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Holy Innocents



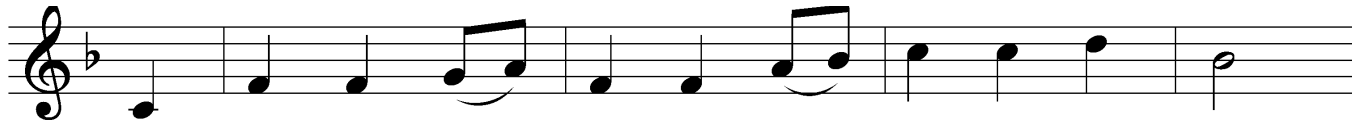
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Opening Hymn #341

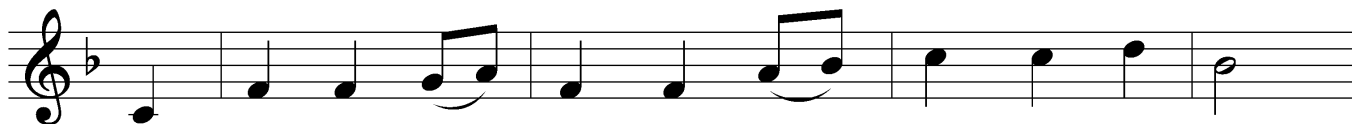
“Away in a Manger”



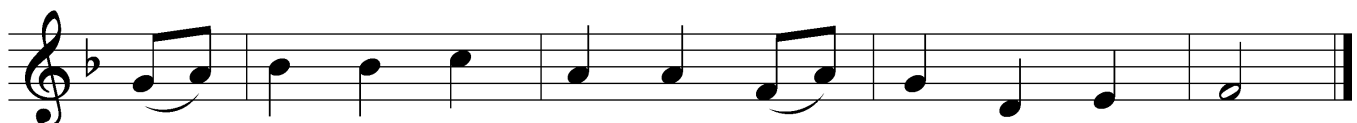
1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for a bed,
2 The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes,
3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask you to stay



the lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head.
but lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes.
close by me for - ev - er and love me, I pray.



The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
I love you, Lord Je - sus; look down from the sky,
Bless all the dear chil - dren in your ten - der care,



the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
and stay by my side un - til morn - ing is night.
and take us to heav - en to live with you there.

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Please stand.

Invocation & Confession

M: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

M: Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

C: **Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.**

M: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C: **Almighty and merciful Father,**

we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.

We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.

We have done those things that we should not have done,

and we have not done those things that we should have done.

Have mercy on us, Lord!

Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,

according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

Silence for meditation and reflection

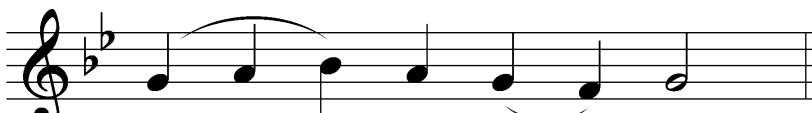
M: God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

C: **Amen.**


Lord, Have Mercy

CW 174

M: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: 
Lord, have mer - cy.

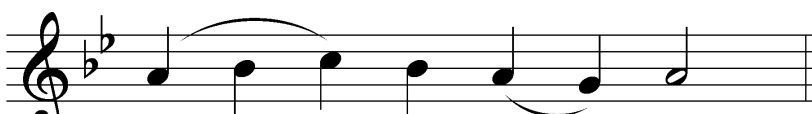
M: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: 
Lord, have mer - cy.


M: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: 
Lord, have mer - cy.

M: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: 
Lord, have mer - cy.

M: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: 
A - men.

Glory to God in the Highest

CW 176

The musical score is written for a single voice part on a treble clef staff with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some phrases spanning across bar lines. The lyrics are printed below the staff, aligned with the notes. The text is as follows:

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his
peo - ple on earth. Lord God,
heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we
wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your
glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth.
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. You are seat - ed at the

right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his

peo - ple on earth. For you a -

lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ,

with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the glo - ry of

God the Fa - ther. A - men. A - men.

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his

peo - ple on earth.

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Prayer of the Day

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Let us pray.

We remember today, O Lord, the slaughter of the holy innocents of Bethlehem by order of King Herod. Receive into the arms of your mercy all who lay down their lives for your sake, and prepare us by your grace to be ready at all times to live and die for you; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Be seated.

First Reading

Jeremiah 31:15-17

¹⁵This is what the LORD says:

“A voice is heard in Ramah,
mourning and great weeping,
Rachel weeping for her children
and refusing to be comforted,
because they are no more.”

¹⁶This is what the LORD says:

“Restrain your voice from weeping
and your eyes from tears,
for your work will be rewarded,”
declares the LORD.

“They will return from the land of the enemy.

¹⁷So there is hope for your descendants,”
declares the LORD.

“Your children will return to their own land. (NIV)

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 138A (early service)

“Your Praises, God, I’m Bringing”

(sing from Hymnal or PowerPoint display)

Psalm 130G (late service)

"I Will Wait for You"

(The soloist will sing the refrain the first time and the verses, the congregation will sing the refrains where indicated)

Intro

LORD, from the depths I call to you;
Lord, hear me from on high
and give attention to my voice
when I for mercy cry.

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Intro

C:

(Lord,) in your pres - ence who can stand,
if you our sins re - cord?
But yet for - give - ness is with you,
that we may fear you, Lord.

- 1 Out of the depths I cry to you,
in darkest places I will call;
incline your ear to me anew,
and hear my cry for mercy, Lord.
- 2 Were you to count my sinful ways,
how could I come before your throne?
Yet full forgiveness meets my gaze;
I stand redeemed by grace alone. (Chorus)

Chorus

I will wait for you, I will wait for you;
on your word, I will rely.
I will wait for you, surely wait for you,
till my soul is satisfied.

- 3 So put your hope in God alone;
take courage in his pow'r to save—
completely and forever won
by Christ emerging from the grave. (Chorus)

- 4 Now he has come to make a way,
and God himself has paid the price,
that all who trust in him today
find healing in his sacrifice. (Chorus/Final Chorus)

Chorus

I will wait for you, I will wait for you;
on your word, I will rely.
I will wait for you, surely wait for you,
till my soul is satisfied.

Final Chorus

I will wait for you, I will wait for you;
through the storm and through the night.
I will wait for you, surely wait for you,
for your love is my delight. (Outro)

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Outro

C: I wait— my soul waits— for the Lord;

my hope is in his word.

More than the watch - man waits for dawn

Fine

my soul waits for the Lord. O

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Second Reading

1 Peter 4:12-19

¹²Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice inasmuch as you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you. ¹⁵If you suffer, it should not be as a murderer or thief or any other kind of criminal, or even as a meddler.

¹⁶However, if you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God that you bear that name. ¹⁷For it is time for judgment to begin with God's household; and if it begins with us, what will the outcome be for those who do not obey the gospel of God? ¹⁸And,

"If it is hard for the righteous to be saved,
what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?"

¹⁹So then, those who suffer according to God's will should commit themselves to their faithful Creator and continue to do good. (NIV)

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

Gospel Acclamation

Psalm 116:15



Refrain

C: 

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

M: Precious in the sight of the Lord
is the death of his faithful servants.

C: **Refrain**

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Holy Gospel

St. Matthew 2:13-18

¹³When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. "Get up," he said, "take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him."

¹⁴So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, ¹⁵where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: "Out of Egypt I called my son."

¹⁶When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi.

¹⁷Then what was said through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled:

18“A voice is heard in Ramah,
weeping and great mourning,
Rachel weeping for her children
and refusing to be comforted,
because they are no more.” (NIV)

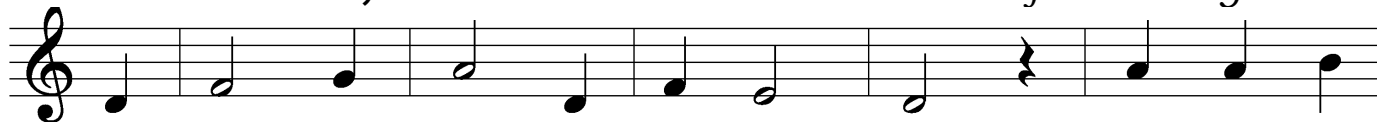
M: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

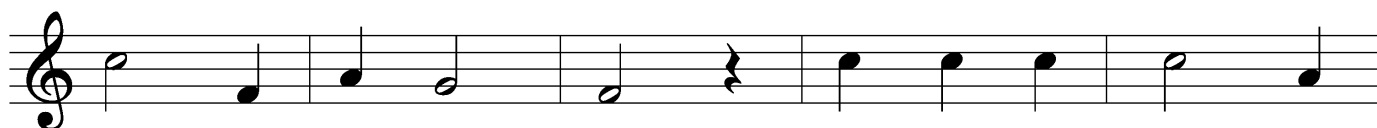
Be seated.

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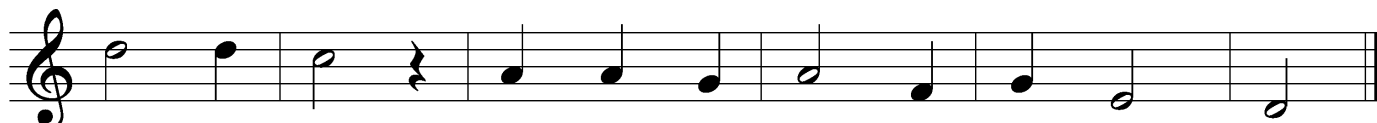
“All Hail! You Infant Martyr Flowers”



1 All hail! You in - fant mar - tyr flow'rs, cut off in
2 With ter - ror does the ty - rant hear that God's own
3 King Her - od ra - ges at the Word: “Go, sol - dier,
4 Oh, what is gained from this of - fense? What prof - it
7 To you, the Vir - gin - born, we raise thanks - giv - ing



life's first dawn - ing hours; like rose - buds, snapped in
Son to us draws near. On Da - vid's throne he
with your ruth - less sword, to him, who stands where
comes from vi - o - lence? The Sav - ior - King sur -
and e - ter - nal praise, whom with the Fa - ther



dread - ful strife, when Her - od sought our Sav - ior's life.
comes to dwell and reign as King of Is - ra - el.
we have stood, and stain the In - fant - crib with blood!”
vived the day, as Christ was safe - ly whisked a - way!
we a - dore and Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

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Sermon Text

Jeremiah 31:15-17

Sermon Theme

“There Is Hope”

Please stand.

Confession of Faith: Nicene Creed

**C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Be seated.

Prayer of the Church

M: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Almighty God, as the Holy Innocents suffered in the wake of Herod's rage, so do martyrs of all ages continue to suffer for the sake of the Gospel. Strengthen your children who face trials and danger because of their faith in Christ. Preserve them from evil, and comfort the families of all who die in his name. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

M: Blessed Lord, you have given us hope and established us in the peace of Christ, our Savior. Make your Church bold to speak the message of the cross and empty tomb without fear. Raise up faithful pastors to serve in your name, and call many to service in the Church here and throughout the world. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

M: Father in heaven, you honored and consecrated the home by the birth and life of your beloved Son. Instill in your people a godly love and reverence for their families, and enrich our lives together by your Word and promise. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

M: Holy One of Israel, have mercy on our nation. Give us good and faithful rulers who will govern in line with your will. Give us a right understanding of your rule in this world, that we may not be led to think earthly powers will last forever, but place our confidence in you alone. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

M: Lord, hear us for the sake of all who cry to you in their need. Heal the sick, relieve the suffering, comfort the mourning and guide the dying to peace in Christ [*especially* _____]. Restore them with your abundant grace, and according to your will deliver them from all their troubles. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

M: Gracious God, when Herod killed the children of Bethlehem, you saved your only Son from death so that later, he might redeem the world by his death, and give us full rights as your children. Help us live as your people day by day, that we reflect your love and mercy always; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Friendship Register is available by the entrances. If you are watching on-line please go to the description link and sign in.

Freewill Offering The offering plate is located by the back entrance. You may also give electronically via our website: immanuelfindlay.org or the App: GivePlus.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

***Visitors:** Please see our communion statement on page 20 before joining us at the Lord's table.



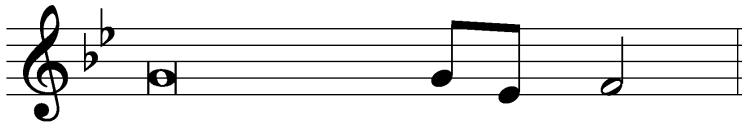
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M: The Lord be with you.



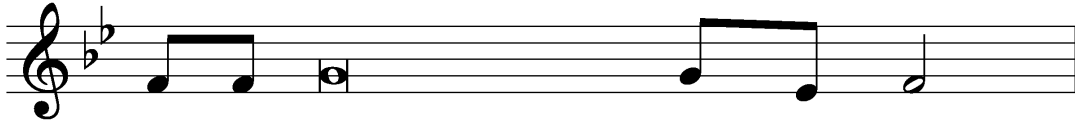
C: **And al - so with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.



C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



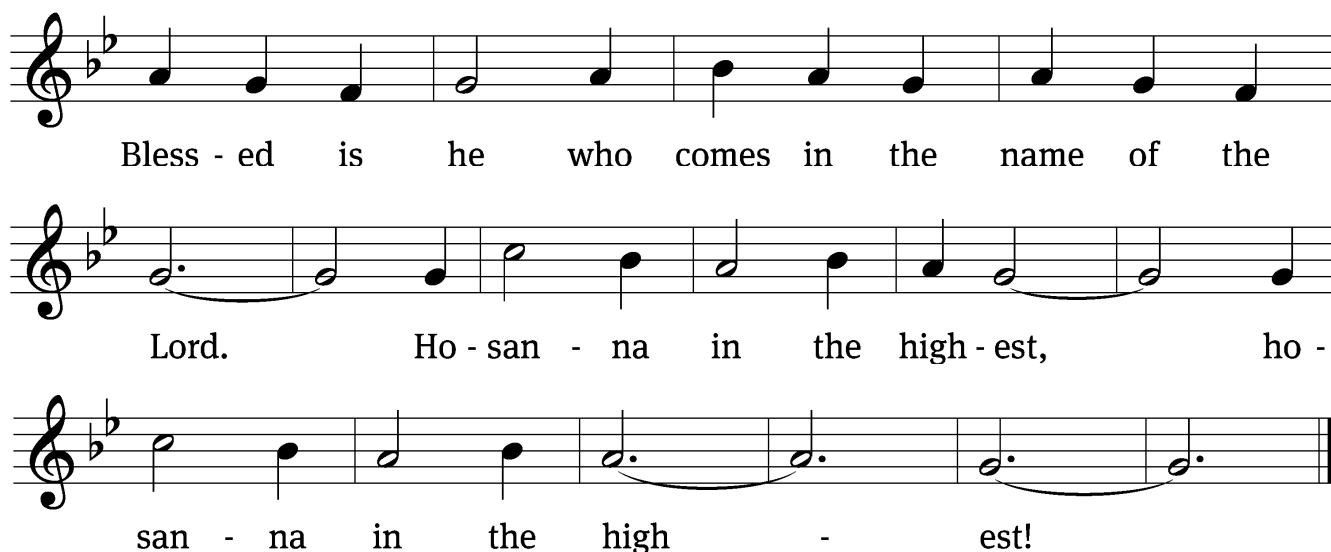
C: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whose wonderful and mysterious birth you have opened our eyes to the glory of your grace and renewed in our hearts the fervor of your love. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy

CW 184





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Prayer of Thanksgiving

M: Lord God, you are worthy to receive thanks and praise from all people. You created the world and all who live in it, and in your mercy you saved us. We give thanks to you for the grace of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Though in very nature God, he took the nature of a servant and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. He offered himself as a sacrifice for sin and redeemed us from its curse and penalty. He rescued us from the terrors of death and restored eternal life with you. He conquered our enemies and gained for us the kingdom of grace and glory.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood, and lead us to remember his suffering, death, and resurrection. Forgive our sins and fill us with the hope of new life in heaven. Hear our praise and receive our thanks as we worship you—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

Jesus, Lamb of God

CW 186

Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us your peace.

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Be seated.

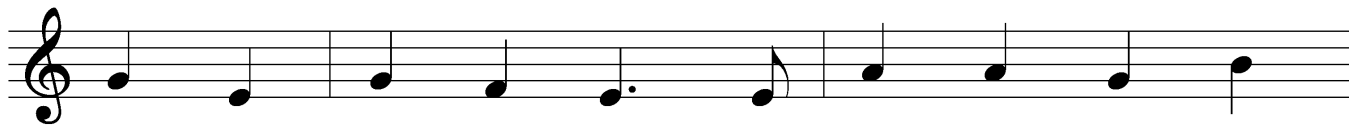
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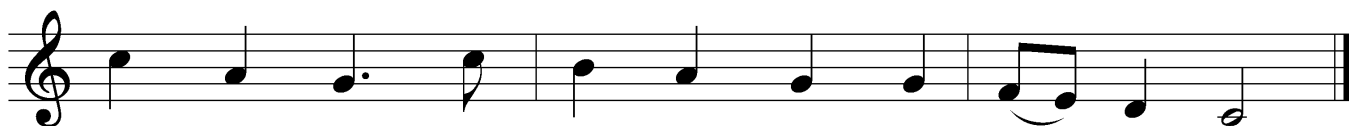
"From Heaven Above to Earth I Come"



1 "From heav'n a - bove to earth I come to bear good
2 "To you this night is born a child of Mar - y,
3 "This is the Christ, our God most high, who hears your
4 "He will on you the gifts be - stow pre - pared by



news to ev - 'ry home; glad ti - dings of great
cho - sen vir - gin mild; this lit - tle child of
sad and bit - ter cry; he will him - self your
God for all be - low, that in his king - dom,



joy I bring, where - of I now will say and sing:
low - ly birth shall be the joy of all the earth.
Sav - ior be from all your sins to set you free.
bright and fair, you may with us his glo - ry share.

5 "These are the signs which you shall mark:
the swaddling clothes and manger dark.
There you will find the infant laid
by whom the heav'n's and earth were made."

6 How glad we'll be to find it so!
Then with the shepherds let us go
to see what God for us has done
in sending us his own dear Son.

7 Come here, my friends, lift up your eyes,
and see what in the manger lies.
Who is this child, so young and fair?
It is the Christ Child lying there.

8 Welcome to earth, O noble Guest,
through whom the sinful world is blest!
You came to share my misery,
that you might share your joy with me.

9 Ah, Lord, though you created all,
how weak you are, so poor and small,
that you should choose to lay your head
where lowly cattle lately fed!

Additional verses next page.

- 10** Were earth a thousand times as fair
and set with gold and jewels rare,
it would be far too poor and small
a cradle for the Lord of all.
- 11** Instead of soft and silken stuff
you have but hay and straw so rough
on which as king, so rich and great,
to be enthroned in royal state.
- 12** And so it pleases you to see
this simple truth revealed to me:
that worldly honor, wealth, and might
are weak and worthless in your sight.
- 13** Ah, dearest Jesus, holy Child,
prepare a bed, soft, undefiled
within my heart, made clean and new,
a quiet chamber kept for you.
- 14** My heart for very joy must leap;
my lips no more can silence keep.
I too must sing with joyful tongue
that sweetest ancient cradle song:
- 15** Glory to God in highest heav'n,
who unto us his Son has giv'n,
while angels sing with pious mirth
a glad new year to all the earth!

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M: The true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you to life everlasting.

C: Amen.

M: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

C: his mercy endures forever.

M: Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

C: we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

M: We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Blessing

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn #344

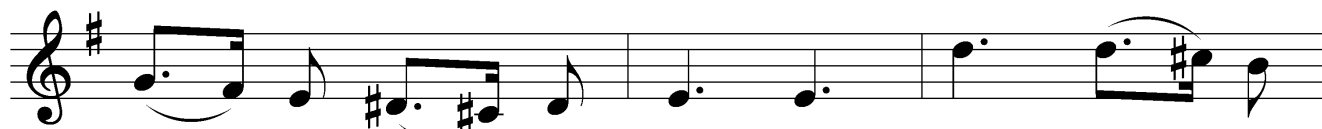
“What Child Is This”



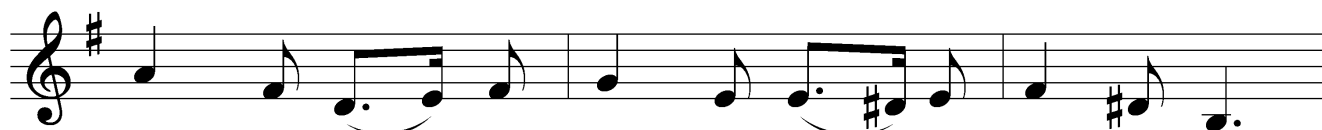
1 What child is this who, laid to rest, on Mar - y's lap is
2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox - en now are
3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas - ant, king, to



sleep - ing, whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet while
feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here the
own him. The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; let



shep - herds watch are keep - ing? This, this is
si - lent Word is plead - ing. Nails, spear shall
lov - ing hearts en - throne him. Raise, raise the



Christ the King, whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;
pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;
song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y!

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Mission Speaker: On Sunday, January 4th, Home Mission Pastor Jeffrey Duquaine will preach for both services, and he will speak to our Adult Sunday school class about his work. He is a missionary in Willoughby, Ohio.

New Vicar: Our Council and Voters plan to apply for a vicar for the 2026-27 school year. We have about \$11,000 in our fund, but need another \$21,000. If you would like to help, mark your contribution for our Vicar Fund.

Christmas poinsettias If you purchased a poinsettia, you may take it home after the service.

Usher/Greeter Sign-up sheets on the bulletin board in the entry. If you already are an usher or greeter, we will just include you on next years list unless you tell us to remove you.

BIBLE STUDY	<i>Sunday</i>	Adult Bible Study	Today's Readings	9:20 AM
<i>Resumes 1/7</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	Adult Bible Study	James	10:00 AM
<i>Resumes 1/8</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	Zoom Bible Study	The Incarnation	7:00 PM

Greeters	East Doors	North Doors
12/28		
8:00	Volunteer	Volunteer
10:30	Deana H.	Diane L.

December Ushers: **8:00** *Dob L., Mike W.* **10:30** *Mike S., Kris A.*

January

Greeters East Doors North Doors

1-4		
8:00	Volunteer	Volunteer
10:30	Becky F.	Volunteer
1-11		
8:00	Karl & Lynn F.	Volunteer
10:30	Helen R.	Brad & Sarah S.
1-18		
8:00	Volunteer	Volunteer
10:30	Pam W.	Kay M.
1-25		
8:00	Volunteer	Bob H.
10:30	Diane L.	Laura & Mike B.

January Ushers

8:00 Bob H., Howard W. 10:30 Don B., Matt M.

Calendar Sunday

Sunday, Jan 4

Worship & Holy Communion, 8 & 10:30 AM
Adult Sunday School, 9:20 AM
(no Youth Sunday School this week)
Worship, 8 & 10:30 AM
Adult & Youth Sunday School, 9:20 AM
Confirmation, 6:30 PM

Tax Credit Scholarship (Yes- it's almost tax time again) Members of Immanuel Lutheran Church and Preschool are reminded to take advantage of the excellent tax credit opportunity available through the Lutheran Scholarship Granting Organization of Ohio (LSGOO). Singles can direct up to \$750 and married filers up to \$1500 of Ohio tax liability to this program. The money donated goes directly to the Immanuel Lutheran Preschool scholarship fund and counts toward what you owe for your 2025 taxes for your State of Ohio tax liability. These scholarship funds are then reviewed and may be provided for tuition on behalf of the parents/guardians that have applied for a LSGOO scholarship. The process is very simple and can be done as a large single donation or spread out during the year. FYI – so far this year this program has provided over \$15,000 in scholarship dollars for tuition, helping 13 children in our preschool. For more information go to www.lsgohio.org or contact one of our LSGOO committee members. (Don Lucas, Howard Wilch, Don Baker)

Welcome! We join together here to thank God for a new week of promise and possibilities. Let us greet one another joyfully and lovingly! If you are searching for a church home, feel free to talk to the pastor after the service.

Large print bulletins are available at the back of the fellowship hall.

There are visitor welcome packets available in the narthex.

There are children's books, coloring pages, pencils, and crayons available at the back of the fellowship hall. Please return the books, clipboards, pencils and crayons.

Silence is golden. Please silence cell phones before worship.

Bulletin Board: If you would like items displayed, please contact the office.

When receiving communion, it's very helpful when you extend your hand to receive the wafer of bread. If there is anyone who would prefer to receive the wine mixed with water, please contact the pastor. We also have low-gluten wafers available; please speak with the pastor or an elder.

Celebrating Communion in Love—In love, Jesus gives his body and blood in Holy Communion. In love, Jesus tells us we are prepared for his meal when 1) we recognize our sins and need for forgiveness; 2) we confess Jesus as the only true God and Savior, without whom we would be lost for eternity; 3) we have been instructed in the Biblical truths of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection; 4) we believe that in the Supper Jesus gives us his real body and blood in the bread and wine; 5) we publicly confess our oneness of faith and full agreement of belief with those whom we receive the Supper. In love, Jesus cautions us that if we are not properly prepared, then we are rejecting his love and would receive his Supper to our harm. Therefore, in love for all, we at Immanuel follow the ancient, Biblical practice of Close Communion, offering the Supper only to those who have professed their agreement with our Wisconsin Synod fellowship. If you are interested in receiving the Supper with us, we invite you to speak with our pastor about the important necessary pre-Communion instruction.