

The Christmas Story

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1. Introduction



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S A T B S A T B S A T B

Sing of the birth, sing of the birth of our Lord Je-sus
 Sing of the birth, sing of the birth of our Lord Je-sus
 Sing of the birth, sing of the birth of our Lord Je-sus
 Sing of the birth, sing of the birth of our Lord Je-sus

Four staves for Soprano (S), Alto (A), Tenor (T), and Bass (B) are shown. The vocal parts are mostly silent, while the bass part provides harmonic support with sustained notes and simple rhythmic patterns.

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S A T B S A T B S A T B

Christ, of our Lord Je-sus Christ our Sa-viour!
 Christ, of our Lord Je-sus Christ our Sa-viour! as was
 Christ, of our Lord Je-sus Christ our Sa-viour!
 Christ, of our Lord Je-sus Christ our Sa-viour! as was

The vocal parts begin to sing, with each part taking turns to sing the lyrics. The bass part continues to provide harmonic support with sustained notes and simple rhythmic patterns.

S as was told by the Ho - ly by the Ho ly, by the Ho - ly E -
A told, as was told by the Ho - ly, by the Ho ly, by the Ho - ly E -
T 8 as was told by the Ho - ly, the Ho - ly, the Ho - ly E - van -
B told, as was told by the Ho - ly, the Ho - ly, the Ho - ly E - van -

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S van - ge-lists, by the Ho - ly E - van - ge-lists, by the Ho - ly E -
A van - ge-lists, by the Ho - ly E - van - ge-lists, by the Ho - ly, the Ho - ly E -
T 8 - ge-lists, by the Ho - ly E - van - ge-lists, by the Ho - ly, the Ho - ly E -
B - ge-lists, by the Ho - ly, the Ho - ly E - van - ge-lists, by the Ho - ly, the Ho - ly E -

S van - ge - lists, the birth of Je - sus, of Je - sus Christ our Lord!
A van - ge - lists, the birth of Je - sus, of Je - sus Christ our Lord!
T 8 van - ge - lists, the birth of Je - sus, of Je - sus Christ our Lord!
B van - ge - lists, the birth of Je - sus, of Christ our Lord!

Evangelist 1
 And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Cae-sar Au-gus-tus, that all the

Ev. 5
 world should betaxed. And this ta-xing was first made when Cy-ren - ius was go-ver-nor of Sy - ria.

Ev. 9
 And all went to be taxed, e-very one in - to his own ci-ty.

Ev. 15
 And Jo - seph al - so went up from Ga - li - lee, out of the ci - ty of Na - za-reth, in - to Ju -

Ev. 18
 dea, un - to the ci - ty of Da - vid, which is called Beth - le-hem; be-cause he was of the house and

Ev. 22
 li - neage of Da - vid, to be taxed with Ma - ry his e - spou - sed wife, be-ing great with child.

Ev. 27
 And so it was that, while she was there, the days were ac - com-plished that she should be de - li -

Ev. 31
 vered. And she brought forth her first born son, and wrapped him in swad - - - ling

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Ev. clothes, and laid him in a man- ger, be-cause there was no room for them

39

Ev. in the inn. And there were in the same coun - try shep - herds a -

44

Ev. bi-ding in the field, kee-ping watch o - ver their flock by night. And lo, the an-gel of the

48

Ev. Lord came u-pon them, and the glo - ry of the Lord shone round a - bout them: and they -

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Ev. — were sore a - fraid. And the an - gel said un - to them:

2. Intermedium 1: the Angel to the Shepherds

Angel

Fear not, fear not, fear not, fear

A.

not: for be - hold, I bring you good ti - dings, I bring

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A.

you good ti - dings, I bring you good tid - ings, for be - hold, I bring

A.

you good ti - dings, I bring you good ti - dings, I - bring you - good ti - dings, bring you

A.

ti - dings of great joy,

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A.

ti - dings of great joy which shall be to all peo -

A.

ple, I bring you good ti - dings, I bring you good ti - dings, I bring you good ti -

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A.

dings. For un - to you, un -

A.

to you is born____ this day in the ci - ty of Da - vid a Sa -

A.

viour, born____ a Sa - viour which is Christ the Lord. I bring you good ti -

A.

dings, I bring you good ti - dings, ti - dings of great joy.

A.

And this shall be a sign, shall be a

A.

sign un - to you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swad - dling clothes.

A.

ly - ing in a man - ger. I bring you good ti - dings, I bring you good ti -

A.

dings, ti - dings of great joy.

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A.

Ye shall find the babe, Ye shall find the babe wrapped

A.

in swad - dling clothes, and ly - ing, ly - ing in a man - -

A.

ger, and ly - - - ing, and ly - ing in a man - - ger.

A.

1

Ev. And sud - den - ly there was with the an - gel a mul - ti tude of the Heaven - ly

4

Ev. host prai - sing God and say - - - ing:

3. Intermedium 2: the Angelic Host

S 1 Glo - - - ry to God, Glo - - - ry to God,

S 2 Glo - - - ry to God, Glo - - -

A Glo - - - ry to - - -

B

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S 1 Glo - - - ry to God, God in the High - est,

S 2 - - - - ry to God, God in the High - est,

A God, Glo - - ry to God, God in the High - est,

B and on

S 1

Glo - ry, glo - ry to God, God in the high - - - est.

S 2

A

T 1

T 2

B

Glo - - -
Glo - - -

earth peace, on earth peace, and on

S 1

Glo - - -

S 2

Glo - - -

A

Glo - - - ry - to - God, God in the high - - - est, God, Glo - -

T 1

- - ry - to - God, God in the high - - - est,

T 2

- - ry - to - God, God in the high - - - est,

B

earth peace, on earth peace, and on earth peace, on

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S 1

S 2

A

T 1

8 Glo - ry to God, God in the high - est,

T 2

8 Glo - ry to God, God in the high - est,

B

earth peace, on earth peace, and on earth

S 1

S 2

A

and on earth peace, good - will to - ward

T 1

T 2

8 and on earth peace, good - will

B

peace,

S 1

earth peace, good - will to - ward

S 2

good - will to - ward

A

men, good - will to - ward

T 1

T 2

good - will good - will to - ward

B

(*mezzo-soprano*)

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S 1

men, and on earth peace, on earth peace,

S 2

men, and on earth peace, on earth peace,

A

men, and on earth peace, on earth peace,

T 1

and on earth peace, on earth peace,

T 2

men, and on earth peace, on earth peace, and on earth peace, and on earth peace.

B

(*bass*)

S 1

S 2

A

T 1
8 and on earth peace, good - will,

T 2
8 earth peace, good - will, good - will

B
and on earth peace, good - will, good -

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S 1
and on earth peace, on earth __ peace,

S 2
and on earth peace, on earth peace,

A
and on earth peace, on earth peace, and on

T 1
8 — to - ward men,

T 2
8 — to - ward men,

B
will to - ward men,

S 1

S 2

A

T 1

T 2

B

and on earth peace, good - will

and on earth peace,

earth peace, good will,

and on earth peace, good - will

and on

S 1

S 2

A

T 1

T 2

B

good - will, good - will, good -

will, good - will, good - will,

good - will, good - will, good -

good - will, good - will, good -

to - ward men, good -

good - will, good - will, to - ward

earth peace, good - will, good - will,

good - will,

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S 1 will to - - - ward ____ men, and on earth, and on earth ____

S 2 — to - - - ward men, and on earth, and on earth ____

A will to - - - ward ____ men, and on earth peace, on earth

T 1 8 will to - - - ward men, and on earth, and on 8 earth

T 2 8 men, and on earth peace, and on earth ____

B — to - - - - ward men, and on earth, and on earth

S 1 peace, and on earth peace, good -

S 2 peace, and on earth peace, good -

A peace, and on earth peace, good - will ____

T 1 8 peace, and on

T 2 8 peace, and on earth peace, good - will ____

B peace, ——————

S 1

will to - ward men, good - will, good -

S 2

will to - ward men, good - will,

A

— to - ward men, good - will, good -

T 1

⁸ earth peace, and on earth peace, good - will,

T 2

⁸ — to - ward men, good - will, good -

B

and on earth peace, good - will,

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S 1

will, good - will,

S 2

— good - will, to - ward men,

A

will, good - will to - ward men, good -

T 1

⁸ — good - will, to - ward men, good -

T 2

⁸ will, good - will to - ward men, good -

B

good - will, good - will to - ward men,

S 1

S 2

A

T 1

T 2

B

S 1

S 2

A

T 1

T 2

B

Ev.

1
8 And as the an - gels were gone a - way from them in - to heaven,

Ev.
4
8 the shep - herds said to one a - no - ther:

4. Intermedium 3: the Shepherds

S 1

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Let us now go even un - to Beth - le -

S 2

Let us now go

S 1

hem, Let us now go, now

S 2

— even un - to Beth - le - hem, Let us now go

A

Let us now go even un - to Beth - le hem, let us now go

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S 1 go even unto Beth-le-hem, and see this thing which is

S 2 — even unto Beth - le-hem, and see this thing which

A — even un - to Beth - - le-hem, and see this thing which

Bassoon (partially visible)

S 1 — come to pass, this thing which is come to pass, to pass, and see this

S 2 is come to pass, this thing which is come to pass, and see this thing which

A is come to pass, which is come to pass, to pass, and see this

Bassoon (partially visible)

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S 1 thing which is come to pass, this thing which is come to pass, this thing which is

S 2 — is come to pass, this thing which is come to pass, this thing which

A thing which is come to pass, this thing which is come to pass, this thing which is

Bassoon (partially visible)

S 1

come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

S 2

is come to pass, which the Lord hath made, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

A

come to pass, which the Lord hath made, made known unto us.

(Bass line)

Ev. 1
8 And they came with haste, and found Ma-ry and Jo-seph, and the babe ly-ing in a man - ger.

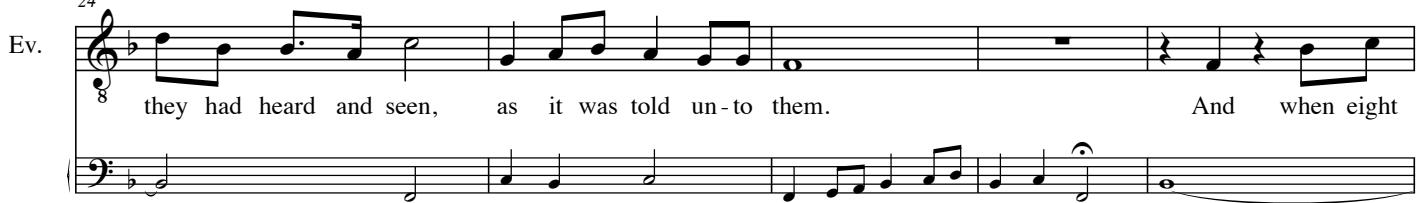
Ev. 6
8 And when they had seen it, they made known a-broad the say - ing which was told them con -

Ev. 10
8 cer-ing this child. And they that heard it won-dered at those things which were told them by the

Ev. 14
8 shep-herds. But Ma - ry kept all these things and pon - dered them in her

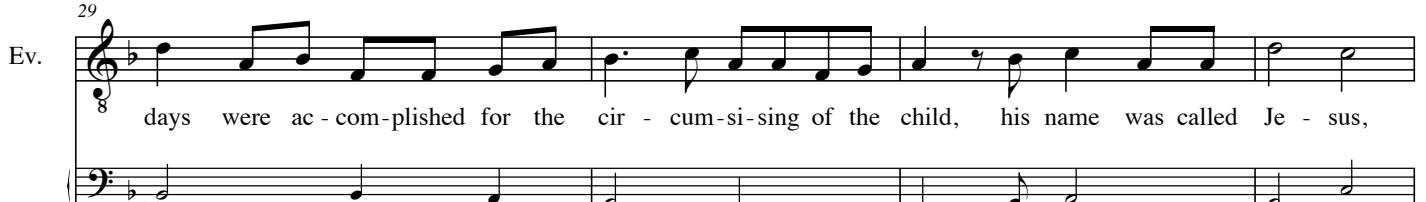
Ev. 20
8 heart. And the shep - herds re-turned glo - ri-fy - ing and prai-sing God for all the things that

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Ev. 

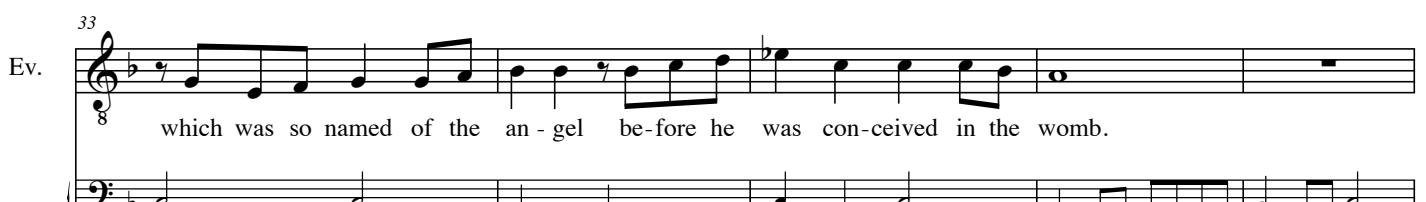
they had heard and seen, as it was told un-to them. And when eight

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Ev. 

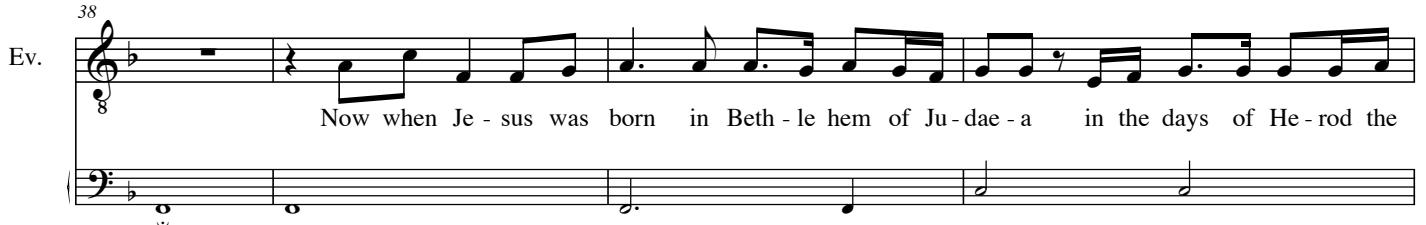
days were ac - com-plished for the cir - cum-si-sing of the child, his name was called Je - sus,

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Ev. 

which was so named of the an - gel be-fore he was con-ceived in the womb.

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Ev. 

Now when Je - sus was born in Beth - le hem of Ju - dae - a in the days of He - rod the

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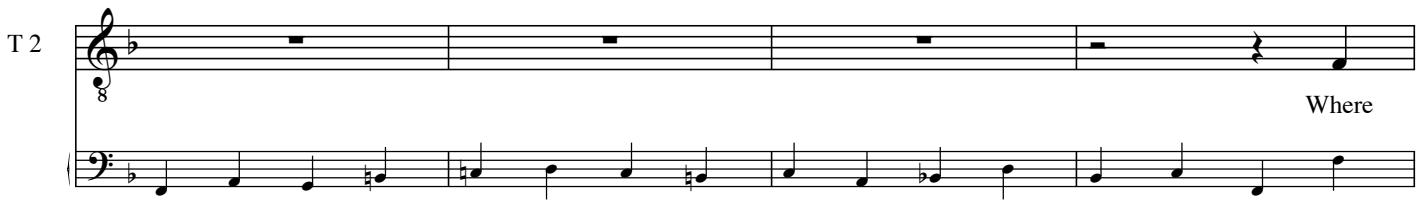
Ev. 

king, be-hold, there came wise men from the East to Je - ru - sa - lem, say - ing,

5. Intermedium 4: the Wise Men



T 2



5/11

T 1

T 2

B

Where is he, where is he that is born, born king of the
is he, where is he that is born, where is he that is born, born king of the
Where is he, where is he that is born, where is he that is born, born king of the

T 1

T 2

B

Jews? Where is he that is born, he that is born, where is he that is born—the king of the
Jews?
Where is he that is born, he that is born king of the
Jews?
Where is he that is born, he that is born, born king of the

5/19

T 1

T 2

B

Jews? For we have seen his star in the East, have seen his star in the
Jews? For we have seen his star in the East, have seen his star in the
Jews? For we have seen his star in the East, have seen his star in the

T 1

T 2

B

East, seen his star in the East, have seen his
East, for we have seen his star in the East, have seen his
East, for we have seen his star in the

T 1

8 star _____ in the East, and are come to wor - ship him, for we have seen his

T 2

8 star _____ in the East, and are come to wor - ship him, for we have seen his star _____ in the

B

East. and are come to wor - ship him, for we have seen his star _____ in the

5/30

T 1

8 star _____ in the East, have seen his star _____ in the East, his star in the East,

T 2

8 East, have seen his star, _____ the East, in the East, his star in the East, and are

B

East, have seen his star, _____ in the East, his star in the East,

T 1

8 and are come, and are come, are come to wor - ship him,

T 2

8 come, and are come to wor - - - ship him,

B

and are come to wor - ship him,

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T 1

8 and are come, and are come, are come to wor - ship him, and are

T 2

8 and are come, and are come to wor - ship him,

B

and are come, and are come, are come to wor - ship him,

T 1

come, and are come, and are come, are come, are

T 2

and are come, and are come, and are come, are come to

B

and are come, and are come, and are come, are come to

T 1

come to wor - ship him, come to wor - - - ship him.

T 2

wor - - - ship him, come to wor ship him.

B

wor - - ship him, come to wor - - - ship him.

Ev.

¹ When He - rod the king had heard these things, he was trou - bled, and all Je - ru - sa - lem

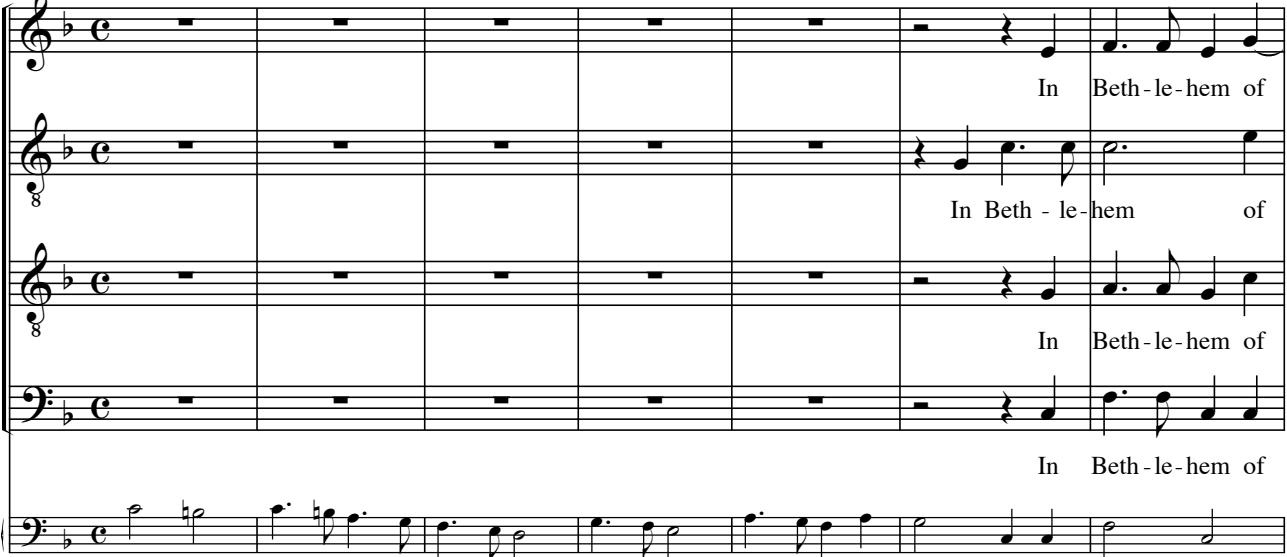
Ev.

⁴ with him. And when he had ga - thered all the chief priests and scribes of the peo - ple to -

Ev.

⁷ ge - ther, he de - man - ded of them where Christ should be born. And they said un - to him:

6. Intermedium 5: the High Priests and Scribes

A 

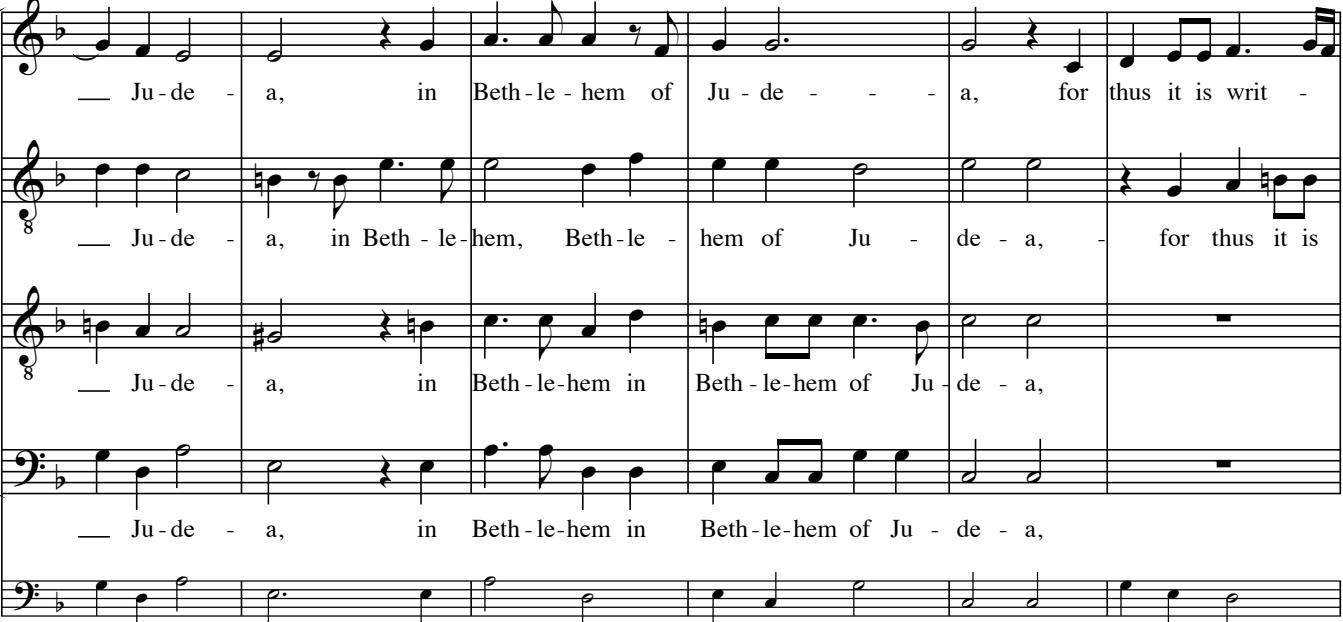
T1 In Beth - le - hem of

T2 In Beth - le - hem of

B In Beth - le - hem of

In Beth - le - hem of

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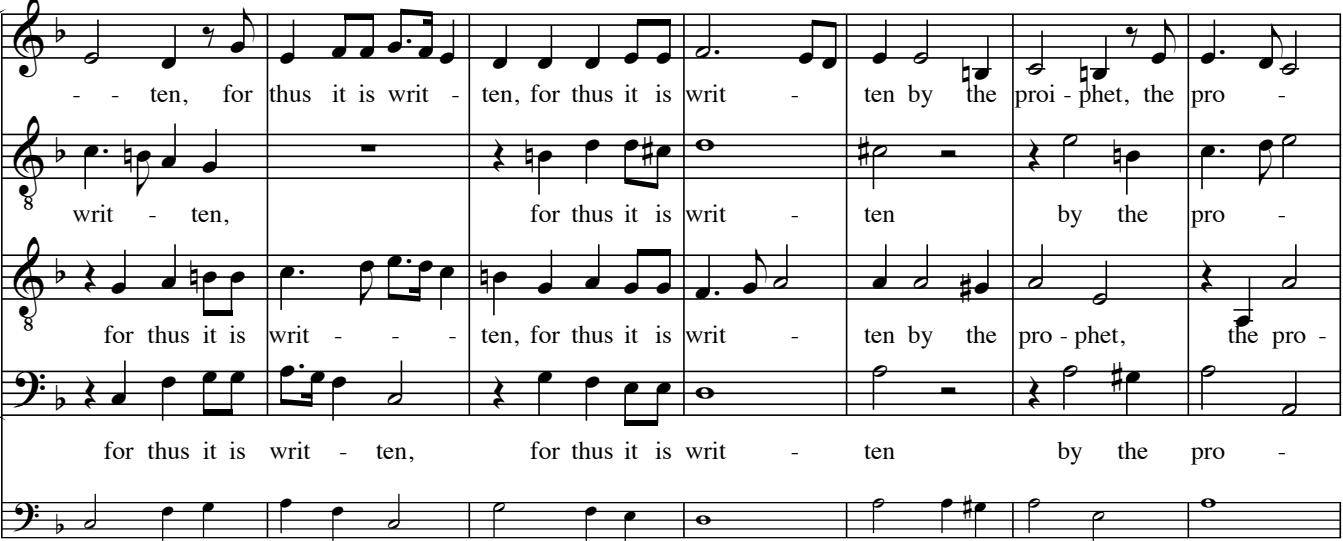
A 

T1 Ju - de - a, in Beth - le - hem, Beth - le - hem of Ju - de - a, for thus it is

T2 Ju - de - a, in Beth - le - hem in Beth - le - hem of Ju - de - a,

B Ju - de - a, in Beth - le - hem in Beth - le - hem of Ju - de - a,

— Ju - de - a, in Beth - le - hem in Beth - le - hem of Ju - de - a,

A 

T1 writ - ten, for thus it is writ - ten by the pro -

T2 for thus it is writ - - - ten, for thus it is writ - ten by the pro - phet, the pro -

B for thus it is writ - ten, for thus it is writ - ten by the pro -

for thus it is writ - ten, for thus it is writ - ten by the pro -

6/22

A phet: And thou Beth-le-hem, in the land of

T 1 phet: And thou Beth-le-hem, in the land of

T 2 phet: And thou Beth-le-hem, in the land of

B phet: And thou Beth-le-hem, in the land of

A Ju - da, art not the least a - mong the prin - ces, the prin - ces of Ju -

T 1 Ju - da, art not the least a - mong the prin - ces, the prin - ces of Ju -

T 2 Ju - da, the prin - ces of Ju -

B Ju - da, the prin - ces of Ju -

A da, not least a - mong the prin - ces, not least a - mong the prin - ces,

T 1 da, not least a - mong the prin - ces, not least a - mong the prin - ces,

T 2 da, art not the least, art not the least a - mong the prin - ces of Ju - da, a - mong the

B da, art not the least, art not the least a - mong the prin - ces of Ju - da, a - mong the

6/36

A a-mong the prin-ces of Ju - da; for out of thee shall come a go - ver-nor,

T 1 a-mong the prin-ces of Ju - da; for out of thee shall come a

T 2 prin - ces of Ju - da; for out of thee shall come a go - ver-nor, a

B prin - ces of Ju - da; for out of thee shall come a go - ver-nor,

A that shall rule my peo - ple Is - ra - el, my peo-ple Is - ra -

T 1 go - ver-nor, that shall rule my peo-ple Is - ra - el, a go - - - ver -

T 2 go - ver-nor, that shall rule my peo-ple Is - ra - el, a go - ver -

B that shall rule my peo - ple Is - ra - el, rule my peo-ple Is - ra - el, a go - - - ver -

A el, for out of thee shall come a go - ver -

T 1 nor, for out of thee shall come a go - ver - nor,

T 2 nor, for out of thee shall come a go - ver - nor,

B nor, for out of thee shall come a go - ver - nor,

6/48

A nor, that shall rule my peo - ple Is - ra-el,

T 1 that shall rule my peo - ple Is - ra-el, a

T 2 that shall rule my peo - ple Is - ra-el,

B that shall rule my peo - ple Is - ra-el,

 that shall rule my peo - ple Is - ra-el,

A that shall rule my peo - ple Is - ra-el, rule my peo - ple

T 1 go - ver-nor, shall rule my peo - ple Is - ra-el, rule my peo - ple Is - ra-el,

T 2 shall rule my peo - ple Is - ra-el, rule my peo - ple Is - ra-el, rule my peo - ple

B shall rule my peo - ple Is - ra-el, rule my peo - ple Is - ra-el, rule my peo - ple Is - ra-el,

A Is - ra-el, rule my peo - ple Is - ra-el, my peo - ple Is - ra - el.

T 1 rule my peo - ple Is - - - ra - el, my peo - ple Is - - - - ra - el.

T 2 Is - ra-el, rule my peo - ple Is - ra-el, my peo - - - ple Is - ra - el.

B rule my peo - ple Is - - - ra - el, Is - - - - ra - el.

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Ev. Then He-rod, when he had se-cret-ly called the wisemen, in-quired of them dil-li-gent-ly what time the

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Ev. star ap-peared. And he sent them to Beth-le-hem, and said:

7. Intermedium 6: Herod

7/7

Her. Go and ____ search, go and ____ search, go and ____ search, go and ____ search,

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Her. young child, for the young child, go and search, search for the young child, for the

Her. young child, for the young child; and when ye have found ____ him,

Her. bring me word a-gain, bring me word a-gain, bring me word a-gain, a-gain,

7/30

Her.

bring me, bring me word a - gain,
that I may come,

Her.

that I may come _____ and wor-ship him al - so,
and wor-ship him

Her.

al - so, that I may come _____ and wor-ship him,___

Her.

and wor - ship him _____ al - so.

I
Ev.

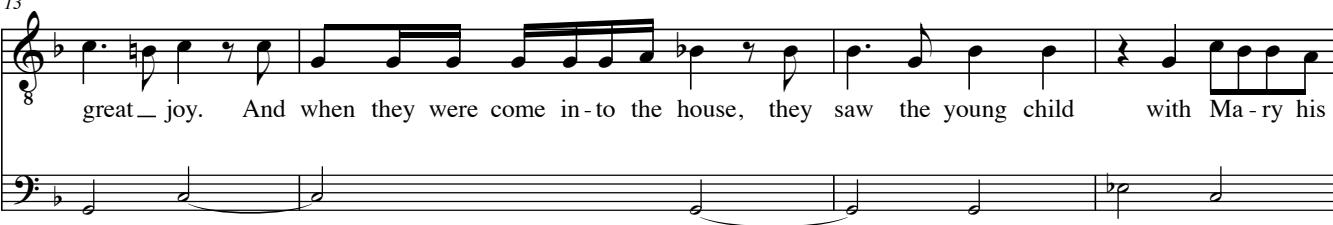
When they had heard the king, they de-par-ted;
and lo, the star which they

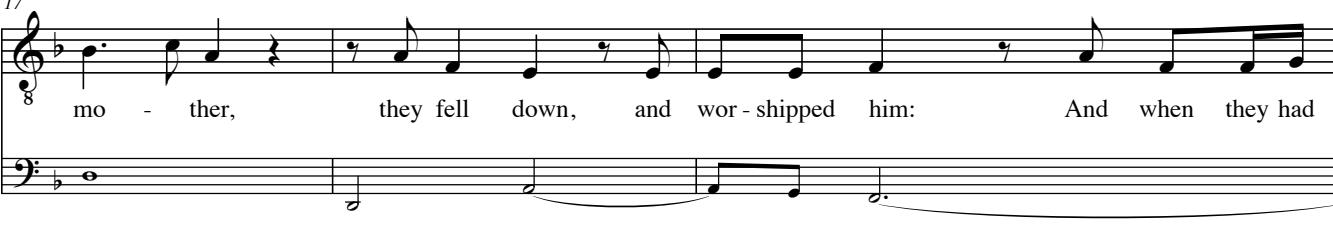
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saw in the East, went be - fore them, till it__ came and stood o - ver where the

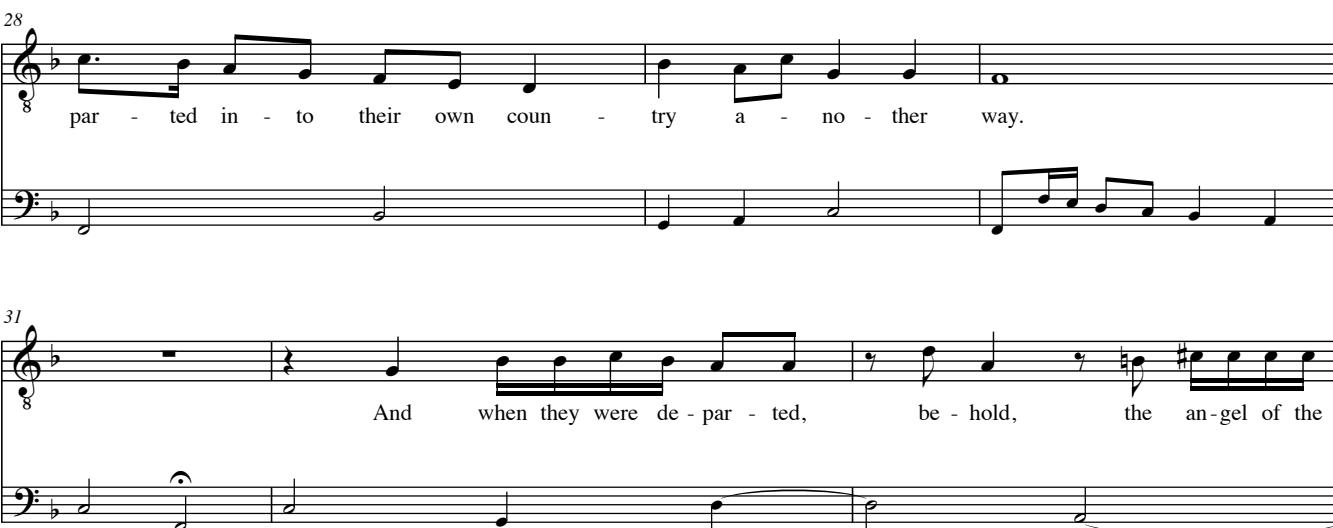
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Ev.

young child was.
When they saw the star, they re - joiced with ex-cee - ding

13
Ev. 

17
Ev. 

20
Ev. 

24
Ev. 

8. Intermedium 7: the Angel

Angel

A - rise, a - rise,

A.

a - rise, Jo - seph, a - rise, a - rise, a - rise, Jo -

A.

8/15

seph, a - rise, Jo - seph, a - rise, and take the young child,

A.

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the young child and his mo - - - - ther, and

A.

8/21

flee

A.

8/26

in-to E - gypt, and

A.

8/29

be thou there un - til I bring thee word: for He - rod will seek, for

8/36

A.

He - rod will seek the young child, the young child to de-story him.

8/39

A.

— for He - rod will seek, for He - rod will seek the young child, the young child

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A.

to de-stroy him.

I
Ev.

When he a-rose, he took the young child and his mo-ther by night, and de-par - ted in-to

6
Ev.

E - gypt: and was there un - til the death of He - rod, that it might be ful - filled which was

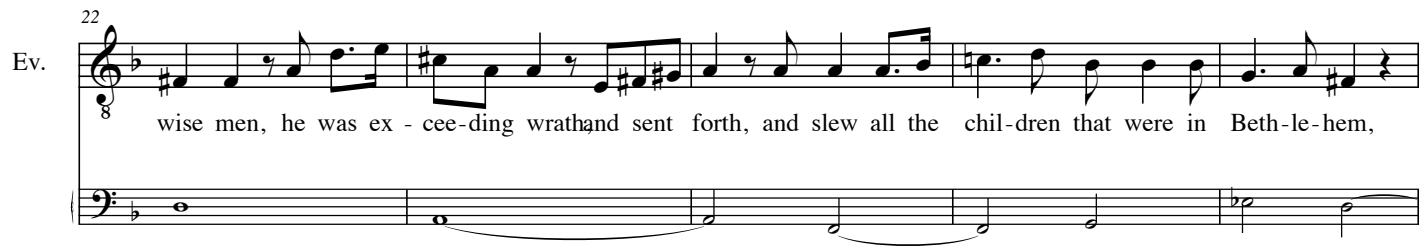
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spo - ken of the Lord by the pro-phet, say - ing: Out of E - gypt have I called my

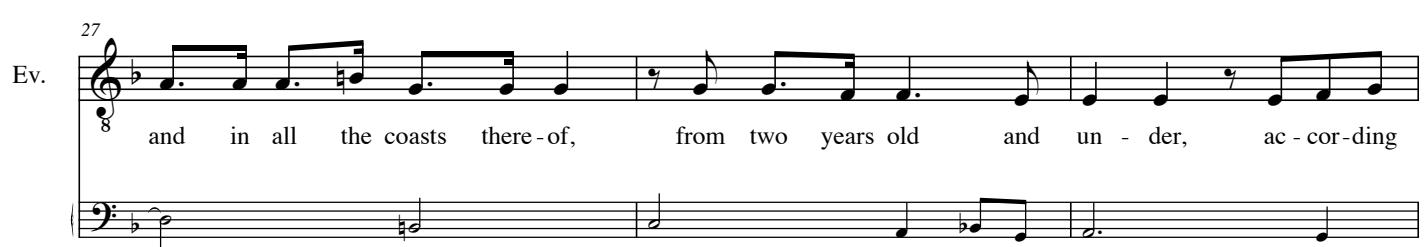
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Ev.

son. Then He - rod when he saw that he was mocked of the

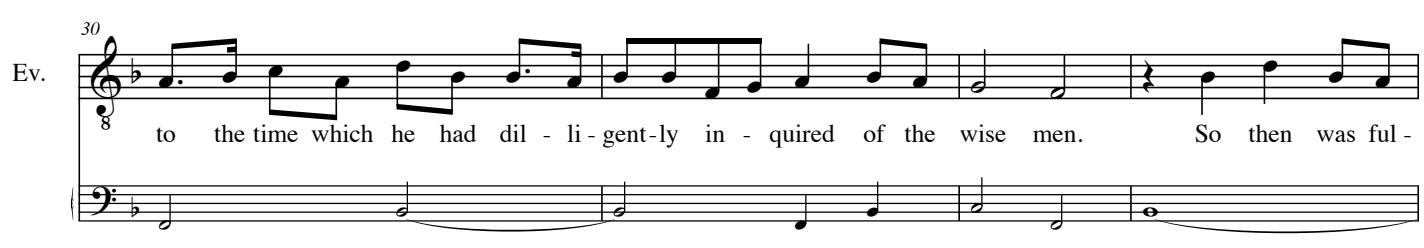
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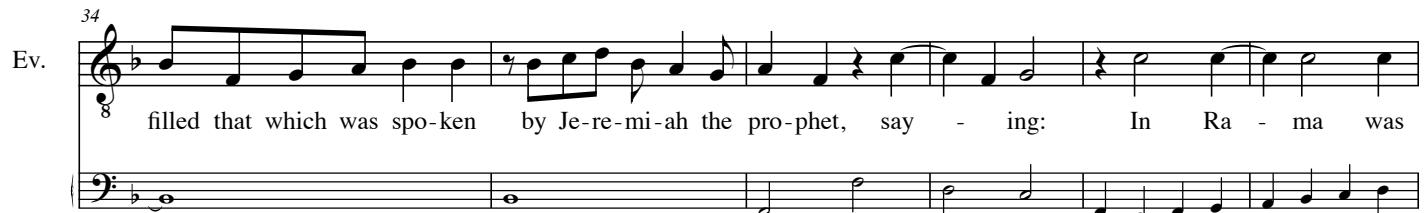
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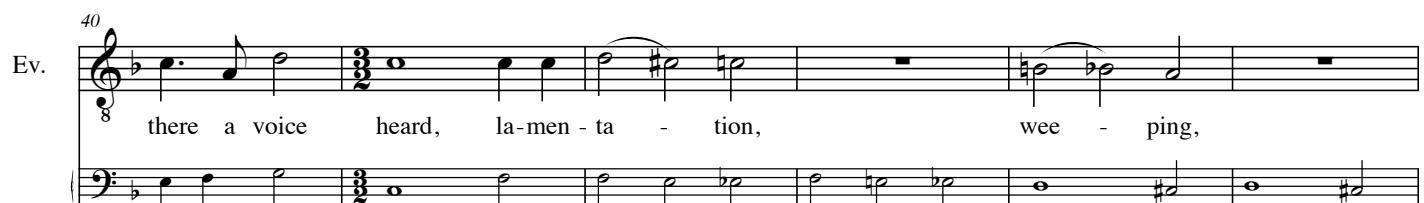
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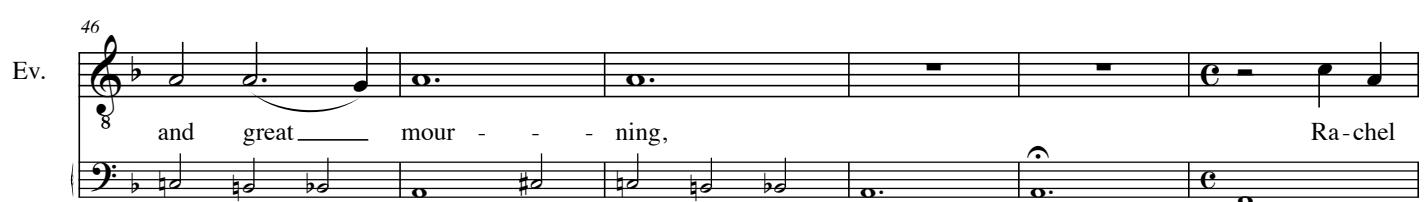
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Ev. 

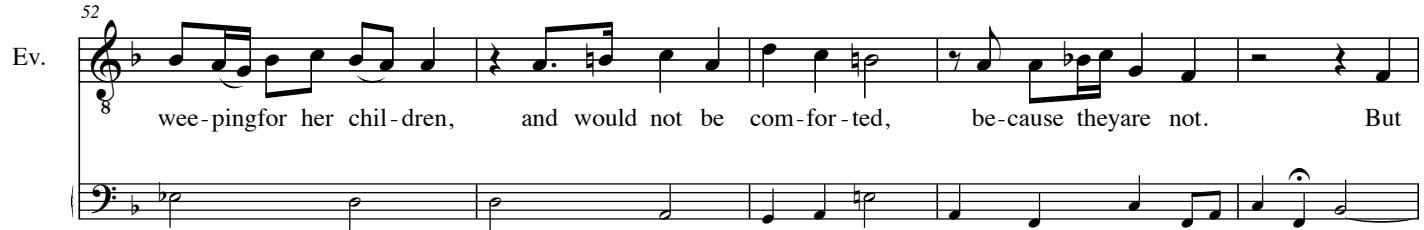
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9. Intermedium 8: the Angel

A.

A.

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A.

dead which sought the young child's life, which sought the young child's life, for they are

A.

dead, for they are dead which sought the young child's life, which sought the young child's life, which

A.

sought the young child's life.

Ev.

1

8 And he a - rose, and took the young child and his mo - ther and came in - to the

Ev.

5

land of Is - ra - el. And when he heard that

Ev.

9

8 Arch - e la - us did reign in Ju - dae - a in the room of his fa - ther He - rod, he was a-fraid to go

Ev.

12

8 thi - ther: not-with - stan - ding, be - ing warned of God in a dream, he turned a - side

16

Ev. in - to the parts of Ga - li - lee. And he came and dwelt in a ci - ty called Na - za - reth: that it

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Ev. might be ful - filled which was spo - ken by the pro - phets: He shall be called a Na - za -

25

Ev. rene. And the child grew, and waxed strong — in spi - rit,

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Ev. filled with wis - dom: and the grace of God was ——— u - pon Him.

10. Conclusion

Soprano

Alto

Tenor

Bass

Now let us give thanks to God on

10/10

S

A
T
B

high,
high,
high,
high,

God our Lord, Christ Je - su,
God our Lord, Christ Je - su,
God our Lord, Christ Je - su,
God our Lord, Christ Je - su,

10/15

Soprano (S): Je - su, who hath by His birth, who hath by His

Alto (A): Je - su, who hath by His birth, who hath by His birth, who

Tenor (T): Je - su, who hath by His birth, who hath by His birth, who

Bass (B): Je - su, who hath by His birth, who hath by His

Bassoon: Je - su, who hath by His birth, who hath by His

Soprano (S): birth en - ligh - tened us,
 Alto (A): hath by His birth en - ligh - tened us,
 Tenor (T):
 Bass (B): hath by His birth en - ligh - tened us,

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S and with his blood, with his blood hath re - deemeed us from the

A and with his blood, with his blood hath re - deemeed us

T and with his blood, with his blood hath re - deemeed us

B and with his blood, with his blood hath re - deemeed us from the

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S De - - - - vil's em - brace,

A from the De - vil's em - brace,

T from the De - vil's em - brace,

B De - - - - vil's em - brace,

S from the De - vil's em - brace,

A De - - - - vil's em - brace,

T from the De - vil's em -

B De - - - - vil's em - brace,

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S
brace, the De - vil's em - brace. Then let us to - ge - ther with all his an - gels

A
vil's, the De - vil's em - brace. Then let us to - ge - ther with all his an - gels

T
brace, the De - vil's em - brace. Then let us to - ge - ther with all his an - gels

B
vil's em - - - brace. Then let us to - ge - ther with all his an - gels

10/52

S
wor - ship with mu - sic, then let us to - ge - ther with all his an - gels

A
wor - ship with mu - sic, then let us to - ge - ther with all his an - gels

T
wor - ship with mu - sic, then let us to - ge - ther with all his an - gels

B
wor - ship with mu - sic, then let us to - ge - ther with all his an - gels

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S
wor - ship with mu - sic, wor - ship with mu - sic, sing - ing, sing - ing:

A
wor - ship with mu - sic, wor - ship with mu - sic, sing - ing, sing - ing:

T
wor - ship with mu - sic, wor - ship with mu - sic, sing - ing, sing - ing:

B
wor - ship with mu - sic, wor - ship with mu - sic, sing - ing, sing - ing:

S praise to God, sing - ing, sing - ing: praise to God,

A praise to God, sing - ing, sing - ing: praise to God,

T 8 praise to God, sing - ing, sing - ing: praise to God,

B praise to God, sing - ing, sing - ing: praise to God,

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S sing - ing, sing - ing: praise to God, God in the high -

A sing - ing, sing - ing: praise to God, God in the high -

T 8 sing - ing, sing - ing: praise to God, God in the high -

B sing - ing, sing - ing: praise to God, God in the high -

S est, sing - ing, sing - ing: praise to God, sing - ing, sing - ing:

A est, sing - ing, sing - ing: praise to God, sing - ing, sing - ing:

T 8 est, sing - ing, sing - ing: praise to God, sing - ing, sing - ing:

B est, sing - ing, sing - ing: praise to God, sing - ing, sing - ing:

S

A

T

B

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S

A

T

B

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S

A

T

B