

## CHRISTMAS MORNING

### Introit

1 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!*

3 See how the shepherds,  
Summoned to his cradle,  
Leaving their flocks draw nigh with lowly  
fear.

We too will thither  
Bend our joyful footsteps: [Refrain]

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

7 Yea, Lord, we greet thee,  
born this happy morning,  
Jesu, to thee be glory given;

Word of the Father,  
now in flesh appearing: [Refrain]

### **Collect**

Almighty God,  
you have given us your only-begotten Son  
to take our nature upon him  
and as at this time to be born of a pure  
virgin:  
grant that we, who have been born again  
and made your children by adoption and  
grace,  
may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### **Isaiah 9.2–7**

<sup>2</sup> The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep  
darkness—  
on them light has shined.

<sup>3</sup> You have multiplied the nation,  
you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as with joy at the harvest,  
as people exult when dividing plunder.

<sup>4</sup> For the yoke of their burden,  
and the bar across their shoulders,

the rod of their oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of  
Midian.

<sup>5</sup> For all the boots of the tramping warriors  
and all the garments rolled in blood  
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

<sup>6</sup> For a child has been born for us,  
a son given to us;  
authority rests upon his shoulders;  
and he is named

Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

<sup>7</sup> His authority shall grow continually,  
and there shall be endless peace  
for the throne of David and his kingdom.  
He will establish and uphold it  
with justice and with righteousness  
from this time onwards and for evermore.  
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

### **Titus 2.11–14**

For the grace of God has appeared,  
bringing salvation to all,<sup>12</sup> training us to  
renounce impiety and worldly passions,  
and in the present age to live lives that are  
self-controlled, upright, and godly, <sup>13</sup>while  
we wait for the blessed hope and the  
manifestation of the glory of our great God  
and Saviour, Jesus Christ. <sup>14</sup>He it is who  
gave himself for us that he might redeem  
us from all iniquity and purify for himself a

people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

### **Luke 2.1–14[15–20]**

2 In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup>This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup>All went to their own towns to be registered. <sup>4</sup>Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. <sup>5</sup>He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. <sup>6</sup>While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. <sup>7</sup>And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

8 In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup>Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup>But the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: <sup>11</sup>to you is born this day in the city

of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord.<sup>12</sup>This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.’<sup>13</sup>And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,  
<sup>14</sup> ‘Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace among those whom he favours!’

[<sup>15</sup> When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, ‘Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.’<sup>16</sup>So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup>When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; <sup>18</sup>and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup>But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup>The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.]

### **Offertory Hymn**

1 Good Christians all, rejoice  
with heart and soul and voice!  
Listen now to what we say,  
Jesus Christ is born today;

ox and ass before him bow,  
and he is in the manger now!  
Christ is born today;  
Christ is born today!

2 Good Christians all, rejoice  
with heart and soul and voice!  
Hear the news of endless bliss,  
Jesus Christ was born for this:  
he has opened heaven's door,  
and we are blessed for evermore!  
Christ was born for this;  
Christ was born for this!

3 Good Christians all, rejoice  
with heart and soul and voice!  
Now you need not fear the grave;  
Jesus Christ was born to save:  
come at his most gracious call  
to find salvation, one and all!  
Christ was born to save;  
Christ was born to save!

### **Communion Anthem**

1 See, amid the winter's snow,  
born for us on earth below,  
see, the tender Lamb appears,  
promised from eternal years.

Refrain:

*Hail, thou ever-blessed morn,*

*hail, redemption's happy dawn!  
Sing through all Jerusalem,  
Christ is born in Bethlehem.*

2 Lo, within a manger lies  
he who built the starry skies;  
he who, throned in heights sublime,  
sits amid the cherubim. [Refrain]

3 Say, you holy shepherds, say,  
what your joyful news today?  
Wherefore have ye left your sheep  
on the lonely mountain steep? [Refrain]

4 'As we watched at dead of night,  
there appeared a wondrous light;  
angels, singing peace on earth,  
told us of the Saviour's birth.' [Refrain]

5 Sacred infant, all divine,  
what a tender love was thine,  
thus to come from highest bliss,  
down to such a world as this! [Refrain]

6 Virgin mother, Mary, blest,  
by the joys that fill thy breast,  
pray for us, that we may prove  
worthy of the Savior's love. [Refrain]