

Hymn No. 245: The First Noel

1: 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.

Refrain: Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

2: 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.

Refrain

3: And by the light of that same star three Wise Men
came from country far; to seek for a king was
their intent, and to follow the star wherever it went.

Refrain

4: This star drew nigh to the northwest, o'er Bethlehem
it took its rest; and there it did both
stop and stay, right over the place where Jesus lay.

Refrain

5: Then entered in those Wise Men three, full reverently
upon the knee, and offered there, in
his presence, their gold and myrrh and frankincense.

Refrain

Communion Hymn No. 219: What Child Is This

1: What child is this who, laid to rest, on Mary's
lap is sleeping? Whom angels greet with
anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?

Refrain: This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste, to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

2: Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and
ass are feeding? Good Christians, fear, for
sinners here the silent Word is pleading.

Refrain

3: So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, come, peasant,
king, to own him; the King of kings salvation
brings, let loving hearts enthrone him.

Refrain

Communion Hymn No. 224: Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

1: Good Christian friends, 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!

2: Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
now ye hear of endless bliss: News, news!
Jesus Christ was born for this! He hath opened
heaven's door, and ye are blest forevermore.
Christ was born for this, Christ was born for this!

3: Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
now ye need not fear the grave: News, news!
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!

Communion Hymn No. 236: While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

1: While shepherds watch their flocks by night, all seated
On the ground, the angel of the Lord came down,
And glory shone around, and glory shone around.

2: "Fear no!" said he, for mighty dread had seized their
Troubled mind. "Glad tidings of great joy I bring
To all of humankind, to all of humankind.

3: "To you, in David's town, this day is born of
David's line a Savior, who is Christ the Lord,
and this shall be the sign, and this shall be the sign.

4: "The heavenly babe you there shall find to human
view displayed, all meanly wrapped in swathing bands,

and in a manger laid, and in a manger laid.”

5: Thus spake the seraph and forthwith appeared a
shining throng of angels praising God on high,
who thus addressed their song, who thus addressed their song.

6: “All glory be to God on high, and to the
earth be peace; good will henceforth from heaven to earth
begin and never cease, begin and never cease!”

Closing Hymn No. 254: We Three Kings

1: We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.
O, star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

Refrain: O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

2: Born a King on Bethlehem’s plain, gold I
bring to crown him again, King forever,
ceasing never, over us all to reign.

Refrain

3: Frankincense to offer have I; incense
owns a Deity nigh; prayer and praising,
voices raising, worshiping God on high.

Refrain

4: Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume breathes a
life of gathering gloom; sorrowing, sighing,
bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone cold tomb.

Refrain

5: Glorious now behold him arise; King and
God and sacrifice: Alleluia,
Alleluia, sounds through the earth and skies.

Refrain