

Welcome to Mount Royal Mennonite Church

Learning to live - through relationships with Jesus,
our neighbours and each other

Christmas Day, 2020

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Call to Worship and Lyrics for Carols



Call to Worship

All God's people –

Boys and girls, women and men:

Come and worship!

Shepherds, magi, saints, and angels:

Come and worship!

All who need the Saviour, all who long for comfort:

**Come and worship, come and worship Christ,
the newborn King!**

[The Worship Sourcebook, 467]

Hark! the herald angels sing

Text: Charles Wesley and others, *Hymns and Sacred Poems*, 1739, alt.

Music: Felix Mendelssohn, 1840; adapted by William H. Cummings, 1855,
Congregational Hymn and Tune Book, 1857

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!
Peace on earth and mercy mild, god and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies,
with th'angelic host proclaim "Christ is born in Bethlehem."
Hark! the herald angel sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

Christ by highest heaven adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come, offspring of the virgin's womb.
Veil'd in flesh the Godhead see, hail th'incarnate deity;
pleas'd with us in flesh to dwell, Jesus, our Immanuel!
Hark! the herald angel sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of peace! Hail, the Sun of
righteousness!

Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.
Hark! the herald angel sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

To us a Child of hope is born

Text: John Morison, *Scottish Paraphrases*, 1781

Music: Lowell Mason, *Occasional Psalm and Hymn tunes*, 1837 or 1838

To us a child of hope is born,
to us a Son is given.
Him shall the tribes of earth obey,
him all the hosts of heav'n,
him shall the tribes of earth obey,
him all the hosts of heav'n.

His name shall be the Prince of peace,
forever more adored,
the Wonderful, the Counsellor,
the great and mighty Lord,
the Wonderful, the Counsellor,
the great and mighty Lord.

His pow'r, increasing, still shall spread,
his reign no end shall know.
Justice shall guard his throne above,
and peace abound below,
justice shall guard his throne above,
and peace abound below.

The Virgin Mary had a baby boy

Text: West Indian carol, from the *Edric Conner Collection of West Indian Spirituals*

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1. The virgin Mary had a baby boy,
the virgin Mary had a baby boy,
the virgin Mary had a baby boy,
and they say that his name was Jesus.

Refrain

He come from the glory, he come from the glorious kingdom.
He come from the glory, he come from the glorious kingdom.
Oh yes! believer! Oh yes! believer!
He come from the glory, he come from the glorious kingdom.

2. The angels sang when the baby born,
the angels sang when the baby born,
the angels sang when the baby born,
and they say that his name was Jesus.

3. The wise men saw when the baby born,
the wise men saw when the baby born,
the wise men saw when the baby born,
and they say that his name was Jesus.

Love Came Down at Christmas

Text: Christina Rossetti, *Time Flies: A Reading Diary*, 1885. Revised *Hymns for*

the Church, 1982. Copyright © 1982 Hope Publishing Co.

Music: C. Edgar Penman, pamphlet, 1931

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1. Love can down at Christmas, love all lovely, love divine.
Love was born at Christmas - star and angels gave the sign.

Refrain

Sing noel, sing noel, sing noel.

2. Worship we the Godhead, love incarnate, love divine.
Worship we our Jesus - what shall be our sacred sign?

3. Love shall be our token, love be yours and love be mine,
love to God and neighbour, love for pray'r and gift and sign.

Silent night, holy night

Text: Joseph Mohr, *Stille Nacht, Heilige Nacht*, 1818 *Leipziger Gesangbuch*, 1838; tr.

John F. Young, *The Sunday School Service and Tune Book*, 1863

Music: Franz Gruber, 1818, *Leipziger Gesangbuch*, 1838

Silent night, holy night!
All is calm, all is bright
'round yon virgin mother and child!
Holy infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace,
sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight,
glories stream from heaven afar,
heav'nly hosts sing, "Alleluia!"

Christ the Saviour is born,
Christ the Saviour is born.”

Silent night, holy night!
Son of God, Love’s pure light,
radiant, beams from thy holy face
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Silent night, holy night!
Wondrous star, lend thy light.
With the angels let us sing
“Alleluia!” to our King,
“Christ the Saviour is born,
Christ the Saviour is born.”

Joy to the World

Text: Isaac Watts, *Psalm of David*, 1719, alt.

Music: “From Handel,” Lowell Mason, *Occasional Psalm and Hymn tunes*, 1836

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 heav’n, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Saviour 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.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,
nor thorns infest the ground.
He comes to make his blessings
flow far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found,
far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.