

GOD REST YE MERRY GENTLEMEN

God rest ye 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

Now to the Lord sing praises, all you within this place,
And with true love and brotherhood
each other now embrace;
This holy tide of Christmas all other doth deface.
O tidings of comfort and joy, Comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort and joy

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us go, in heart and mind,
to see what has come to pass.
Let us go with the shepherds:
Let us go to find the Savior!
Let us go with the wise ones:

Let us go to find God's promise, born for us!
Let us go with the poor and humble:
Let us go to find our King, born in a lowly manger.
Let us go with all the world,
with all the peoples of the nations.
Come, let us worship; come, let us adore him:
Christ the Lord!

GOOD CHRISTIAN MEN REJOICE

Good Christian men rejoice
With heart and soul and voice!
Give ye heed to what we say
News! News!
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!

Good Christian men, rejoice
With heart and soul and voice
Now ye hear of endless bliss
Joy! Joy!
Jesus Christ was born for this
He hath opened heaven's door

GOOD CHRISTIAN MEN REJOICE cont.

And man is blessed evermore
Christ was born for this!
Christ was born for this!

Good Christian men, rejoice
With heart and soul and voice
Now ye need not fear the grave:
Peace! Peace!
Jesus Christ was born to save
Calls you one and calls you all
To gain His everlasting hall
Christ was born to save!
Christ was born to save!

LET ALL MORTAL FLESH KEEP SILENCE

Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
And with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly-minded,
For with blessings in His hand
Christ our God on earth descend-eth
Our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary,
As of old on earth He stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture
in the body and the blood,
He will give to all the faith-ful
His own self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven
spreads its vanguard on the way,
as the Light of light descendeth
from the realms of endless day
That the pow'rs of hell may van-ish
as the darkness clears away.

At his feet the six-winged seraph;
cherubim, with sleepless eye,
veil their faces to the presence
as with ceaseless voice they cry,
"Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia
Al-le-lu-ia, Lord Most High!"

CONFESSION OF SIN

O God, in the beginning you spoke, and creation was born, the object of your loving care. In the fullness of time you spoke, and the Word became flesh, Jesus, gift of your love. We wonder at the miracle of creation; we stand in awe before the mystery of the incarnation. Forgive us earthbound creatures, feeble in faith, empty of hope, lacking in love. This year let the miracle and

CONFESSION OF SIN cont.

mystery of Christmas happen for us again. We wait upon you with ready hearts, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

To all who received him,
to those who believed in his name,
he gave the right to become children of God.
—John 1:12, NIV—

JOY TO THE WORLD

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

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, wonders, of His love.

SERMON**COMMUNION****GO, TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN**

Go, tell it on the mountain,
Over the hills and everywhere
Go, tell it on the mountain,
That Jesus Christ is born.

While shepherds kept their watching
O'er silent flocks by night
Behold throughout the heavens
There shone a holy light.

REFRAIN

The shepherds feared and trembled,
When lo! above the earth,
Rang out the angels' chorus
That hailed the Savior's birth.

REFRAIN

GO, TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN cont.

Down in a lowly manger
Our humble Christ was born
And God sent us salvation
That blessed Christmas morn.

REFRAIN