

## Reading 1: Isaiah 9:1-6

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone. You have brought them abundant joy and great rejoicing, as they rejoice before you as at the harvest, as people make merry when dividing spoils. For the yoke that burdened them, the pole on their shoulder, and the rod of their taskmaster you have smashed, as on the day of Midian. For every boot that tramped in battle, every cloak rolled in blood, will be burned as fuel for flames. For a child is born to us, a son is given us; upon his shoulder dominion rests. They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace. His dominion is vast and forever peaceful, from David's throne, and over his kingdom, which he confirms and sustains by judgment and justice, both now and forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this!

## Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 96

*Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.*

## Reading 2: Titus 2:11-14

Beloved: The grace of God has appeared, saving all and training us to reject godless ways and worldly desires and to live temperately, justly, and devoutly in this age, as we await the blessed hope, the appearance of the glory of our great God and savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to deliver us from all lawlessness and to cleanse for himself a people as his own, eager to do what is good.

## Gospel: Luke 2:1-14

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that the whole world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. So all went to be enrolled, each to his own town. And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. Now there were shepherds in that region living in the fields and keeping the night watch over their flock. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were struck with great fear. The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."



**Reading 1:** Isaiah 52:7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings glad tidings, announcing peace, bearing good news, announcing salvation, and saying to Zion, "Your God is King!" Hark! Your sentinels raise a cry, together they shout for joy, for they see directly, before their eyes, the LORD restoring Zion. Break out together in song, O ruins of Jerusalem! For the LORD comforts his people, he redeems Jerusalem. The LORD has bared his holy arm in the sight of all the nations; all the ends of the earth will behold the salvation of our God.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 98

*All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.*

**Reading 2:** Hebrews 1:1-6

Brothers and sisters: In times past, God spoke in partial and various ways to our ancestors through the prophets; in these last days, he has spoken to us through the Son, whom he made heir of all things and through whom he created the universe, who is the refulgence of his glory, the very imprint of his being, and who sustains all things by his mighty word. When he had accomplished purification from sins, he took his seat at the right hand of the Majesty on high, as far superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. For to which of the angels did God ever say: You are my son; this day I have begotten you? Or again: I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me? And again, when he leads the firstborn into the world, he says: Let all the angels of God worship him.

**Gospel:** John 1:1-18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came to be through him, and without him nothing came to be. What came to be through him was life, and this life was the light of the human race; the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came to be through him, but the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, but his own people did not accept him. But to those who did accept him he gave power to become children of God, to those who believe in his name, who were born not by natural generation nor by human choice nor by a man's decision but of God. And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth. John testified to him and cried out, saying, "This was he of whom I said, 'The one who is coming after me ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.'" From his fullness we have all received, grace in place of grace, because while the law was given through Moses, grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. The only Son, God, who is at the Father's side, has revealed him.

# 433 Angels, from the Realms of Glory

REGENT SQUARE 87 87 87



1. An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, Wing your flight o'er
2. Shep - herds in the fields a - bid - ing, Watch - ing o'er your
3. Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions; Bright - er vi - sions



1. all the earth; Ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,
2. flocks by night, God with man is now re - sid - ing;
3. beam a - far: Seek the great De - sire of na - tions;



1. Now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
2. Yon - der shines the In - fant Light: Come and wor - ship,
3. Ye have seen his na - tal star:



come and wor - ship, Wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

James Montgomery, 1771–1854, alt.

Henry T. Smart, 1813–1879

# 434 Angels We Have Heard on High

GLORIA 77 77 with Refrain



1. An - gels we have heard on high, Sweet - ly sing - ing
2. Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous
3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the
4. See him in a man - ger laid Whom the choirs of



1. o'er the plains, And the moun - tains in re - ply
2. strains pro - long? Say what may the ti - dings be,
3. an - gels sing; Come, a - dore on bend - ed knee
4. an - gels praise; Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid,



1. Ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
2. Which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
3. Christ the Lord, the new - born King.
4. While our hearts in love we raise.



Glo - ri - a



in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo -



- ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

French carol, 18th cent.  
Tr. by James Chadwick, 1813-1882

French carol

# 448 Away in a Manger

MUELLER 11 11 11 11



1. A - way in a man - ger, no crib for a bed,
2. The cat - tle are low - ing, the poor ba - by wakes,
3. Be near me, Lord Je - sus, I ask thee to stay



1. The lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head.
2. But lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes,
3. Close by me for - ev - er, and love me, I pray.



1. The stars in the sky looked down where he lay,
2. I love thee, Lord Je - sus, look down from the sky,
3. Bless all the dear chil - dren in thy ten - der care,



1. The lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
2. And stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.
3. And take us to heav - en, to live with thee there.

Vss. 1-2: *Little Children's Book for Schools and Families*, Philadelphia, 1885  
Vs. 3: John T. McFarland, 1851-1913

James R. Murray, 1841-1905

# 558 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN 77 77 D with Refrain



1. Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the  
2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored; Christ, the ev - er -  
3. Hail, the heav'n - born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of



1. new - born King. Peace on earth and mer - cy mild,  
2. last - ing Lord; Late in time be - hold him come,  
3. Right - eous - ness! Light and life to all he brings,



1. God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!" Joy - ful, all ye  
2. Off - spring of a vir - gin's womb. Veiled in flesh the  
3. Ris'n with heal - ing in his wings. Mild he lays his



1. na - tions, rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;  
2. God - head see; Hail th'in - car - nate De - i - ty;  
3. glo - ry by, Born that man no more may die,



1. With th'an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is born in  
2. Pleased as man with man to dwell; Je - sus, our Em -  
3. Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them



1. Beth - le - hem!"  
2. man - u - el! Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing,  
3. sec - ond birth!



"Glo - ry to the new - born King!"

# 600 Joy to the World

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1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come: Let earth re - ceive her  
2. Joy to the world! The Sav - ior reigns: Let men their songs em -  
3. He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the na - tions



1. King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him room,  
2. ploy, While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains,  
3. prove The glo - ries of his right - eous - ness,



1. And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture  
2. Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing  
3. And won - ders of his love, And won - ders of his



1. sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
2. joy, Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
3. love, And won - ders, won - ders of his love.

# O Come, All Ye Faithful 650

ADESTE FIDELES Irregular with Refrain



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

1. *Ad - é - ste, fi - dé - les, laé - ti, tri - um - phán - tes; Ve -*  
2. *De - um de De - o, Lu - men de Lú - mi - ne,*  
3. *Can - tet nunc i - o, cho - rus an - ge - ló - rum.*  
4. *Er - go qui na - tus Di - e ho - di - ér - na,*



1. come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem.  
2. Lo! he ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb:  
3. Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav'n a - bove!  
4. Je - sus, to thee be all glo - ry giv'n;

1. *ní - te, ve - ní - te in Béth - le - hem.*  
2. *Ge - stant pu - él - lae ví - sce - ra,*  
3. *Can - tet nunc au - lae cae - lé - sti - um.*  
4. *Je - su, ti - bi sit gló - ri - a.*



1. Come and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;  
2. Ve - ry God, be - got - ten, not cre - a - ted;  
3. Glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est;  
4. Word of the Fa - ther, Now in flesh ap - pear - ing;

1. *Na - tum vi - dé - te Re - gem an - ge - ló - rum.*  
2. *De - um ve - rum, Gé - ni - tum, non fa - ctum.*  
3. *Gló - ri - a, gló - ria, in ex - cé - sis De - o.*  
4. *Pa - tris ae - tér - ni Ver - bum ca - ro fac - tum.*



O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,  
*Ve - ní - te, a - do - ré - mus, Ve - ní - te, a - do - ré - mus,*



O come, let us a - dore him, Christ, the Lord!  
*Ve - ní - te, a - do - ré - mus Dó - mi - num.*

*Adeste Fideles*

Attr. to John F. Wade, 1711-1786

Tr. by Frederick Oakeley, 1802-1880, alt.

John F. Wade, 1711-1786

For Spanish version, see "Venid, Fieles Todos," #812.



# O Little Town of Bethlehem 669

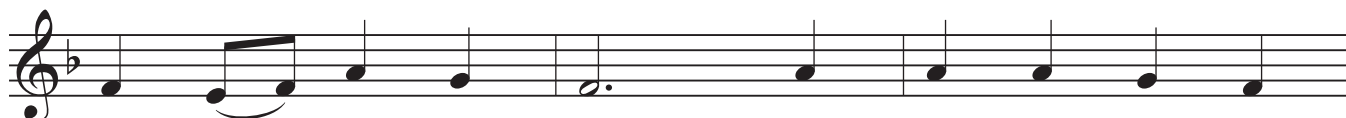
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1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How still we see thee
2. For Christ is born of Ma - ry, And gath - ered all a -
3. How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, The won - drous gift is
4. O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem! De - scend to us, we



1. lie! A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep The
2. bove, While mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep Their
3. giv'n! So God im - parts to hu - man hearts The
4. pray; Cast out our sin and en - ter in, Be



1. si - lent stars go by; Yet in thy dark streets
2. watch of won - d'ring love. O morn - ing stars, to -
3. bless - ings of his heav'n. No ear may hear his
4. born in us to - day. We hear the Christ - mas



1. shin - eth The ev - er - last - ing Light; The
2. geth - er Pro - claim the ho - ly birth! And
3. com - ing, But in this world of sin, Where
4. an - gels The great glad ti - dings tell; O



1. hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee to - night.
2. prais - es sing to God the King, And peace to men on earth.
3. meek souls will re - ceive him, still The dear Christ en - ters in.
4. come to us, a - bide with us, Our Lord Em - man - u - el!

# 747 Silent Night

STILLE NACHT Irregular



1. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, All is calm,  
2. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Shep - herds quake  
3. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God,  
1. *Stil - le Nacht, hei - li - ge Nacht! Al - les schläft,*



1. all is bright Round yon Vir - gin Moth - er and Child.  
2. at the sight; Glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far.  
3. love's pure light Ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face,  
1. *ein - sam wacht Nur das trau - te hoch - hei - li - ge Paar.*



1. Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild, Sleep in heav - en - ly  
2. Heav'n - ly hosts sing Al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sav - ior, is  
3. With the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy  
1. *Hol - der Kna - be im lok - ki - gen Haar, Schlaf in himm - li - scher*



1. peace, Sleep in heav - en - ly peace.  
2. born, Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!  
3. birth, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth!  
1. *Ruh, Schlaf in himm - li - scher Ruh.*

Joseph Mohr, 1792–1848  
Tr. by John F. Young, 1820–1885

Franz Gruber, 1787–1863

For Spanish version, see "Noche de Paz," #638.

# 780 The First Noël

THE FIRST NOWELL Irregular



1. The first No - ël the an - gels did say,  
2. They look - ed up and saw a star  
3. And by the light of that same star,  
4. This star drew nigh to the north - west,  
5. Then en - tered in those wise men three  
6. Then let us all with one ac - cord



1. Was to cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay,  
2. Shin - ing in the east be - yond them far,  
3. Three wise men came from coun - try far,  
4. O'er Beth - le - hem it took its rest,  
5. Full rev - 'rent - ly up - on their knee,  
6. Sing prais - es to our heav'n - ly Lord;



1. In fields where they lay keep - ing their sheep,  
2. And to the earth it gave great light,  
3. To seek for a King was their in - tent,  
4. And there it did both stop and stay  
5. And of - fered there in his pres - ence  
6. That hath made heav'n and earth of nought,



1. On a cold win - ter's night that was so deep.  
2. And so it con - tin - ued both day and night.  
3. And to fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went.  
4. Right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.  
5. Their gold, and myrrh, and frank - in - cense.  
6. And with his blood man - kind hath bought.



No - ël, No - ël, No - ël, No - ël,



Born is the King of Is - ra - el!

# What Child Is This 825

GREENSLEEVES 87 87 with Refrain



1. What Child is this, who, laid to rest, On  
2. Why lies he in such mean es - tate Where  
3. So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, Come,



1. Ma - ry's lap is sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with  
2. ox and ass are feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear, for  
3. peas - ant, king, to own him; The King of kings sal -



1. an - thems sweet, While shep - herds watch are keep - ing?  
2. sin - ners here The si - lent Word is plead - ing.  
3. va - tion brings, Let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.



1. This, this is Christ the King, Whom shep - herds guard and  
2. Nails, spear, shall pierce him through, The cross be borne, for  
3. Raise, raise the song on high, The Vir - gin sings her



1. an - gels sing! Haste, haste to bring him laud,  
2. me, for you: Hail, hail, the Word made flesh,  
3. lul - la - by: Joy, joy, for Christ is born,



The Babe, the Son of Ma - ry!

William C. Dix, 1837-1898

English folk song, 16th cent.

For Spanish version, see "Qué Niño es Éste" #728.

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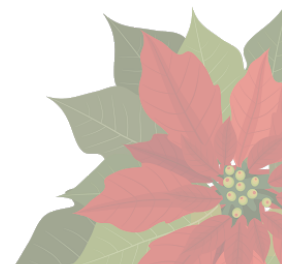
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Sit towards the front where it is easier for your little ones to see and hear what is going on. You can also quietly explain the parts of Holy Mass.

Sing the hymns (yes dads, you too), pray the prayers, and voice the responses. Children learn liturgical behavior by copying you.

If you have to step out during Mass, feel free to do so, but please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."

Remember that the way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to the Church, to God, and to one another. Let them know that they are at home here! Thank you for making the effort to be here, and never stop coming to Mass.

## TO THE MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH

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