

Sunday 17 December 2023

**Song: TIS 283 Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!**

1 Long ago, prophets knew  
Christ would come, born a Jew,  
come to make all things new,  
bear his people's burden,  
freely love and pardon.

*Refrain*

Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!  
Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!  
When he comes,  
when he comes.  
who will make him welcome?

2 God in time, God in man,  
this is God's timeless plan:  
he will come, as a man,  
born himself of woman,  
God divinely human.

*Refrain*

3 Mary, hail! Though afraid,  
she believed, she obeyed.  
In her womb God is laid:  
till the time expected,  
nurtured and protected.

*Refrain*

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Journey ends: where afar  
Bethlem shines, like a star,  
stable door stands ajar.  
Unborn Son of Mary,  
Saviour, do not tarry.

*Refrain*

**Song: God of All People –**

1 God of all places: present, unseen;  
Voice in our silence, song in our midst.  
We are your people, knowing, unsure.

*Come, Lord Jesus, come!*

2 God of all dreaming, near and yet far.  
Vision unheard of, wake us to rest.  
We are your presence, sent forth afraid.

3 God of all people, dust and the clay.  
Breath of a new wind, fire in our heart.  
Light born of heaven, peace on the earth.

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## **Song: TIS 278 Canticle of the Gift**

1 In the stillness of the night when the world was asleep,  
the almighty word leapt out;  
he came to Mary, he came to us,  
Christ came to the land of Galilee,  
Christ our Lord and our King.

### *Refrain*

O what a gift, what a wonderful gift!  
Who can tell the wonders of the Lord?  
Let us open our eyes, our ears and our hearts:  
it is Christ the Lord, it is he!

2 On the night before he died it was Passover night,  
and he gathered his friends together;  
he broke the bread, he blessed the wine;  
it was the gift of his love and his life  
Christ our Lord and our King.

### *Refrain*

3 On the hill of Calvary the world held its breath,  
for there for the world to see  
God gave his Son, his very own Son  
for the love of you and me,  
Christ our Lord and our King.

### *Refrain*

4 Early on that morning when the guards were sleeping,  
back to life came he;  
he conquered death, he conquered sin,  
but the victory he gave to you and me,  
Christ our Lord and our King.

### *Refrain*

5 Some day with the saints we will come before our Father  
and then we will shout and dance and sing,  
for in our midst for our eyes to see  
will be Christ our Lord and our King,  
Christ our Lord and our King.

### *Refrain*

## **Song: TIS 268 Joy to the world!**

1 Joy to the world! The Lord is come;  
let earth receive its king;  
let every heart prepare him room,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

2 Joy to the earth! The Saviour reigns;  
let us our songs employ;  
while fields and streams, rocks, hills and plains  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

3 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.