

Welcome to  
**Cowen First Baptist Church**



Worship Service  
December 17, 2023

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**Greeting, Prayer Requests, and Prayer**

**Corporate Scripture Reading**

**Isaiah 9:2-7**

**Congregational Singing**

*Hark the Herald Angels Sing*

1739

*God of God*

2011

**Offering and Doxology**

**Scripture Reading**

**Joel 2:10-13; Matthew 23:12-33**

**Congregational Singing**

*King of Kings*

2019

**Message**

**John 8:48-59** Abraham Rejoiced to See My Day

**Congregational Singing**

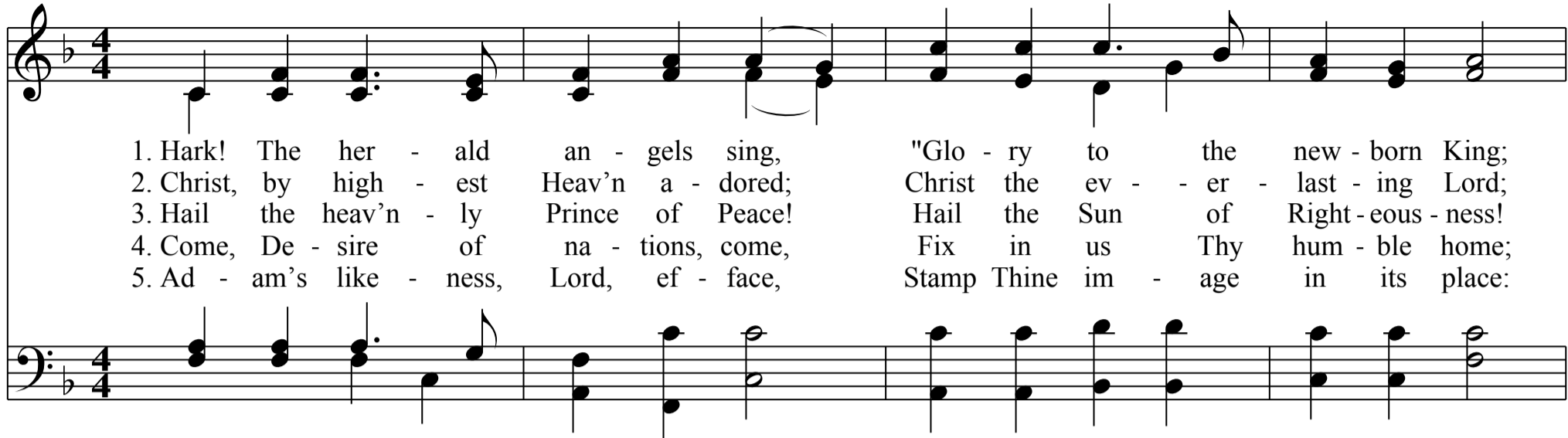
*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

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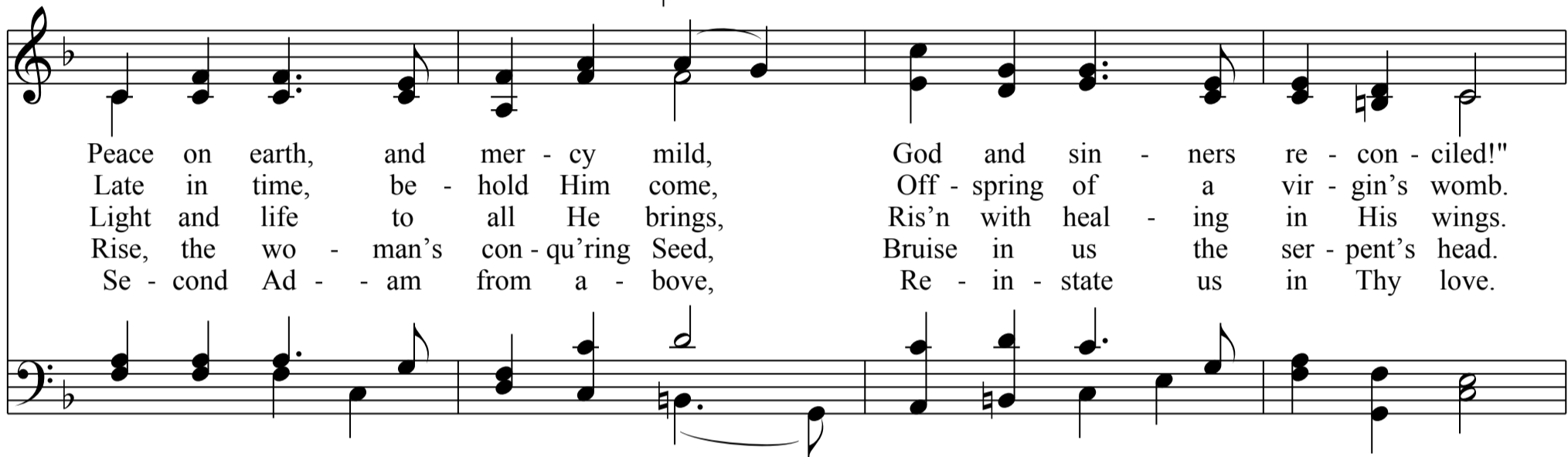
**Baptism**

***The gospel is the announcement that God has defeated the powers of sin and death, and that He has saved sinners from His own promised wrath through the perfect life, death, and resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ, and by grace alone, through faith alone, the perfect righteousness of Christ is credited, to the accounts of sinners.***

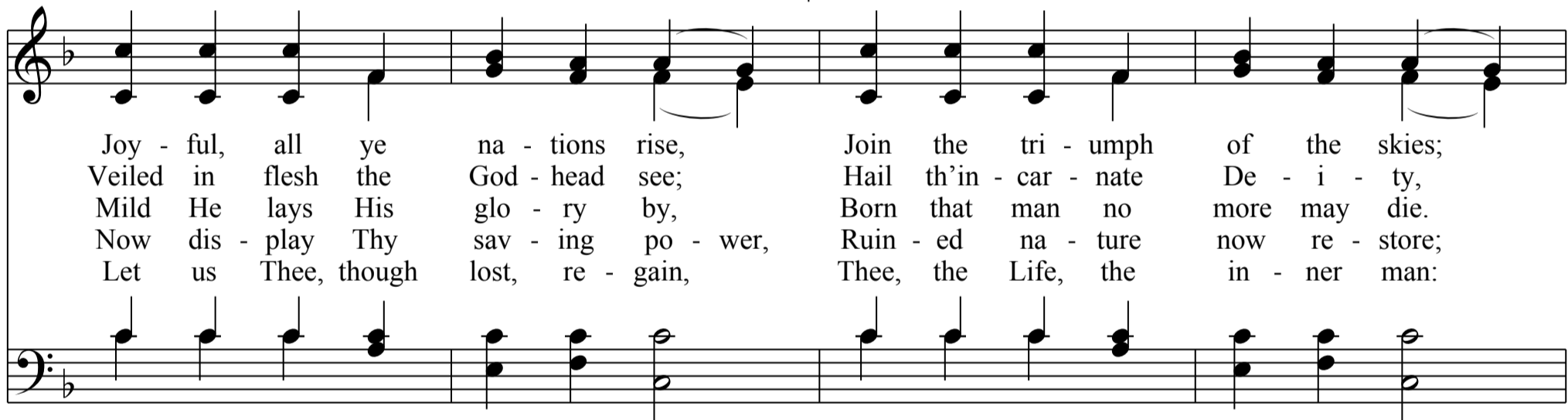
# Hark! The Herald Angels Sing




1. Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King;  
2. Christ, by high - est Heav'n a - dored; Christ the ev - er - last - ing Lord;  
3. Hail the heav'n - ly Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Right - eous - ness!  
4. Come, De - sire of na - tions, come, Fix in us Thy hum - ble home;  
5. Ad - am's like - ness, Lord, ef - face, Stamp Thine im - age in its place:



Peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners re - con - ciled!"  
Late in time, be - hold Him come, Off - spring of a vir - gin's womb.  
Light and life to all He brings, Ris'n with heal - ing in His wings.  
Rise, the wo - man's con - qu'ring Seed, Bruise in us the ser - pent's head.  
Se - cond Ad - - am from a - bove, Re - in - state us in Thy love.



Joy - ful, all ye na - tions rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;  
Veiled in flesh the God - head see; Hail th'in - car - nate De - i - ty,  
Mild He lays His glo - ry by, Born that man no more may die.  
Now dis - play Thy sav - ing po - wer, Ruin - ed na - ture now re - store;  
Let us Thee, though lost, re - gain, Thee, the Life, the in - ner man:



With th'an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"  
Pleased with us in flesh to dwell, Je - sus our Em - man - u - el.  
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them se - cond birth.  
Now in my - stic un - ion join Thine to ours, and ours to Thine.  
O, to all Thy - self im - part, Formed in each be - liev - ing heart.



Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King!"

# God of God

Therefore, since the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death. Hebrews 2:14

1. Deep in the proph - et's sa - cred page, grand in the  
2. That life of truth, those deeds of love, that death of  
3. O God of God, O Light of Light, Thou Prince of

po - et's wing - ed word; slow - ly in type, from age to  
pain, 'mid hate and scorn— these all are passed, and now a -  
Peace, Thou King of Kings; to Thee where an - gels know no

age, na - tions be - held their com - ing Lord. Till thru the  
bove He reigns, our King once crowned with thorn. To Him that  
night, the sound of praise for - ev - er rings. (to chorus)

deep Ju - de - an night rang out the song: "Good-will to men!"  
sits up - on the throne, the Lamb once slain for sin - ful men,

Hymned by the first - born sons of light, re - ech - oed now,  
 be hon - or, might, all by Him won, glo - ry and praise,

*Chorus*

“Good - will! A - men!” Born to reign in us for - ev - er, born a  
 a - men, a - men!

child, and yet a King, born His peo - ple to de - liv - er— let us

all in an - them sing: “Hal - le - lu - jah! The Mes - si - ah has come!”

# King of Kings

Scott & Brooke Ligertwood, and Jason Ingram 2019

In the dark - ness we were wait - ing with-out hope  
To re - veal the king - dom com - ing and to recon -  
And the morn - ing that You rose, all of heav -  
And the church of Christ was born, then the Spir -  
By His blood and in His name, in His free -  
without light. "Til from heav - en You came run - ning, there was mer -  
- cile the lost, to re - deem the whole cre - a - tion You did not  
en held its breath 'til that stone was moved for good, for the Lamb  
it lit the flame. Now this gos - pel truth of old, shall not kneel,  
dom I am free for the love of Je - sus Christ who has re -  
- cy in Your eyes. To ful - fill the law and pro - phets to a vir -  
de - spite the cross. For e - ven in Your suff - ring You saw to  
had con - quered death. And the dead rose from their tombs, and the an -  
shall not faint.  
su - rec - ted me.  
- gin came the Word, from a throne of end - less glo - ry to a cra -  
the oth - er side. Know - ing this was our sal - va - tion, Je - sus, for  
- gels stood in awe, for the souls of all who'd come, to the Fa -  
- dle in the dirt. Praise the Fa - ther Praise the Son Praise the Spir - it  
our sakes You died.  
- ther are re - stored.  
Three in One God of glor - ry  
Maj - es - ty, praise for - ev - er to the King of Kings.

# Isaiah 9:2-7

2 The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined. 3 Thou hast multiplied the nation, and not increased the joy: they joy before thee according to the joy in harvest, and as men rejoice when they divide the spoil. 4 For thou hast broken the yoke of his burden, and the staff of his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, as in the day of Midian. 5 For every battle of the warrior is with confused noise, and garments rolled in blood; but this shall be with burning and fuel of fire. 6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. 7 Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

## December Birthdays

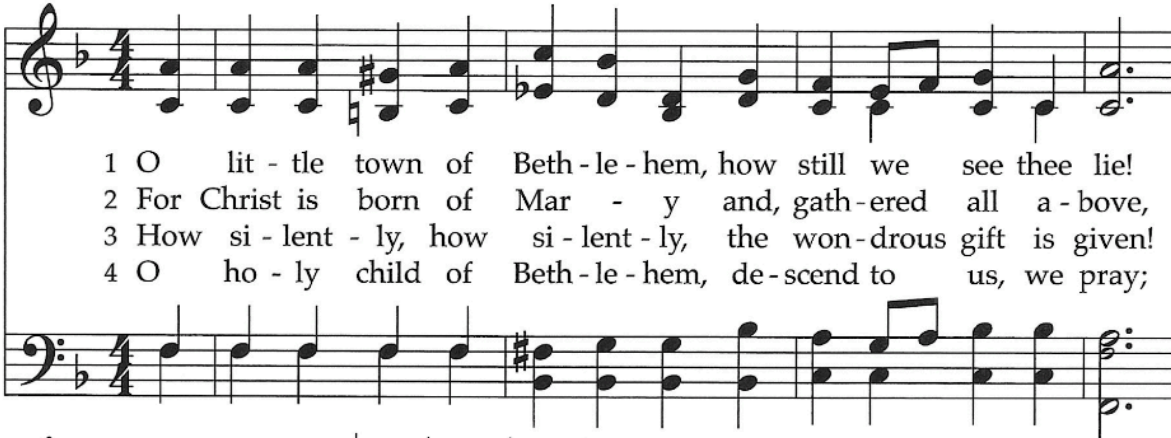
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| Briana Craft       | December 10 |
| Rhonda Hayhurst    | December 19 |
| James Craft        | December 20 |
| Dakota Blankenship | December 16 |

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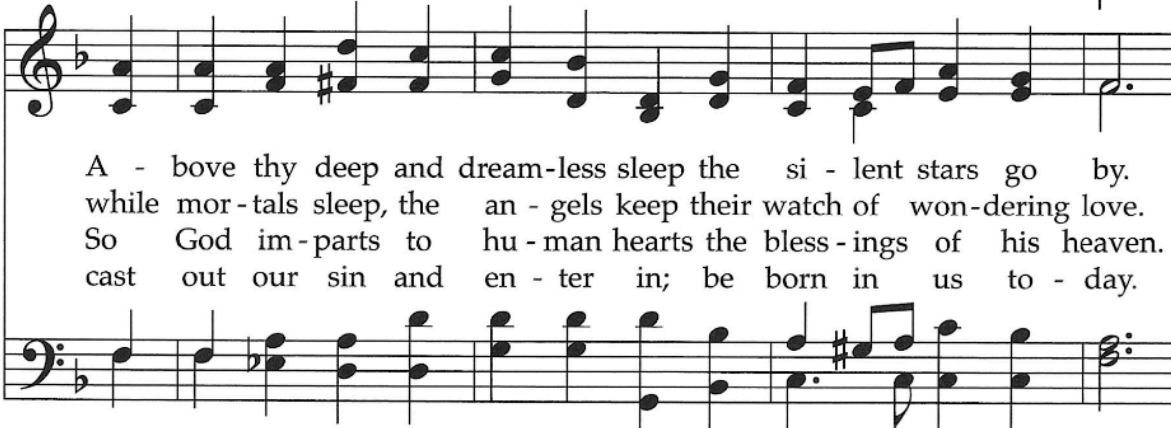
December 10 Worship Service  
Attendance 23  
Offering \$228.00

Coffee shop ministry today 3:00-6:00 P.M.  
Children's Christmas Program Wednesday 6:30 P.M.

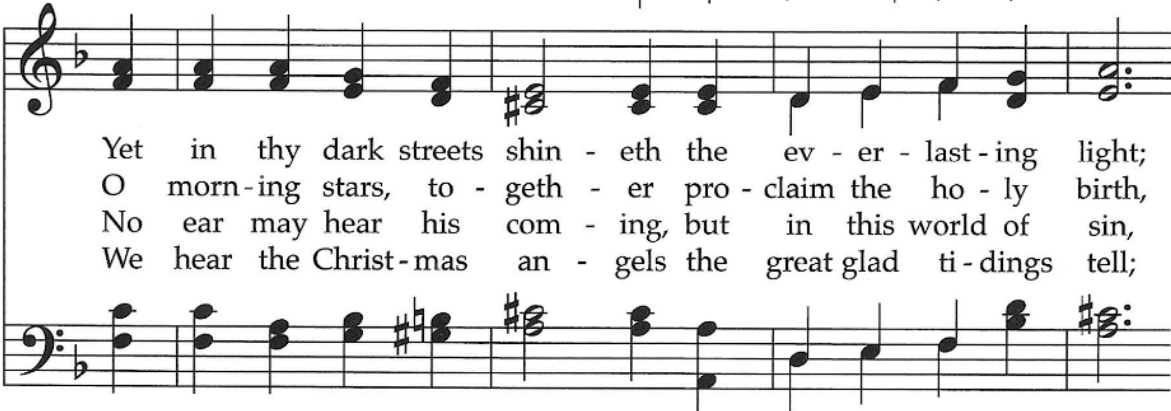
# O Little Town of Bethlehem



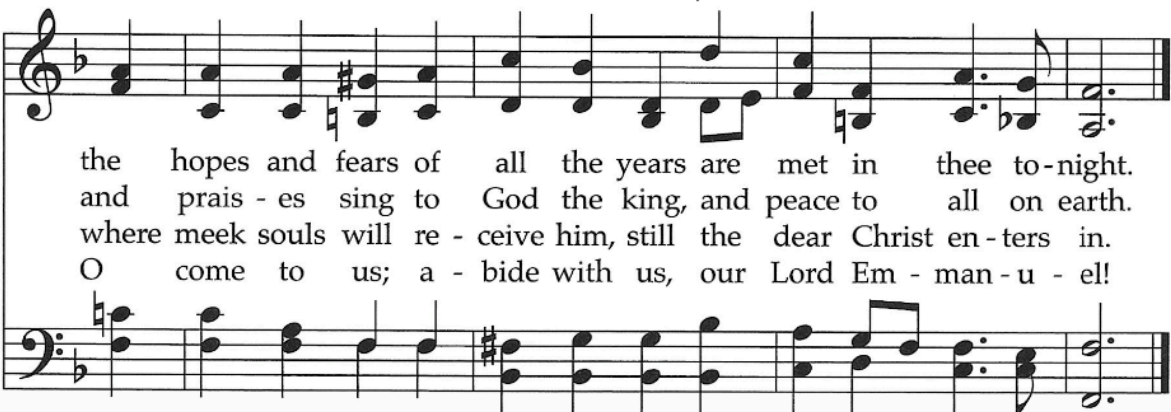
1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!  
2 For Christ is born of Mar - y and, gath - ered all a - bove,  
3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is given!  
4 O ho - ly child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;



A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep the si - lent stars go by.  
while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - dering love.  
So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heaven.  
cast out our sin and en - ter in; be born in us to - day.



Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing light;  
O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth,  
No ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin,  
We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad ti - dings tell;



the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.  
and prais - es sing to God the king, and peace to all on earth.  
where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.  
O come to us; a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el!

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