  
sing praises to our heavenly Lord,  
That hath made heaven and earth of naught,  
and with His blood mankind hath bought.

*Yihuan Zhao, Violin*

## Carol: Joy to the World

Hymn #100, v. 1-4

1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come  
Let earth receive her King  
Let every heart prepare Him room  
And heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven and nature sing  
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing

2. Joy to the world, the Savior reigns  
Let us our songs employ  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy

3. No more let sins and sorrows grow  
Nor thorns infest the ground  
He comes to make His blessings flow  
Far as the curse is found,  
far as the curse is found  
Far as, far as the curse is found

4. He rules the world with truth and grace  
And makes the nations prove  
the glories of His righteousness  
and wonders of His love,  
and wonders of His love  
and wonders, wonders of His love



## Join our Choir!

Our choir, under the direction of Dr. Mark Bennet, are a fun & friendly group who are always overjoyed to welcome new members.

**No audition or previous experience is required.**

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