

Hymn 143**“Angels, from the Realms of Glory”**

1 Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o’er all the earth; you, who sang creation’s story, now proclaim Messiah’s birth: come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king!

2 Shepherds, in the fields abiding, watching o’er your flocks by night, God with us is now residing; yonder shines the infant light: come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king!

3 Sages, leave your contemplations; brighter visions beam afar; seek the great desire of nations; you have seen his natal star: come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king!

4 All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son, evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One: come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king!

Hymn 487 Song After Children’s Time “These Treasured Children” verse 2

2 Our ancient story we shall tell, till these our children know it well within their souls and minds and hearts, for this is where their journey starts.

Hymn 158**“Born in the Night, Mary’s Child”**

1 Born in the night, Mary's Child, a long way from your home; coming in need, Mary's Child, born in a borrowed room.

2 Clear shining light, Mary's Child, your face lights up our way; Light of the world, Mary's Child, dawn on our darkened day.

3 Truth of our life, Mary's Child, you tell us God is good; yes, it is true, Mary's Child, shown on your cross of wood.

4 Hope of the world, Mary's Child, you're coming soon to reign; King of the earth, Mary's Child, walk in our streets again.

Hymn 134**“Joy to the World” v. 4**

4 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.

Hymn 136**“Go, Tell it on the Mountain”**

Refrain: Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere; go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

1 While shepherds kept their watching o’er silent flocks by night, behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. (Refrain)

2 The shepherds feared and trembled when lo! above the earth rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth. (Refrain)

3 Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born, and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. (Refrain)

Luke 2:41-52

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.' He said to them, 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.