

### God Rest You Merry Gentlemen

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God rest you merry, gentlemen, Let nothing you dismay; Remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas day; To save us all from Satan's power When we were gone astray; O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy.

From God, our heavenly Father a blessed angel came; and unto certain shepherds, brought tidings of the same, how that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name: O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy.

"Fear not," then said the angel; "Let nothing you affright, this day is born a Savior of a pure virgin bright, to free all those who trust in him from Satan's power and might:" O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy.

### Light of the World

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Light of the world, treasure of Heaven, brilliant like the stars in the wintery sky.

Joy of the Father, reach through the darkness,
Shine across the earth, send the shadows to flight.

Light of the world, from the beginning; the tragedies of time were no match for your love. From great heights of glory, you saw my story. God, you entered in and became one of us.

Sing hallelujah,
Sing hallelujah.
Sing hallelujah for the things he has done!
Come and adore him,
bow down before him.
Sing hallelujah to the light of the world.

Light of the world, crown in a manger, born for the cross, to suffer, to save.

High King of heaven, death is the poorer.

We are the richer by the price that he paid.

Sing hallelujah,
Sing hallelujah.
Sing hallelujah for the things he has done!
Come and adore him,
bow down before him.
Sing hallelujah to the light of the world.

Light of the world soon will be coming, with fire in his eyes, he will ransom his own.

Through clouds he will lead us straight into glory, and there he shall reign forevermore, forevermore.

Sing hallelujah,
Sing hallelujah.
Sing hallelujah for the things he has done!
Come and adore him,
bow down before him.
Sing hallelujah to the light of the world.







### Candlelight Services with Holy Communion 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm

No morning worship service on December 24.

### **Schedule Notes:**

There will be no worship service and no classes on the next two Wednesdays:

December 27

January 3

See you on January 10!







### O Little Town of Bethlehem

**ELW 279** 

Text: Phillips Brooks, 1835-1893. Music: Lewis H. Redner, 1831-1908. Public Domain.

1.

O little town of Bethlehem,
how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
the silent stars go by;
yet in thy dark streets shineth
the everlasting light.
The hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee tonight.

2.

For Christ is born of Mary, and, gathered all above while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wond'ring love.

O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth, and praises sing to God the king, and peace to all the earth.

**3.** 

How silently, how silently
the wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts
the blessings of his heav'n.
No ear may hear his coming;
but, in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him,
still the dear Christ enters in.

### The Birth of Jesus

Felicia Mollohan

Christmas Story Narration Wednesday Church School December 20, 2023



### It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

ELW#282

Text: Edmund H. Sears, 1810-1876. Music: Richard S. Willis, 1819-1900. Public Domain

It came upon the midnight clear, That glorious song of old, From angels bending near the earth To touch their harps of gold. "Peace on the earth, good will to all, From heav'n's all gracious king." The world in solemn stillness lay To hear the angels sing.



### Away in a Manger

ELW #277

Text: North American, 19th cent. Music: James R. Murray, 1841-1905. Public Domain.

Away in a manger, No crib for his bed, The little Lord Jesus Laid down his sweet head; The stars in the bright sky Looked down where he lay, The little Lord Jesus Asleep on the hay.

### Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

#270

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt. Music: Felix Mendelssohn, 1809-1847; arr. William H. Cummings, 1831-1915 Public Domain.

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king; Peace on earth, and mercy mild. God and sinners reconciled." Joyful, all you nations, rise; Join the triumph of the skies; With angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem." Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king."





### ELW #267

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748. Music: English melody, 18<sup>th</sup> cent.; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792-1872. Public Domain.

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!

Let earth receive her king;

Let ev'ry heart prepare him room.

And heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

### We Three Kings of Orient Are

CCLI #38002

Text: John Henry Hopkins, Jr. Music: John Henry Hopkins, Jr. Public Domain.

We three kings of Orient are; Bearing gifts we traverse afar Field and fountain, moor and mountain, Following yonder star. O-oh star of wonder, Star of light, Star with royal beauty bright, Westward leading, still proceeding, Guide us to thy perfect light.



# Narration

### Silent Night

ELW #281

Text: Joseph Mohr, 1792-1849; tr. John RF. Young, 1820-1885. Music: Franz Gruber, 1787-1863. Public Domain.

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, sleep in heavenly peace.



Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight. **Glories stream** from heaven afar. Heav'nly hosts sing alleluia! Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!

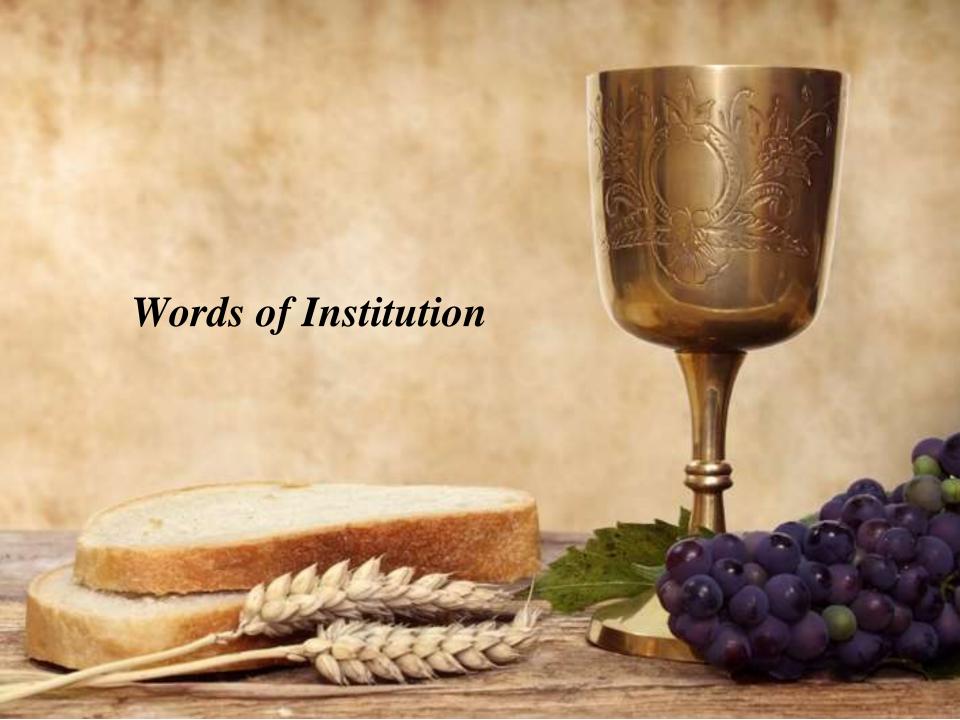


Silent night, holy night! Son of God love's pure light radiant beams from your holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at your birth. Jesus, Lord, at your birth.



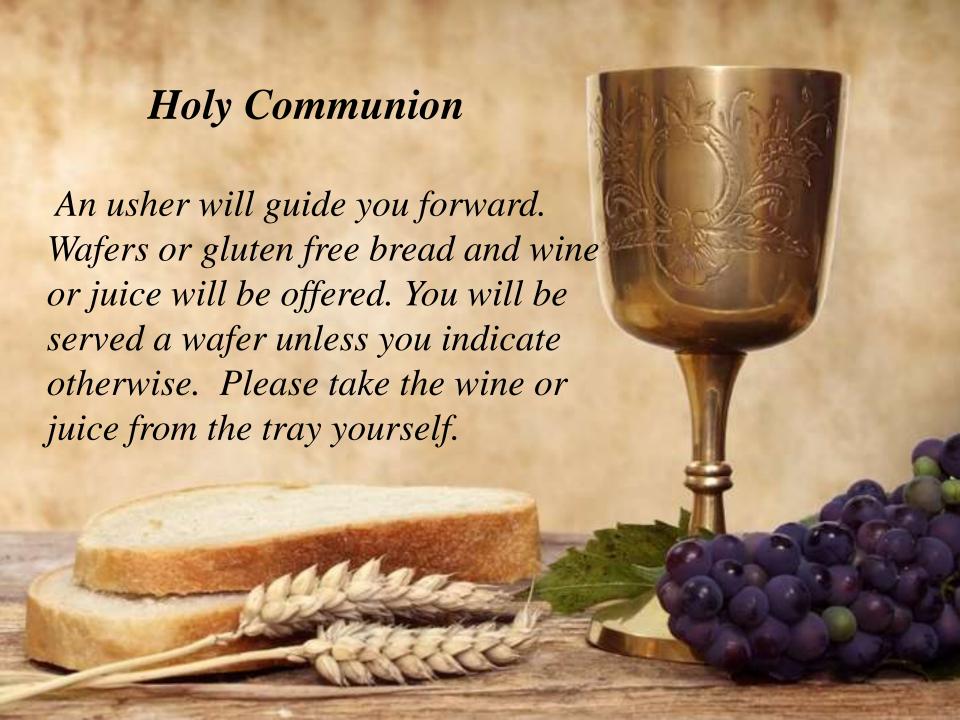


# Offering Prayer



### The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.





## Little Drummer Boy

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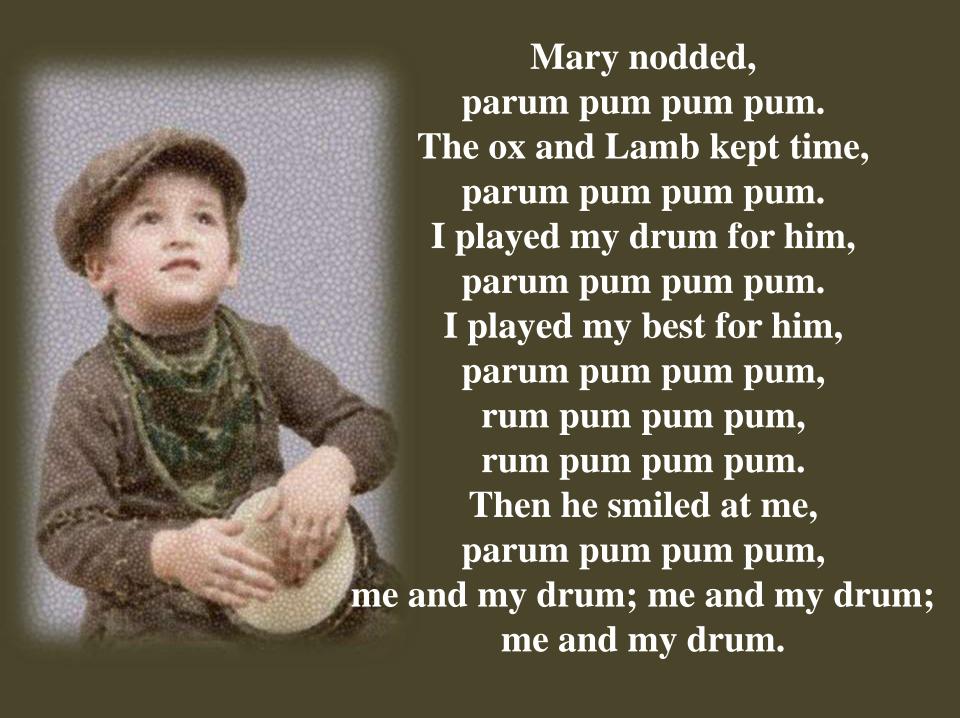
Come they told me, parum pum pum pum pum pum. A newborn King to see, parum pum pum pum. Our finest gifts we bring, parum pum pum pum.



To lay before the King, parum pum pum pum pum, rum pum pum pum, rum pum pum pum.
So to honor him, parum pum pum pum pum.
Me and my drum.



Baby Jesus, parum pum pum pum, I am a poor boy too, parum pum pum pum. I have no gift to bring, parum pum pum pum, that's fit to give our King, parum pum pum pum, rum pum pum pum rum pum pum pum. Shall I play for you, parum pum pum pum, me and my drum?



# Blessing

L: Dear Father, thank you for the gift of Jesus. We celebrate his birth, and we remember all the gifts he gives to us, especially salvation through faith in him. Let's rejoice and celebrate this special day together.

C: Amen.

# Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)

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1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come;
Let earth receive her King.
Let ev'ry 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 all their songs employ.
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

Joy unspeakable joy!
An overflowing well;
No tongue can tell!
Joy, unspeakable joy!
It rises in my soul.
never lets me go!

3. 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 of His love!

Joy unspeakable joy!
An overflowing well;
No tongue can tell!
Joy, unspeakable joy!
It rises in my soul.
never lets me go!

### Dismissal

L: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord,

C: in the name of Christ. Amen.

