

WORSHIP RESOURCE

December 17, 2023 | Third Sunday of Advent

ANGELS, FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY

Words by James Montgomery, 1816 | Music by Henry Smart, 1867

Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
ye who sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth.

*Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ the newborn King.*

Shepherds, in the fields abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night.
God with man is now residing, yonder shines the infant light.

Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great Desire of nations, ye have seen His natal star.

Saints before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear,
Suddenly the Lord, descending, in His temple shall appear.

ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

Traditional French Carol | Traditional French Melody

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 strains prolong?
Say what may the tidings be, which inspire your heav'nly song?

Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;
come adore on bended knee Christ the Lord the newborn King.

HOPE HAS A NAME

**Words and Music by Kristian Stanfill, Sean Curan,
and Jacob Sooter, 2020**

Breaking through the silence with glory in the highest,
the hope of all creation resting in his mother's arms.
A song on the horizon ringing through the heavens.
The long awaited Savior come to set the captives free,
come to set the captives free. Come set us free.

*Hope has a name: Emmanuel, the Light of the Word
Who broke through the darkness. All hail the King,
Emmanuel, the Light of the World, the Glory of Heaven.*

We didn't see it coming, the story of redemption.
What started in a manger ended in an empty grave.

Come if you're broken, come if you're searching.
If you need healing, He's where you find it.
Lay down your burdens and breathe in forgiveness.

IS HE WORTHY

Words and Music by Ben Shive and Andrew Peterson, 2018

Do you feel the world is broken, we do. Do you feel the shadows
deepen, we do. But do you know that all the dark won't stop
the light from getting through, we do. Do you wish you that you
could see it all made new, we do.

Is all creation groaning, it is. Is a new creation coming, it is.
Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst, it is.
Is it good that we remind ourselves of this, it is.

Is anyone worthy, is anyone whole.

Is anyone able to break the seals and open the scroll.

The Lion of Judah, who conquered the grave,

He is David's root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave.

Is He worthy, is He worthy of all blessing and honor and glory?

Is He worthy of this, He is.

Does the Father truly love us, He does. Does the Spirit move among
us, He does. And does Jesus our Messiah hold forever those He loves,
He does. Does our God intend to dwell again with us, He does.
From every people and tribe, every nation and tongue,
He has made us a kingdom and priest to God to reign with the Son.

DAILY READINGS | BOOK OF COMMON WORSHIP

SUNDAY | Ps. 110; Amos 9:11-15; 2 Thess. 2:1-17; John 5:30-47

MONDAY | Ps. 67; Zech. 1:7-17; Revelation 3:7-13; Matthew 24:5-31

TUESDAY | Ps. 94; Zech. 2:1-13; Revelation 3:14-22; Matt. 24:32-44

WEDNESDAY | Ps. 50; Zech. 3:1-10; Rev. 4:1-8; Matthew 24:45-51

THURSDAY | Ps. 126; Zech. 4:1-14; Revelation 4:9-5:5; Matt. 25:1-13

FRIDAY | Ps. 102; Zech. 7:8-8:8; Revelation 5:6-14; Matt. 25:14-30

SATURDAY | Ps. 80; Zech. 8:9-17; Revelation 6:1-17; Matt. 25:31-46

ADVENT PRAYER

Lord Jesus,

during this Advent season, we recognize you as the Messiah,
the anointed one sent to bring good news to the oppressed,
to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and release to the prisoners.

Help us, O Lord, to rejoice always, to pray without ceasing,
and to give thanks in all circumstances, for this is your will for us.

May we not quench the Spirit, but hold fast to what is good
and abstain from every form of evil.

Our desire is for you to sanctify us entirely,
and for our spirit and soul and body to be kept sound
and blameless at your return.

In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.



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