



Carol Singing at Home

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Sing along with this booklet, which can be printed off at
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neighbours and friends so they can use at home too.

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Carol

Away in a Manger,
No crib for His bed,
The little Lord Jesus
Laid down His sweat head
The stars in the bight 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 night.

Be near me, Lord Jesus,
I ask thee to stay
Close by my for ever
And love me I pray.
Bless all the dear children
In thy tender care
And fit us for Heaven
To live with thee there.

Author Unknown

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

People **Amen.**

The Lord be with you

People **And with your spirit.**

The Priest introduces the service.

Collect

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father,
in the birth of your Son
we celebrate the dawning of a new light in the world;
as we sing His praises fill our hearts with joy.
Through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God for ever and ever.

People

Amen.

Let us ask for the prayers of the Virgin Mother of God
as we worship her Son:

**Hail Mary, full of grace; the Lord is with thee,
blessed art thou among women
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now
and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

Carol

The Virgin Mary had a baby boy
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The Virgin Mary had a baby boy
and they said that His name was Jesus.

*He came from the glory [clap] [clap]
He came from the glorious kingdom
Oh yes, believer. Oh yes, believer.
He came from the glory, [clap] [clap]
He came from the glorious kingdom.*

The angels sang when the baby was born,
The angels sang when the baby was born,
The angels sang when the baby was born,
and proclaimed Him the Saviour Jesus.

The wise men saw where the Baby was born
The wise men saw where the Baby was born
The wise men saw where the Baby was born
and they saw that His name was Jesus.

Traditional Carol

Carol

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.

Joseph Mohr, 1792-1848 transl. J. Young

Scripture reading

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

[2:3-7]

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Carol

O come, all ye faithful
Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem,
Come and behold Him,
Born the King of angels.

*O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.*

God of God,
Light of light
Lo! He abhors not
the Virgin's womb,
very God begotten not created.

Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation
Sing all ye citizens of Heaven,
Glory to God
in the highest.

Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
born that happy morning,
Jesu, to thee be glory given
Word of the Father,
now in flesh appearing.

Words: John Francis Wade, 1711-1786, trans. F. Oakeley

Carol

O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
the silent stars go by.
Yet, in thy dark streets shineth
the everlasting light;
the hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee tonight.

O morning stars together
proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the King,
and peace to men on earth;
for Christ is born of Mary;
and, gathered all above,
while mortals sleep the angels keep
their watch of wondering love.

Where children pure and happy
pray to the Blessèd Child,
where misery cries out to thee,
Son of the Mother mild;
where charity stands watching
and faith holds wide the door,
the dark night waits, the glory breaks,
and Christmas comes once more.

O holy child of Bethlehem,
descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin, and enter in,
be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
the great glad tidings tell:
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Emmanuel.

The Revd Philips Brooks, 1835-1893

Prayers

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Father, your Son our Saviour was born in human flesh.
Renew your Church as the Body of Christ.
Holy God

People **hear our prayer.**

There was no room for your Son in the inn.
Protect with your love those who have no home
and all who live in poverty.

Holy God

People **hear our prayer.**

In the pain of labour, Mary brought your Son to birth.
Hold in your hand all who are in pain or distress.
Holy God

People **hear our prayer.**

Shepherds in the field heard good tidings of joy.
Give us grace to preach the gospel of Christ's redemption.
Holy God

People **hear our prayer.**

Strangers found the Holy Family,
and saw the babe lying in the manger.
Bless our homes and all whom we love.
Holy God

People **hear our prayer.**

Heaven is come down to earth,
and earth is raised to heaven.
Hold in your hand all those who have passed through death
in the hope of your coming kingdom.
Holy God

People **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father,
angels and shepherds worshipped at the manger throne.
Hear us as we pray as we were taught
by the Holy Child they found there:

People **Our Father, who art in Heaven,
Hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come;
thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us,
and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. Amen.**

Carol

Joy to the World , the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare Him room,
and Heaven and nature sing,
and Heaven and nature sing,
and Heaven, and Heaven, and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Saviour reigns!
Your sweetest songs imply
while fields and streams and hills and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
the wonders of His love,
the wonders of His love,
the wonders, wonders, of His love.

Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

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4pm Crib Mass at St Mary's
6pm Vigil Mass at the Good Shepherd
11.30pm Midnight Mass at St Mary's

Christmas Day

10am Festive Mass at St Mary's