

Reading 1: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

God sets a father in honor over his children; a mother's authority he confirms over her sons. Whoever honors his father atones for sins, and preserves himself from them. When he prays, he is heard; he stores up riches who reveres his mother. Whoever honors his father is gladdened by children, and, when he prays, is heard. Whoever reveres his father will live a long life; he who obeys his father brings comfort to his mother. My son, take care of your father when he is old; grieve him not as long as he lives. Even if his mind fail, be considerate of him; revile him not all the days of his life; kindness to a father will not be forgotten, firmly planted against the debt of your sins—a house raised in justice to you.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 105

The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

Reading 2: Colossians 3:12-21

Brothers and sisters: Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Wives, be subordinate to your husbands, as is proper in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and avoid any bitterness toward them. Children, obey your parents in everything, for this is pleasing to the Lord. Fathers, do not provoke your children, so they may not become discouraged.

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, They took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord, and to offer the sacrifice of a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons, in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord. Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord. He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, He took him into his arms and blessed God, saying: "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel." The child's father and mother were amazed at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted—and you yourself a sword will pierce—so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived seven years with her husband after her marriage, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple, but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer. And coming forward at that very time, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

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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

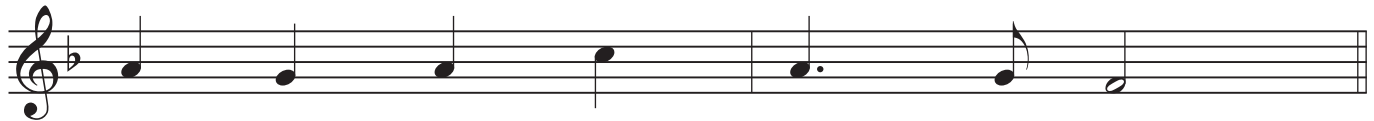
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1. An - gels we have heard on high, Sweet - ly sing - ing
2. Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous
3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the
4. See him in a man - ger laid Whom the choirs of



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.



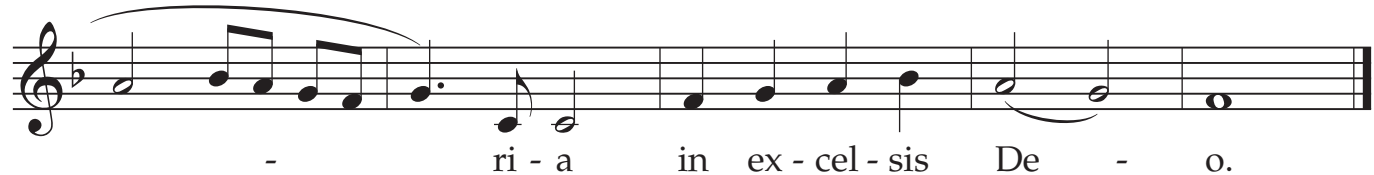
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French carol, 18th cent.
Tr. by James Chadwick, 1813-1882

French carol

600 Joy to the World

ANTIOCH CM with Repeat



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.

702 Once in Royal David's City

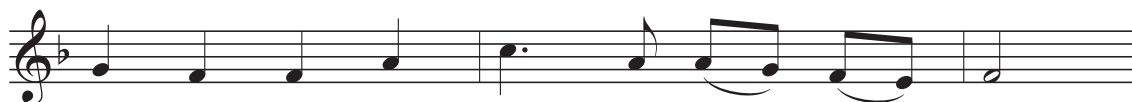
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1. Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y Stood a
2. He came down to earth from heav - en, Who is
3. For he is our life - long pat - tern; Dai - ly,
4. And our eyes at last shall see him, Through his
5. Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, With the
6. We, like Ma - ry, rest con - found - ed That a



1. low - ly cat - tle shed, Where a moth - er laid her
2. God and Lord of all; And his shel - ter was a
3. when on earth he grew; He was tempt - ed, scorned, re -
4. own re - deem - ing love, For that child who seemed so
5. ox - en stand - ing 'round, We shall see him, but in
6. sta - ble should dis - play Heav - en's Word, the world's cre -



1. ba - by In a man - ger for his bed:
2. sta - ble And his cra - dle was a stall:
3. ject - ed, Tears and smiles like us he knew:
4. help - less Is our Lord in heav'n a - bove:
5. heav - en, Where his saints his throne sur - round:
6. a - tor, Cra - dled there on Christ - mas Day,



1. Ma - ry was that moth - er mild,
2. With the poor, the scorned, the low - ly,
3. Thus he feels for all our sad - ness,
4. And he leads his chil - dren on
5. Christ, re - vealed to faith - ful eye,
6. Yet this child, our Lord and broth - er,



1. Je - sus Christ, her lit - tle child.
2. Lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
3. And he shares in all our glad - ness.
4. To the place where he is gone.
5. Set at God's right hand on high.
6. Brought us love for one an - oth - er.

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.

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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THE WISE STILL SEEK HIM TODAY

"I'm so grateful to be able to go to Adoration, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. I find this time to be particularly draining and challenging. But sitting with the Lord in complete silence, surrounded by images and statues of saints who've gone before me, is so inspiring and necessary. I hadn't been to Adoration in months before last week, and having the chapel available truly feels like a drop of water in the desert."

-Adora Namigadde, St. Catharine parishioner

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7,200

TOTAL NUMBER OF INDIVIDUAL HOURS OF ADORATION SINCE JULY 27, 2020

55

AVERAGE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUAL VISITS PER DAY

TUESDAY

MOST POPULAR DAY OF THE WEEK

9AM

MOST POPULAR TIME OF DAY

The St. Catharine Eucharistic Adoration Chapel, along with the entire Monsignor David Sorohan Center, was dedicated on Saturday, July 25th by Bishop Robert Brennan, and officially opened for daily Eucharistic Adoration on Monday, July 27th.

In the midst of a global pandemic, over 200 people made a commitment to spend one hour per week with Jesus in prayer, worship, and adoration. And it has not stopped since that day.

Sunday through Friday, from 6:00am to 9:00pm, for 15 hours a day, there is a constant stream of restless hearts who know that there is more to life, and who have discovered that, as St. Teresa of Calcutta said, "Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is the best time you will spend on earth."

All are encouraged to make a visit to Jesus in the Adoration Chapel any time, or to make a weekly commitment. If you ever can't make it, requesting a substitute is easy, so there's no need to worry about vacations, appointments, etc.

Just head to www.stcatharine.com/adoration

