

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo
Gloria, gloria, alleluia.

Lyrics: Luke 2:14a (Latin)

Music: Seth Thomas Crissman and Greg Yoder, 2023

Vocals: Theresa Peachey Crissman, Eliana Crissman, Seth Crissman, Gina Coulson, Katie Maust, Julia Maust, Kristina Yoder, Ebony Nicole, Nichole Barrows, Sarah Halteman, Zach Halteman, Taylor Bess, Mitchell Yoder, Jackson Maust, Daniel Barrows, Greg Yoder

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MAGNIFICAT (MIGHTY ONE)

Here am I, the servant of the Lord;
let it be with me according to your word.

My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name,
and holy is his name.

Lyrics: direct quotation of Luke 1:38b, 46b, 47, 49 (NRSV)

Music: Seth Thomas Crissman, Nicole Barrows, Ebony Nicole, and Greg Yoder, 2023

Vocals: Nichole Barrows, Ebony Nicole, Lauren Yoder, Kristina Yoder

LET US ALL OUR HEARTS PREPARE

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh.
Awake and harken, for he brings
glad tidings of the King of Kings!

We hail you as our Savior, Lord,
our refuge and our great reward.
Without your grace we waste away
like flowers that wither and decay.

And let us all our hearts prepare
For Christ to come and enter there

Then cleansed be every life from sin:
Make straight the way for God within
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And let us all our hearts prepare
For Christ to come and enter there

Lyrics: Charles Coffin, d. 1749; trans. John Chandler, 1837

Music: Greg Yoder, Ebony Nicole, and Nichole Barrows, 2023

Vocals: Ebony Nicole, Jackson Maust, Kristina Yoder

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HEAL AND MAKE WHOLE

Up in the fields, with shepherd and sheep
A withered old tree reaches out from her sleep
To call to the star, the night-watch now keeping
“Are you the one from the stories of old?
Is He the one sent to heal and restore?”

Out on the plain, between dust and stone
A tender young sapling, hardly half-grown
Whispers to the family walking alone
“Are you the ones from the stories of old?
Is He the one sent to heal and make whole?”

To bind up the brokenhearted
Bring good news for the oppressed
With a garland instead of ashes
Planting oaks of righteousness

Down in the city, with no room for belief
An olive branch rustles, offers a leaf
And cries to the child, who has come like a thief
“Are you the one from the stories of old?
Are you the one sent to heal and make whole?”

Up in the fields, out on the plain,
Down in the city, they're shouting his name
The mountains and trees sing with joy the refrain
“This is the one from the stories of old
He is the one sent to heal and make whole”

“This is the one from the stories of old
The one who the star and the prophets foretold
The Shepherd who gathers us into the fold
Jesus, the Son, sent to heal and make whole”

Lyrics: Greg Yoder, 2023

Music: Greg Yoder, 2023

Vocals: Lauren Yoder and Mitchell Yoder

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BETHLEHEM ONE

I am goin' up to Bethlehem town
I am goin' up hills and back down
Living in womb darkness like all peoples without the sun
King of Light, I Am the Bethlehem One
King of Light, I Am the Bethlehem One

We are goin' up to Bethlehem town
We are runnin' up fields and back down
“Glory to God and Good News!” they said, so we seek the new peace begun
Prince of Peace, we need you, Bethlehem One
Prince of Peace, we need you, Bethlehem One

We are goin' up to Bethlehem town
We are climbin' up mountains and back down
They call us wise but we are not, we only come weary, broken, undone
Son of the Wise God, we love you, Bethlehem One
Son of the Wise God, we love you, Bethlehem One

So glory to God in the highest!
And may Your favor and peace rest on all
Immanuel, God so big, baby so small
Immanuel, God so big, baby so small
Immanuel, God so big, baby so small

Lyrics: Philip Fisher Rhodes, 2009

Music: Philip Fisher Rhodes, 2009

Vocals: Ben Luna, Ebony Nicole, Jackson Maust

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EVERY VALLEY

A voice cries out: "In the wilderness
prepare the way of the LORD,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God."

Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;

the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.

Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,

Lyrics: direct quotation of Isaiah 40:3-5a (NRSV)

Music: Seth Thomas Crissman and Greg Yoder, 2023

Vocals: Jessica DiPuma, Ebony Nicole, Nichole Barrows, Mitchell Yoder, Kristina Yoder, Greg Yoder

SILENCE

For God alone
my soul waits in silence,
for my hope is from him.

He alone is my rock and my salvation,
my fortress; I shall not be shaken.

Lyrics: direct quotation of Psalm 62:5-6 (NRSV)

Music: Seth Thomas Crissman, 2023

Vocals: Kristina Yoder and Mitchell Yoder

HOLD FAST

Rejoice always,
pray without ceasing,

give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is the will of God
in Christ Jesus for you.

Do not quench the Spirit.
Do not despise the words of prophets,
but test everything;

hold fast to what is good

Lyrics: direct quotation of 1 Thessalonians 5:16-21 (NRSV)

Music: Greg Yoder, 2023

Vocals: Ben Luna, Ebony Nicole, Nichole Barrows, Jackson Maust, Mitchell Yoder, Greg Yoder

PEACE PRAYER

We cry peace, peace, peace for the storms surround us
Peace, peace, peace for the fears that haunt us
Peace, peace, peace, God, we are perishing!
We cry peace, peace, peace for there is no peace

Oh hold, hold your arms around this tilting planet
Hold, hold your arms around the wounds of this world
Hold, hold your arms around your people, all of us,
Hold, hold your arms around the world

We cry peace, peace, peace — but there is no justice
Peace, peace, peace — but some have more than others
Peace, peace, peace — but there are hungry bellies
We cry peace, peace, peace — but there is no peace

Oh hold, hold Your arms around this tilting planet
Hold, hold Your arms around the wounds of this world
Hold, hold Your arms around Your people, all of us,
Hold, hold Your arms around the world

May we see the wounds within, around us truthfully
May we take the time and care they need to heal
Then bring our hammers and our hearts
A time for ends, a time for starts
Show us what to build and what to tear down to the ground

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Peace, peace, peace, may our minds be set on it
Peace, peace, peace, may our fears make way for it
Peace, peace, peace, lay our weapons down for it
Peace, peace, peace, may we join in building it

Oh hold, hold Your arms around this tilting planet
Hold, hold Your arms around the wounds of this world
Hold, hold Your arms around Your people, all of us,
Hold, hold Your arms around the world

Lyrics: Susan Gascho-Cooke, 2021

Music: Susan Gascho-Cooke, 2021

Vocals: Susan Gascho-Cooke, Jackson Maust, Kristina Yoder

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MAY THOSE WHO SOW

The grass withers, the flower fades;
but the word of our God will stand forever.
The leaf shrivels, so too the shade,
But the word of our God will stand

May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy
May those who sow in fear be neither harmed nor destroyed
May those who sow in sorrow harvest with delight
For all who sow, sow for tomorrow, with hope that falls by night

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down

Lyrics: direct quotations from Isaiah 40:8 (NRSV), Psalm 126:5 (NRSV), and Isaiah 64:1a (NRSV), with additional lines by Greg Yoder, 2023

Music: Greg Yoder, 2023

Vocals: Jackson Maust and Rachel Mast

COME DOWN, O LOVE DIVINE

Come down, O love divine, seek Thou this soul of mine,
And visit it with Thine own ardor glowing.
O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear,
And kindle it, Thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn, til earthly passions turn
To dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
And let Thy glorious light shine ever on my sight,
And clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity mine outward vesture be,
And lowliness become mine inner clothing;
True lowliness of heart, which takes the humbler part,
And o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

Bless'd be the tie that binds our hearts and souls and minds.

And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long,
Shall far outpass the power of human telling;
For none can guess its grace, till love creates a place
Wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

Lyrics: Bianca da Sienna, d. ca. 1434; trans. Richard Frederick Littledale, d. 1890, with chorus by Seth Thomas Crissman, 2013

Music: Seth Thomas Crissman, 2013

Vocals: Mitchell Yoder, Nichole Barrows, Ebony Nicole, Lauren Yoder, Kristina Yoder

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Christ Before and Christ Beneath

Christ before and Christ beneath
Move our hearts and move our feet
Fill the hungry, bless the meek
And lead us into peace

Lyrics: Seth Thomas Crissman, 2023

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Vocals: Lauren Yoder

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