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+ The Gathering +

CALL TO WORSHIP

O CHILDREN, COME!

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Hear the cry from Bethlehem, 'O children, come!' Son of God now born to men: O children, come.

Bring your troubles bring your fears; bring the needs that draw you near;

find the hope of all the years—O children, come!

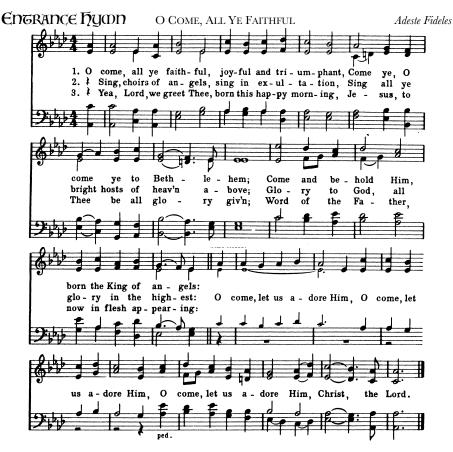
Peace on earth, good will to men * Righteous rule that will not end * Lay down all your bitterness; turn from sin's toil and distress; find His grace and perfect rest—O children, come!

Where the Father's grace has walked * Where you see the hurt and lost * Show the mercy shown to you; gifts of kindness to renew; love from hearts sincere and true—O children, come!

Opening Sengence

Luke 2:10, 11

BENOLD, I BRING you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.



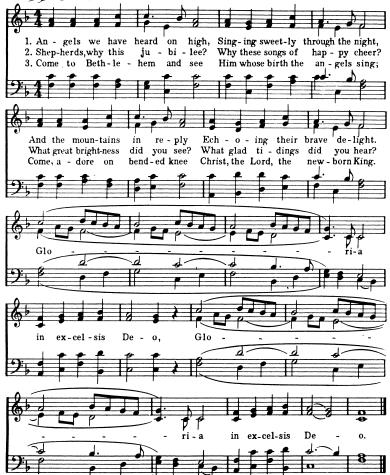
ACCLADATION AT THE CHRIST CANDLE

Leader For unto us a child is born,

All Unto us a son is given.

Leader O Come, let us adore him.

All Alleluia.



Opening Prayer

+ The Service of the Word +

OLD GESGAMENG

Isaiah 61:10—62:3

I WILL GREAGLY REJOICE in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels. ¹¹ For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations. ^{62:1} For Zion's sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth. ² And the Gentiles shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory: and thou shalt be called by a new name, which the mouth of the LORD shall

name. ³ Thou shalt also be a crown of glory in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of thy God.

Children's Carol Jesus, Joy of the Highest Heaven

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Jesus, joy of the highest Heaven, born as a little baby under a wondrous star.

Like us, crying, he takes his first breath, held by his mother, helpless, close to her beating heart.

Jesus, laid in a lowly manger, facing a world of dangers;

come to turn me, a stranger, into a child of God.

Jesus, King of the highest Heaven, learning to take his first steps that He might bring us life.

Like us, knowing our smiles and sorrows, he showed the way to follow,

a way that is true and right.

Jesus, take away every darkness; steady my simple footsteps that I might, in your goodness, live as a child of God.

GHE EPISTLE

Galatians 4:4-7

BUG WHEN GHE FULLNESS of time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, ⁵ To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. ⁶ And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. ⁷ Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.



OW GRE BIRGH OF JESUS CRRISG was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. ¹⁹ Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily. ²⁰ But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. ²¹ And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins. ²² Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, ²³ Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us. ²⁴ Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife: ²⁵ And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS.

SERMON

Brother Joseph Payton



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For the Church; the nation; the world; the community; the suffering; the lost; the bereaved

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