

Worship Lyrics for Sunday, December 27, 2020

Carol- Good Christian Men Rejoice

1. 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!

2. 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
And man is blessed evermore
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

3. 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!

Responsive Reading Matthew 2:9-12

WL: When they heard the king, they departed;

People: and behold, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was.

WL: When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great *joy!*

People: And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him.

WL: And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

People: And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country another way.

Carol- As with Gladness Men of Old

Text: William C. Dix Music: Conrad Kocher

1. As with gladness men of old,
Did the guiding star behold,
As with joy they hailed its light,
Leading onward, beaming bright;
So, most gracious Lord, may we
Evermore be led to Thee!

2. As with joyful steps they sped,
to Thy lowly bed;
There to bend the knee before
Him, whom heaven and earth adore.
So may we with willing feet
Ever seek the mercy seat.

3. As they offered gifts most rare
At the manger, rude and bare;
So may we with holy joy,
Pure, and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to Thee, our heavenly King.

4. Holy Jesus, every day
Keep us in the narrow way;
And when earthly things are past,
Bring our ransomed souls, at last,
Where they need no star to guide,
Where no clouds Thy glory hide.

Offertory Hymn- The Birthday of a King

Text: William Harold Neidlinger Music: William Harold Neidlinger arr. R.F. Douglas

1. In the little village of Bethlehem, there lay a Child one day,
And the sky was bright with a holy light
O'er the place where Jesus lay.

Refrain: Alleluia! O how the angels sang.

Alleluia! How it rang!

And the sky was bright with a holy light,

'Twas the birthday of a King.

2. 'Twas a humble birthplace, but O how much
God gave to us that day,
From the manger bed what a path has led,
What a perfect, holy way.

Refrain: Alleluia! O how the angels sang.

Alleluia! How it rang!

And the sky was bright with a holy light,

'Twas the birthday of a King.

Hymn of Invitation: What Child is This

Text: William C. Dix Music: Traditional English Melody 16th century

What Child is this who, laid to rest,
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet, with anthems sweet,
While shepherd's 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.

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) This, this is Christ the KING,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing.
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe the Son of Mary.**