

To Shepherds as They Watched by Night 103

Luke 2: 10, 11
Vom Himmel kam der Engel Schar
Martin Luther, 1548
Tr., Richard Massie, 1854, alt.

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Puer nobis nascitur
"Musae Sioniae," VI, 1609

The musical score consists of two parts. The first part, 'To Shepherds as They Watched by Night', is in common time (indicated by 'C') and has a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It features three staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics describe the shepherds watching by night, the appearance of the Angel, and the birth of Jesus. The second part, 'Puer nobis nascitur', is in common time (indicated by 'C') and has a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It also features three staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics describe the birth of Christ and the angels appearing to the shepherds.

1 To shep - herds as they watched by night Ap - peared a
 2 At Beth - le - hem, in Da - vid's town, As Mi - cah
 3 Oh, then re - joice that thro' His Son God is with
 4 What harm can sin and death then do? The true God

host of an - gels bright; Be - hold the ten - der Babe, they
 did of old make known; 'Tis Je - sus Christ, your Lord and
 sin - ners now at one; Made like your-selves of flesh and
 now a - bides with you. Let hell and Sa - tan rage and

said, In yon - der low - ly man - ger laid,
 King, Who doth to all sal - va - tion bring.
 blood, Your broth - er is th'e - ter - nal God.
 chafe, Christ is your Broth - er - ye are safe. A - men.

5 Not one He will or can forsake
 Who Him his confidence doth make.
 Let all his wiles the Tempter try,
 You may his utmost powers defy.

6 Ye shall and must at last prevail;
 God's own ye are, ye cannot fail.
 To God forever sing your praise
 With joy and patience all your days.

Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

The Nativity of Our Lord
Christmas Eve, December 24, 2021
4:00 p.m.

Blessed Nativity of Our Lord! "There was no help for us until the only Son of the Father in His unfathomable goodness had come down from heaven to help us." - Martin Luther. Welcome to the Divine Service. Guests desiring to commune are asked to speak to the Pastor. For the spiritual care and welfare of all we practice closed communion.

Order of Service

Divine Service Setting Two, Hymnal p. 167

Please follow the order of service printed in the hymnal beginning on page 167. The propers for the day (readings, hymns) are listed below.

Preservice Music "Sing We All Noel" – Allen Pote

Stand and face processional cross

Processional Hymn

"From Heaven Above to Earth I Come"
Stanzas 1-7

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Introit sung responsively with the choir

Antiphon

When all was still, and it was | midnight, *
 Your almighty Word, O Lord, descended from
 the | royal throne.

(Liturgical Text)

Psalm

Why do the | nations rage, *
 and the people plot a | vain thing?
 The kings of the earth set themselves,
 and the rulers take counsel to-| gether, *
 against the Lord and against His A-|nointed.
 He who sits in the heav-|ens shall laugh; *
 the Lord shall hold them in de-|rision.
 Then He shall speak to them | in His wrath, *
 and distress them in His deep dis- | pleasure:
 "Yet I have | set My King *
 on My holy hill of | Zion."

(Ps. 2:1-2, 4-6)

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son *
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

(Antiphon is repeated.)

Old Testament Reading

"For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given."

Isaiah 9:2-7

Choral Response

"Manger Carol" – Leo Sowerby

1. Here betwixt ass and oxen mild,
Sleep, sleep, sleep my little Child.
Angels from on high hover in the sky,
Keeping watch above the incarnate
God of love.
2. Here in the crib, secure from harms,
Sleep, sleep in Your mother's arms.
Angels from on high hover in the sky,
Keeping watch above the incarnate
God of love.
3. Here betwixt rose and lily white,
Sleep, sleep, sleep my Son tonight.
Angels from on high hover in the sky,
Keeping watch above the incarnate
God of love.
4. On this fair night of holy joy,
Sleep, sleep, sleep my little Boy
Angels from on high hover in the sky,
Keeping watch above the incarnate
God of love.

Titus 2:11-14

Epistle

The grace of God has appeared to bring salvation to all.

Stand and face the processional cross.

Alleluia Verse sung by the choir

Alleluia. Oh come, let us sing to the LORD!
Let us worship and bow down;
Let us kneel before the LORD our Maker. Alleluia.

(Ps. 95:1a, 6b)

Holy Gospel

The Birth of Christ in Bethlehem

Luke 2:1-20

Hymn of the Day

"From Heaven Above to Earth I Come"
Stanzas 8-15

St. 8 – All	St. 12 - All
St. 9 – Choir	St. 13 - Choir
St. 10 – Women and Children	St. 14 - All
St. 11 – Men	St. 15 – All

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Choral Offertory

"Myn Lyking" – Terry/Mills

1. I saw a fair mayden syttin
and sing.
She lulled a lyttel Childe,
a sweete' lording.
Lullay myn lyking, my dere Son,
my sweeting.
Lullay my dere herte,
myn own dere darling.
2. That same Lord is He that made
allé thing
Of allé Lord is He is Lord of
Allé kynges Kyng.
Lullay myn lyking, my dere Son,
my sweeting.
Lullay my dere herte,
myn own dere darling.
3. There was mickle (much) melody
at that Chylde's birth.
All that were in heav'nly bliss,
they made mickle mirth.
Lullay myn lyking, my dere Son,
my sweeting.
Lullay my dere herte,
myn own dere darling.
4. Angels bright sang their song to
that Child;
Blyssid be Thou, and so be she,
so meek and so mild.
Lullay myn lyking, my dere Son,
my sweeting.
Lullay my dere herte,
myn own dere darling.

Distribution Hymns

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 "To Shepherds as They Watched"
Choir sings stanzas 1 and 3

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Hymn to Depart

"Silent Night, Holy Night"

All:

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.

All:

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.

Choir:

2. Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht!
Alles schläft, einsam wacht
Nur das traute, hochheilige Paar.
Holder Knabe im lockigen Haar,
Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh,
Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh.

All:

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