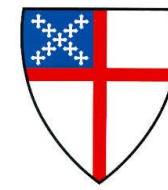


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# ONCE IN DAVID'S ROYAL CITY

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*Performed by: Trinity Singers*

1. Once in Royal David's city  
Stood a lowly cattle shed,  
Where a mother laid her Baby  
In a manger for His bed:  
Mary was that mother mild,  
Jesus Christ her little Child.

2. He came down to earth from heaven,  
Who is God and Lord of all,  
And His shelter was a stable,  
And His cradle was a stall;  
With the poor, and mean, and lowly,  
Lived on earth our Savior holy.

3. And through all His wondrous childhood  
He would honor and obey,  
Love and watch the lowly maiden,  
In whose gentle arms He lay:  
Christian children all must be  
Mild, obedient, good as He.

4. Not in that poor lowly stable,  
With the oxen standing by,  
We shall see Him; but in heaven,  
Set at God's right hand on high;  
Where like stars His children crowned  
All in white shall wait around.



The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

***Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.***

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

Lord, open our lips

***And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.***

***Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and will be for ever, Amen***

***Alleluia***

Alleluia. To us a child is born: Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

Jubilate

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \*

***serve the Lord with gladness***

***and come before his presence with a song.***

Know this: The Lord himself is God; \*

***he himself has made us, and we are his;***

***we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.***

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;

go into his courts with praise; \*

***give thanks to him and call upon his Name.***

For the Lord is good;

his mercy is everlasting; \*

***and his faithfulness endures from age to age.***

Psalm 147: 13-21

Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; \*  
***praise your God, O Zion;***

For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; \*  
***he has blessed your children within you.***

He has established peace on your borders; \*  
***he satisfies you with the finest wheat.***

He sends out his command to the earth, \*  
***and his word runs very swiftly.***

He gives snow like wool; \*  
***he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.***

He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; \*  
***who can stand against his cold?***

He sends forth his word and melts them; \*  
***he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.***

He declares his word to Jacob, \*  
***his statutes and his judgments to Israel.***

He has not done so to any other nation; \*  
***to them he has not revealed his judgments.***  
***Hallelujah!***

## A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,  
my whole being shall exult in my God;  
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,  
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,  
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,  
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.  
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,  
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,  
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise  
to spring up before all the nations.  
For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,  
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,  
and her salvation like a burning torch.  
The nations shall see your vindication,  
and all the kings your glory;  
and you shall be called by a new name  
that the mouth of the LORD will give.  
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,  
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

The word of the Lord

***Thanks be to God***



## The First Song of Isaiah

Surely, it is God who saves me; \*

***I will trust in him and not be afraid.***

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, \*

***and he will be my Savior.***

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing \*

***from the springs of salvation.***

And on that day you shall say, \*

***Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;***

Make his deeds known among the peoples; \*

***see that they remember that his Name is exalted.***

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, \*

***and this is known in all the world.***

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, \*

***for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.***

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*

***as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.***

## A Reading from the Letter of Paul to Galatians

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

The word of the Lord

***Thanks be to God***

## A Song of Our Adoption

Blessed are you, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, \*  
***for you have blessed us in Christ***  
***with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.***

Before the world was made, you chose us to be yours in Christ, \*  
***that we should be holy and blameless before you.***

You destined us for adoption as your children through Jesus Christ,\*  
***according to the good pleasure of your will,***

To the praise of your glorious grace, \*  
***that you have freely given us in the Beloved.***

In you, we have redemption through the blood of Christ,  
the forgiveness of our sins,  
According to the riches of your grace \*  
***which you have lavished upon us.***

You have made known to us, in all wisdom and insight, \*  
***the mystery of your will,***

According to your good pleasure which you set forth in Christ, \*  
***as a plan for the fullness of time,***

To gather together all things in Christ, \*  
***things in heaven and things on earth.***

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

**Glory to you, Lord Christ**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

The Gospel of the Lord

***Praise to you, Lord Christ***

## The Apostles' Creed

*I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth;  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.*

The Lord be with you  
***And also with you***  
Let us pray

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.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
***And grant us your salvation.***

Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
***Let your people sing with joy.***

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
***For only in you can we live in safety.***

Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
***And guide us in the way of justice and truth.***

Let your way be known upon earth;  
***Your saving health among all nations.***

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
***Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.***

Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
***And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.***



Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
*Amen.*

### Prayers of the People

Lord, in your Mercy  
***Hear our Prayer***

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
*Amen.*

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

***Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.***

*Let us bless the Lord*

***Thanks be to God***

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.

*Amen.*

# ON THIS DAY EARTH SHALL RING

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1. On this day earth shall ring  
with the song children sing  
to the Lord, Christ our King,  
born on earth to save us;  
him the Father gave us.

2. His the doom, ours the mirth;  
when he came down to earth,  
Bethlehem saw his birth;  
ox and ass beside him  
from the cold would hide him.

Id-e-o-o-o, id-e-o-o-o,  
Id-e-o gloria in excelsis Deo!

3. God's bright star, o'er his head,  
Wise Men three to him led;  
kneel they low by his bed,  
lay their gifts before him,  
praise him and adore him.

Id-e-o-o-o, id-e-o-o-o,  
Id-e-o gloria in excelsis Deo!



4. On this day angels sing;  
with their song earth shall ring,  
praising Christ, heaven's King,  
born on earth to save us;  
peace and love he gave us.

Id-e-o-o-o, id-e-o-o-o,  
Id-e-o gloria in excelsis Deo!



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