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CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS



Praise the Lord

Brass Ensemble and Organ

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

Chimes

The Christmas Story

Narrator: *In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. You will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you*

will call him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there shall be no end. Luke 1:26-28, 30-33

Carol of the Bells

arr. David Maddux

Hark, how the bells, sweet silver bells, all seem to say, throw cares away!
Christmas is here, bringing good cheer to young and old, meek and the bold.
Ding dong, ding, dong, that is their song, with joyful ring, all caroling!
One seems to hear words of good cheer, from everywhere filling the air!
Oh, how they pound, raising the sound, o'er hill and dale, telling the tale!

Gaily they ring, while people sing, songs of good cheer, Christmas is here!
Merry, merry, merry, merry Christmas.
On, on they send, on without end, their joyful tone to every home.
Hark, how the bells, sweet silver bells, all seem to say, throw cares away!
On, on they send, on without end, their joyful tone to every home.

On This Day, Earth Resounds

arr. Robert Sieving

On this day earth resounds, let our joy know no bounds
As loud praise now goes 'round, for he came to save us, love and life he gave us.
Ideo, Gloria in excelsis Deo, (tr. "Therefore, Glory to God in the highest)

As one voice raise the hymn, holy Child, the Savior, born in lowly manger
Ideo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Wisemen three worshiped him, our Lord born in Bethlehem

As today, children sing, to God's Son gifts they bring.
Heaven's bells with joy shall ring, throughout all creation, kneel in adoration.
Ideo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Still, Still, Still

arr. Joey Hoelscher

Still, still, still. One can hear the falling snow.
For all is hushed, the world is sleeping, holy star its
vigil keeping.

Still, still, still, one can hear the falling snow.

Sleep, sleep, 'tis the eve of our Savior's birth, sleep.
The night is peaceful, all around you, close your
eyes,

Let sleep surround you. Sleep, sleep, sleep, 'tis the
eve of our Savior's birth.

Dream, dream, dream, of the joyous day to come.
While guardian angels, without number, watch you
as you sweetly slumber,
Dream, dream, dream, of the joyous day to come.

Medley

arr. Mizue Fells

Mizue Fells, Pianist

Once in Royal David's City

arr. H.J. Gauntlett

**Sing-a-long – Audience sings verses 5 & 6 –
(Sing on cue)**

Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle-shed.
Where a mother laid her baby, in a manger for his
bed.

Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little
child.

He came down to earth from heaven, who is God
and Lord of all.

And his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a
stall.

With the poor and meek and lowly, lived on earth
our Savior holy.

And through all his wondrous childhood, he would
honor and obey,

Love and watch the lowly maiden, in whose gentle
arms he lay.

Christian children all must be mild, obedient, good
as he.

For he is our childhood pattern, day by day like us
he grew.

He was little, weak and helpless, tears and smiles
like us he knew.

And he feeleth for our sadness and he shareth in
our gladness.

Audience sings:

And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own
redeeming love.

For that child, so dear and gentle, is our Lord in
heaven above.

And he leads his children on, to the place where he
is gone.

Not in that lowly stable, with the oxen standing by.
We shall see him, but in heaven, set at God's right
hand on high.

When like stars his children crowned, all in white
shall wait around.

Benedictus

Narrator: *Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he hath visited and redeemed his people; And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us in the house of his servant David;*

*As he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets which have been since the world began;
That we should be saved from our enemies and from the hands of all that hate us;*

To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers and to remember his holy covenant;

To perform the oath which he swore to our forefather Abraham that he would give us;

That we being delivered out of the hands of our enemies might serve him without fear;

In holiness and righteousness before him all the days of our life. Luke 1:68-75

Blessed Is the Lord (Benedictus)

Dan Forrest

Benedictus, benedictus, blessed is our Lord.
Benedictus, benedictus, welcome his incarnate word.

Chosen first among the priests to serve within the temple walls,
Zacharias stood in awe when he heard the angel call.

Benedictus, benedictus, blessed is our Lord.
Benedictus, benedictus, welcome his incarnate word.

Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God will come to raise salvation's horn.

God incarnate, word made flesh, to a virgin shall be born.

Benedictus, benedictus, blessed is our Lord.
Benedictus, benedictus, welcome his incarnate word.

Christ brings light to sin's dark night, our dayspring, Jesus from on high.
Saints and angels sing God's praise, all the earth and heavens reply.

Benedictus, benedictus, blessed is our Lord.
Benedictus, benedictus, welcome his incarnate word.

Children of Light, Rejoice!

Ken Medema

Children of light, rejoice, rejoice! Raise up a shout,
lift up your voice in songs of gladness.
Sing, for the Son of love is born into a world,
broken and torn by grief and sadness.
Sing and rejoice at the manger on this birthing day.
Sing and rejoice as we follow on this chosen way.
Sing at the table where his mercy feeds us, sing on
the journey where his calling leads us.
Hallelujah! Now the waiting days are past.
Hallelujah! Jesus Christ has come at last.

Tender babe in manger born, greetings on this
happy morn.
Jesus, gift of God, sign of love and living Word.

Children of light, look to the star, message of love,
saying by God we are befriended.

Children of love, the word is spoken, sing and
rejoice,

Now let your broken hearts be mended.

Sing and rejoice, for the shepherd's kneeling to
adore.

Sing and rejoice for the ones who'll find new hope
once more.

Sing for the One whose word of truth will guide us.
Sing for the One whose Spirit lives inside us.

Hallelujah! Now the waiting days are past.

Hallelujah! Jesus Christ has come at last.

Rejoice, rejoice! Raise up a shout! Lift up your voice
in songs of gladness.

In the Bleak Mid-Winter

arr. Mack Wilberg

In the bleak mid-winter frosty wind made moan,
Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone.
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, in the bleak mid-
winter long ago.

Our God, heaven cannot hold him nor earth
sustain;
Heaven and earth shall flee away when he comes to
reign.

In the bleak mid-winter a stable place sufficed the
Lord God Almighty Jesus Christ.

What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb,
If I were a Wiseman I would do my part, yet what I
can I give him, give my heart.

The First Noel

arr. Mack Wilberg

The first Noel, the angel did say, was to certain poor
shepherds in fields as they lay.
In fields where they, lay keeping their sheep, on a
cold winter's night that was so deep.
Noel, noel, noel! Born is the King of Israel.

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.
Noel, noel, noel! Born is the King of Israel.

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.
Noel, noel, noel! Born is the King of Israel.

Sussex Carol

arr. Luther Henderson

Brass Ensemble, Piano, Organ

Intermission

Brass Christmas

Brass Ensemble

arr. Ken Prettyman

Gloria

Narrator: *In the region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flocks by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 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: to you is born this day in the city*

of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors. Luke 2:8-14

The Huron Carol

Brass Ensemble, Piano, Organ

arr. Luther Henderson

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

Craig Courtney

While shepherds watched their flocks by night, all seated on the ground,
The angel of the Lord came down and glory shown around.

"Fear not" said he, for mighty dread had seized their troubled minds.

Glad tidings of great joy I bring, to you and all mankind.

To you in David's town this day is born of David's line,

The Savior who is Christ the Lord. And this shall be the sign:

The heavenly Babe you there shall find to human view displayed,
All meanly wrapped in swathing bands and in a manger laid.

All glory be to God on high, and to the earth be peace.

Goodwill henceforth from heaven to earth. Begin and never cease...

Silent Night

arr. John Rutter

Sing-a-long – (Sing on cue)

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright
Round, yon virgin mother and child, Holy infant,
so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light.

Radiance beams from thy holy face, with the dawn
of redeeming grace,
Jesus Lord at thy birth.

Silent night, holy night, shepherds first saw the sight.

Glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts
sing alleluia,
Christ the Savior is born.

Hodie, Christus Natus Est

William Mathias

Soloists: Jaime Baker, Lauren Bongiorno, John Sackman

Sung in Latin

Hodie, Christus natus est. Alleluia!

Hodie, salvator apparuit. Alleluia!

Hodie, in terra canunt angeli, laetantur Archangeli!

Hodie, exultant Justi dicentes: Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Alleluia!

Today, Christ is born. Alleluia!

Today, the Savior hath now appeared. Alleluia!

Today, on earth the angels sing! Archangels rejoice!

Today, the righteous rejoice saying, Glory to God in the highest! Alleluia!

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

arr. David Willcocks

Sing-a-long – (Sing on cue)

Hark, the herald angels sing, glory to the newborn King.

Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled.

Joyful all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies;

With th'angelic host proclaim, Christ is born in Bethlehem.

Hark! The herald angels sing, glory to the newborn King.

Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ the everlasting Lord.

Late in time behold him come, off-spring of a virgin's womb;

Veiled in flesh the God-head see, hail th'incarnate Deity,

Pleased as man with man to dwell, Jesus our Emmanuel.

Hark! The herald angels sing, glory to the newborn King.

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!

Light and life to all He brings, risen with healing in his wings.

Mild he lays his glory by, born that man no more may die,

Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth.

Hark! The herald angels sing, glory to the newborn King.

Good King Wenceslas/Nutcracker Highlights

arr. Richard Elliott

Jo Ann Stremler, organist

Fum, Fum, Fum

On this joyful Christmas day sing fum, fum, fum.
For a blessed Babe was born upon this day at the
break of morn.

In a manger poor and lowly lay the Son of God
most holy, fum, fum, fum!

Give thanks to God this holy day, sing fum, fum,
fum.

Now we all our voices raise and sing a song of
grateful praise.

Celebrate in song and story all the wonders of his
glory, fum, fum, fum!

Nunc Dimittis

Narrator: *Now there was a man in Jerusalem
whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and
devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel,
and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed
to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death
before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the
Spirit, Simeon came into the Temple; and when the
parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what*

Nunc Dimittis

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace,
according to thy word.

For mine eyes, mine eyes have seen, mine eyes have
seen thy salvation,

Narrator: *Come unto me and listen to me, all
people and nations of the world;
Come unto me, ye that are far off, and ye that are near;
Come unto me, ye that are disconsolate and afflicted,
tossed about by storms;*

arr. Howard Helvey

Birds that live within the forest, fum, fum, fum!
All you fledgling leave behind and seek the infant
Savior kind.

Build, as well as you are able, downy nest to be his
cradle, fum, fum, fum!

Praise we now the Lord above, sing fum, fum, fum.
For upon this day at morn the wondrous Son of
God was born.

In a manger poor and lowly lay the blessed Babe
most holy. Fum, fum, fum!

*was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his
arms and praised God, saying, "Master, now you are
dismissing your servant in peace, according to your
word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you
have prepared in the presence of all peoples; a light for
revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people
Israel. Luke 2:25-32*

Alexander Gretchaninov

Which thou hast prepared before the face of all
people.

A light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory
of thy people Israel.

*Come unto me, for I have made an everlasting covenant
and promise to all of you.*

O Come, All Ye Faithful

arr. David Willcocks

Sing-a-long – (Sing on cue)

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;

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

God of God, light of light,
Lo, he abhors not the virgin's womb.
Very God, begotten not created;

Narrator:

*Where there is charity and love, God is there.
The love of Christ has gathered us together.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Let us revere and love the living God.
And from a sincere heart, let us love one another.*

*Where there is charity and love, God is there.
Likewise, therefore, when we come together let us be
united as one;*

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

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

*Let us be careful, lest we be divided in intention.
Let us cease all quarrels and strife.
And let Christ dwell in the midst of us.*

*Where there is charity and love, God is there.
May we also see, along with the blessed, the glory of
your face, O Christ.
And let there be immeasurable joy both now and
evermore. AMEN.*

Ubi Caritas

Maurice Duruflé

Sung in Latin

*Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
Exsulemus et in ipso jucundemur.
Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum.
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.*

Where there is charity and love, God is there.
The love of Christ has gathered us together.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Let us revere and love the living God.
And from a sincere heart, let us love one another.
Amen.

Chimes

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Lexie Calvo
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Matthew Layson
Daniel Lundgren

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Phillip Cerna
Nickolas Del Degan
Nation Garza
Nathan Kennedy
Skyler Lindseth
Jonathan Massmann
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Jorge Pantoja
Joshua Trospen
Matthew Zwicker

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Soprano

Stephanie Bixby
Kira Bridgewater
Martha Diede
Tabitha Hall
Gloria Lee
Rebekah McHugh
Sherry Owen
Wendie Phillips
Jolene Stallman
Katie Visker
Kristine Zellman

Alto

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Christine Fisk
Nancy Heffner
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George Kent
Matthew Lobe

Kevin Shockey
Laura Steiner
Kyle Turver

Bass

Frank Blosser
Robert Blosser
Troy Fisk
John Sackman
Robert Segaar
Robert Stallman
Clayton Visker
Donald Wolf
Ken Yates

Instrumentalists

Mizue Fells	Piano
Jo Ann Stremmler	Organ
Ed Castro	Trumpet
Ron Cole	Trumpet
Zach Lyman	Trumpet
Ron Gilbert	French Horn

Becky Miller
Greg Schroeder
Patrick Urion
Bryce Ferguson
Paul Evans

French Horn
Trombone
Trombone
Bass Trombone
Tuba

Narrator

Ann Thomas

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