



Songs *for the* Christmas Eve Cosmic Mass

Thursday, December 24, 2020



And God's glory shone all around ...

ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

instead of 'Lord of all being'

Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains.

***Gloria in excelsis Deo,
Gloria in excelsis Deo.***

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous songs prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
Which inspire your heavenly song?

Come to Bethlehem, and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee,
Christ the Lord, our new-born king.

IT CAME UPON THE MIDNIGHT CLEAR

after the scripture reading

It came upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth
To touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to all
From heaven's most gracious king";
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come,
With peaceful wings unfurled,
And still their heavenly music floats
O'er all the weary world:
Above its sad and lowly plains
They bend on hov'ring wing,
And ever o'er its Babel sounds
The blessed angels sing.

Yet with the woes of sin and strife
The world has suffered long.
Beneath the angel-strain have rolled
Two thousand years of wrong;
And those who fight and war hear not
The love-song which they bring:
O hush the noise, and cease your strife,
And hear the angels sing.

For lo! the days are hast'ning on,
By prophets seen of old,
When with the ever-circling years,
Shall come the time foretold,
When the new heaven and earth shall own
The prince of peace their king,
And the whole world send back the song
Which now the angels sing.

LET ALL MORTAL FLESH KEEP SILENCE

instead of 'Therefore we'

Let all mortal flesh keep silence
And with fear and trembling stand;
Set your minds on things eternal,
For with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to earth descending
Comes our homage to command.

King of kings, yet born of Mary,
Once upon the earth he stood,
Lord of lords, we now perceive him
In his body and his blood,
He will give to all the faithful
His own self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven
Stream before him on the way,
As the light of light descending
From the realms of endless day,
Vanquishes the powers of evil
Clears the gloom of night away.

At his feet the six-winged seraphs,
Cherubim with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces in his presence,

As with ceaseless voice they cry,
Alleluia, alleluia,
Alleluia, Lord most high!

O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

instead of 'Dominus meus'

O come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him, born the king of angels:

**O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.**

True God of true God,
Light of light eternal,
Lo, he abhors not the virgin's womb;
Son of the Father, begotten not created:

Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above,
"Glory to God in the highest":

SILENT NIGHT

instead of 'O love'

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,
Heavenly hosts sing "Alleluia".
Christ, the Saviour, is born!
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continued ...

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.

ARISE TO GREET THE LORD OF LIGHT

after the benediction

Arise to greet the Lord of light
You people of his choice.
In uncreated glory bright,
He bursts upon our inward sight,
And bids the heart rejoice,
And bids the heart rejoice!

Towards his light shall kings be drawn
This majesty to see;
And in the brightness of the dawn
Shall see the world in hope reborn,
In justice full and free,
In justice full and free.

The holy light in Judah's skies
Calls sages from afar.
The hope of kings they recognise
Which, in the virgin mother's eyes,
Outshines the guiding star,
Outshines the guiding star.

This majesty for long concealed
From longing human sight,
In Jesus Christ is now revealed,
And God's eternal promise sealed
In love's unending light,
In love's unending light.

— Coming Up via Zoom —

Agapé & Dedication of the New Year 2021 *(for members)*

Thursday, December 31, 2020
from Coffs Harbour, NSW

NOTE TIME: NL 10am | WA 5pm | SA 7.30pm |
NSW/VIC 8pm | NZ 10pm

*During January each community will conduct activities
suitable to their local situation.
Regular services via Zoom will recommence in February.*

Cosmic Mass

Sunday, February 7, 2021
from Langwarrin, VIC

NL 8am | WA 3pm | SA 5.30pm | NSW/VIC 6pm | NZ 8pm

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