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Les Fenêtres de l'Avent 2024 Carol Service Westlake Church Lausanne

#### 1. Hark the Herald Angels Sing

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 the angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

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Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord, late in time behold him come, offspring of a Virgin's womb: veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate Deity, pleased as man with man to dwell, Jesus, our Immanuel.

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Hail the heaven-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 man no more may die, born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth.

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#### 2. Away in a Manger

Away in a manger no crib for a bed, The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head. The stars in the night sky looked down where He lay, The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the Baby awakes, But little Lord Jesus no crying He makes. I love Thee Lord Jesus, look down from the sky, And stay by my side Until morning is nigh.

Be near me Lord Jesus I ask Thee to stay Close by me forever and love me I pray. Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care, And fit us for heaven to live with Thee there.

## 3. Silent Night

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! 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."

#### 4. While Shepherds Watched

While shepherds watched Their flocks by night, All seated on the ground, The angel of the Lord came down And glory shone around.

"Fear not" said he for mighty dread Had seized their troubled mind, "Glad tidings of great joy I bring To you and all mankind.

"To you in David's town this day Is born of David's line, A Saviour who is Christ the Lord And this shall be the sign:

"The heavenly babe you there shall find To human view displayed, All meanly wrapped in swaddling bands, And in a manger laid."

Thus spake the seraph and forthwith Appeared a shining throng, Of angels praising God who thus Addressed their joyful song:

"All glory be to God on high And on the earth be peace Goodwill hence forth From heaven to men Begin and never cease."

## 5. In the Bleak Midwinter

In the bleak midwinter Frosty wind made moan, Earth stood hard as iron Water like a stone; Snow had fallen, snow on snow, Snow on snow, In the bleak midwinter, Long ago,\.

Our God heav'n cannot hold Him, Nor earth sustain, Heav'n and earth shall flee away When He comes to reign; In the bleak midwinter, A stable place sufficed The Lord God Almighty Jesus Christ.

Angels and archangels May have gathered there, Cherubim and seraphim Thronged the air, But His mother only, In her maiden bliss, Worshipped the Beloved With a kiss.

What can I give Him, Poor as I am? If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb; If I were a wise man I would do my part; Yet what can I give Him? Give my heart.

## 6. O Holy Night

O holy night! the stars are brightly shining, It is the night of the dear Saviour's birth; Long lay the world in sin and error pining, Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth. A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices, For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn;

Fall on your knees, O, hear the angel voices! O night divine, O night when Christ was born! O night, O holy night, O night divine!

Led by the light of faith serenely beaming, With glowing hearts by His cradle we stand; So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming, Here came the wise men from Orient land. The King of kings lay thus in lowly manger, In all our trials born to be our Friend;

He knows our need, To our weakness is no stranger. Behold your King, Before Him lowly bend! Behold your King, Before Him lowly bend!

Truly He taught us to love one another; His law is love and His gospel is peace; Chains shall He break, for the slave is our brother,

And in His name all oppression shall cease. Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we,

Let all within us praise His holy name;

Christ is the Lord, O, praise His name forever! His power and glory Evermore proclaim! His power and glory Evermore proclaim!

# **Advent Readings**

## First Reading: Luke 2:1-7

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be registered, each to his own town. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

# Second Reading: Luke 2:8-20

And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

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