

ELFACS SONG SHEET 7 & 8 JANUARY 2023

ENTRANCE :

To God be the glory

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Great things He has done
So loved He the world that
He gave us His Son
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin
And opened the life-gate that all may go in

Reff :

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord
Let the earth hear His voice
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord
Let the people rejoice
O Come to the Father
Through Jesus the Son
and give Him the glory
Great things He has done*

Great things he has taught us,
great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing
through Jesus the Son,
but purer and higher and greater will be
our joy and our wonder,
when Jesus we see

Reff :

OFFERTORY :

O little town of Bethlehem

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.

For Christ is born of Mary,
and, gathered all above
while mortals sleep, the angels keep
their watch of wond'ring love.
O morning stars, together
proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the King
and peace to all the earth.

How silently, how silently,
the wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts
the blessings of his heav'n.
No ear may hear his coming,
but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him, still
the dear Christ enters in.

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 Immanuel!

HOLY

LORD'S PRAYER

LAMB OF GOD

COMMUNION :

The first Nowell

The first Nowell, the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds
in fields as they lay
In fields where they lay keeping their
sheep.
On a cold winter's night that was so deep
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell
Born is the King of Israel

They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the East beyond them far.
And to the earth it gave great light
And so it continued both day and night.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell
Born is the King of Israel

Christmas Lulaby

Clear in the darkness,
a light shines in Bethlehem Angels
are singing, their sound fills the air.
Wise men have journeyed to greet
their Messiah But only a mother and
baby lie there

Reff :

*Ave Maria, Ave Maria
Hear the soft lullaby the angel hosts sing
Ave Maria, Ave Maria
Maiden and mother of Jesus our King*

Where are his courtiers and
who are his people? Why does he bear
neither sceptre nor crown?
Shepherds his courtiers, the poor for his
people With peace as his sceptre
and love for his crown

Reff :

What though your treasures are not gold
or incense? Lay them before him
with hearts full of love
Praise to the Christ child,
and praise to his mother
Who bore us a Saviour by grace from
above

Reff :

RECESSIONAL :

Joy to the world

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And Heaven and nature sing(3X)

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let men their songs employ
While fields and floods, rocks, hills
and plains
Repeat the sounding joy (3X)