

Christmas Eve: Carols at 8:45PM

Carol: *God Rest You Merry, Gentleman*

1. God rest you merry, gentleman, let nothing you dismay,
Remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas day;
to save us all from Satan's power when we were gone astray.

Refrain: O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy;
O tidings of comfort and joy!

2. From God our heavenly Father a blessed angel came;
and unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same;
How that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name.

Refrain

3. "Fear not, then," said the angel, "Let nothing you affright;
This day is born a Savior of a pure virgin bright,
to free all those who trust in him from Satan's power and might."

Refrain

4. Now to the Lord sing praises, all you within this place,
and with true love and brotherhood each other now embrace;
this holy tide of Christmas doth bring redeeming grace.

Refrain

London Carol, 18th c; Tune: God Rest You Merry

Choir Carol: *Puer nobis nascitur* *Latin 14th century carol*
Unto Us a Boy is Born *16th century version*

The congregation is invited to join in singing the 4th stanza

Unto us a boy is born, the King of all creation,
came He to a world forlorn, the Lord of every nation.

Cradled in a stall was he with sleepy cows and asses;
but the very beasts could see that He all men surpasses.

Now may God's own Son, who came so long ago to love us,
lead us all with hearts aflame unto the joys above us.

Alpha and Omega he, now let us raise our voices,
singing as the heavenly choir now and for aye rejoices.

Hymn 50

Good Christian Men, Rejoice

Hymn 52

He whom joyous shepherds praised

Choir Carol

Sing we noel

French 16th century carol

Hymn 53

I know a rose-tree springing forth

Hymn 44

Ah! Lord God, the world's Creator

Carol: *Silent night*

1. 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.

2. Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight,
glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing alleluia;
Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!

3. 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. Amen.

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