

It Came upon the Midnight Clear

It came upon the midnight clear,
that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth,
to touch their harps of gold:
“Peace on the earth, good will to men,
from heaven's all gracious King.”
The world in solemn stillness lay,
to hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they
come
with peaceful wings unfurled,
and still their heavenly music floats
o'er all the weary world;
above its sad and lowly plains,
they bend on hovering wing,
and ever o'er its Babel sounds
the blessed angels sing.

For lo! the days are hastening on,
by prophet seen of old,
when with the ever-circling years
shall come the time foretold
when peace shall over all the earth
its ancient splendors fling,
and the whole world send back the
song
which now the angels sing.

The United Methodist Hymnal Number 218
Text: Edmund H. Sears, 1810-1876
Music: Richard Storrs Willis, 1819-1900
Tune: CAROL, Meter: CMD

O Come, All Ye Faithful

O come all ye faithful, joyful and
triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye, to
Bethlehem.
Come and behold him, born the
King of angels;

Refrain:
O come let us adore him, O come
let us adore him,
O come let us adore him, Christ the
Lord.

True God of true God, Light from
Light Eternal,
lo, he shuns not the Virgin's womb;
Son of the Father, begotten not
created;
(Refrain)

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in
exultation;
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;
(Refrain)

The United Methodist Hymnal Number 234
Text: John F. Wade; trans. by Frederick Oakeley
and others
Music: John F. Wade; harm. from Collections of
Motetts or Antiphons
Tune: ADESTE FIDELES, Meter: Irr.

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 all their songs employ;
while fields and floods, rocks, hills,
and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

The United Methodist Hymnal Number 246
Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748
Music: Arr. from G.F. Handel by Lowell Mason,
1792-1872
Tune: ANTIOCH, Meter: CM with Repeat

Angels from the Realms of Glory

Angels from the realms of glory,
wing your flight o'er all the earth;
ye who sang creation's story
now proclaim Messiah's birth:

Refrain:
Come and worship, come and
worship,
worship Christ, the newborn King.

Shepherds, in the field abiding,
watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing;
yonder shines the infant light:
(Refrain)

Saints, before the altar bending,
watching long in hope and fear;
suddenly the Lord, descending,
in his temple shall appear:
(Refrain)

The United Methodist Hymnal Number 220
Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854
Music: Henry T. Smart, 1813-1879
Tune: REGENT SQUARE, Meter: 87.87.87

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in Heaven,
hallowed be thy name. Thy
kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven. Give us
this day our daily bread; and
forgive us our trespasses as we
forgive those who trespass against
us. Lead us not into temptation, but
deliver us from evil, For thine is the
kingdom and the power and the
glory forever. Amen

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

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!

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 has opened heaven's door,
and ye are blessed forevermore.
Christ was born for this,
Christ was born for this!

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!

The United Methodist Hymnal Number 224
Text: 14th cent. Latin; trans. by John Mason
Neale, 1855
Music: German Melody; harm. by Gary Alan
Smith, 1988
Tune: IN DULCI JUBILO, Meter: 66.727.78.55

Go, Tell It On The Mountain

Refrain:
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 angel chorus
that hailed the Savior's birth.
(Refrain)

Down in a lowly manger
the humble Christ was born,
and God sent us salvation
that blessed Christmas morn.
(Refrain)

The United Methodist Hymnal Number 251
Text: John W. Work, Jr., 1907 (Lk. 2:8-20)
Music: Afro-American spiritual; adapt. and arr. by
William Farley Smith, 1986 (MH arr. by
Tune: GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN, Meter:
Irr. with Refrain