



Lectionary Readings

Isaiah 62:6-12 The Lord is restoring Jerusalem; Zion's salvation has come.
 Psalm 97 All of creation rejoices that the Lord is king.
 Titus 3:4-7 Solely because of God's mercy, we are saved through Christ and justified through grace.
 Luke 2:(1-7) 8-20 Angels announce Jesus' birth to shepherds, who hurry to see him.

Call to Worship

Light dawns; day breaks; God comes.
 God is alive in our midst!

May we, like the shepherds, follow the good news.

Light dawns; day breaks; God comes.
 The angels herald God's presence.

May we, like the angels, announce the good news.

Light dawns; day breaks; God comes.
 God's surprises awaken.

May we, like Mary, treasure God's Spirit within us.

Light dawns; day breaks; God comes.
 Creation blooms with joy.

May we, like Jesus, shine with God's love for all to see.

Hymns for the Day

	PH	EH	ELW	UMH	NCH	VU	STF	SNC	TFBF	HFTG
Hymns of Praise										
O Come All Ye Faithful	41	83	283	234	135	60				
On This Day Earth Shall Ring	46	92		248						
Angels We Have Heard on High	23	96	289	238	125	38				
Old Testament										
Of the Father's Love Begotten	309	82	295	184	118	61				
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing	31, 32	87	270	240	144	48				
O Christ the Word Incarnate	327	632	514	598	315	499				
Epistle										
When Long Before Time			861			248				
Angels, from the Realms of Glory	22	93	275	220	126	36				
Creator of the Stars of Night	4	60	245	692						
Gospel										
Word of God, When All Was Silent										82
Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming	48	81	272	216	127	8				
O Love How Deep, How Broad, How High	83	448, 449	322	267	209	348				
Word of God, Come Down to Earth		633	510	182						
Communion										
Now the Silence		333	460	619		475				
Now to Your Table Spread	515									
Sending										
Go, Tell it On the Mountain	29	99	290	251	154	43			52	
From East to West, From Shore to Shore		77								
It Came upon a Midnight Clear	38	89, 90	282	218	131	44				
Important Hymns from Other Sources										
Christ Is Born! Sylvia Dunstan, In Search of Hope and Grace, GIA										
Love's Roads Run Out From Bethlehem, Herman Steumpfle, The Word Goes Forth, GIA										



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Prayer of Confession

**O Lord, you are most high over all the earth!
 Light dawns for the righteous on this day of days,
 and we confess that we remain asleep—
 asleep to a miracle in a manger—
 asleep to the depth of your love for us and for
 this world.**

Waken us, for our salvation has come!

**Give power to our early morning voices
 that we might sing clearly to the world,
 "The Lord is King! Jesus is born!"**

Psalm Settings

Psalm 97 Metrical

"God Reigns! Let Earth Rejoice!" PCW 112

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"The Lord Is King" PsP 112

Responsorial

"Light Dawns for the Righteous" SP 42

"Rejoice, Rejoice" P 93

"Sing, Rejoice" TPP 97

Contemporary Songs

"Carol at the Manger" Marty Haugen *Gather Comprehensive*, GIA

"Gift of God" Marty Haugen *Gather Comprehensive*, GIA

"Cloth for the Cradle" John Bell/Graham Maule *Heaven Shall Not Wait*

"Aye Carol" John Bell/Graham Maule *Heaven Shall Not Wait*

Global Songs

"This Is the Day of Joy and Peace" (Thailand) STB 303

"Christmas is Here" (Nepal) STB 304

"He Came Down" (Cameroon) AAHH 200

"Two African Carols (God Comes Tomorrow)" (Iona)

Anthems for Larger Choirs

"For Unto Us a Child Is Born" G. F. Handel
Messiah NOV 29 0205 02, SATB

"Behold, Your Salvation Comes" Hank Beebe, HIN
 HMC-7068, SATB

"The Glory of the Father" Egil Hovland, WAL W-2973, SATB

"See Amid the Winter's Snow" John Goss, OXF 0193856417, SATB

Anthems for Smaller/Youth Choirs

"Away in a Manger" Black, Aug (978-0-8006-2388-3), 2-part mixed, flute, oboe, piano

"Glory to God!" Peterson, Flammer (D5471)—SAB, keyboard, opt. flute

"Like a Rose in Winter" Hanson, Aug (978-0-8006-7533-2), SAB, keyboard, opt. cong.

"Shepherds Sang in Jubilation" Bach/Ehret, Wal (W2175)—SAB, keyboard

Anthems for Children's Choirs

"At This Joyous Christmas Time" Arr. Eugene Butler, opt. 2-part, opt. handbells, HMC 332

"Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day" Arr. Hal H. Hopson, 2-part, handbells, opt. perc., CGA 987

"When Christ was Born of Mary Free" Rosalie Bonighton, KM 206

Handbell Music

"A Joyful Christmas Medley" Arr. Dan R. Edwards, Flammer, HP5468, 3 or 5 oct., L2

"Good People All" (Wexford Carol) Arr. Hart Morris, AGEHR, AG35267, 3-5 oct. with opt. vocal solo/ensemble, L3

"O Come, Little Children" Arr. Kenneth Lowenberg, Agape, 2328, 3-5 oct., opt. 3 oct. hand chimes, L3

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Organ Music

"Variations on Es ist ein' Ros" Alice Jordan, HWG: St. Cecilia (M)

"Fantasia on Adeste Fideles" Bruce Neswick, PP (M+)

"Go Tell it on the Mountain" J. Wayne Kerr, 3 for *Epiphany*, CPH, (E)

"Carol Rhapsody" Richard Purvis, *The Organ Music of Richard Purvis*, HTFS (M-D)