

## **Angels We Have Heard On High**

### **Verse 1**

*Angels we have heard on high  
Sweetly singing o'er the plains  
And the mountains in reply  
Echoing their joyous strains*

### **Chorus**

*Gloria in Excelsis Deo  
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### **Verse 2**

*Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be  
Which inspire your heavenly song*

### **Verse 3**

*Come to Bethlehem and see  
Christ whose birth the angels sing  
Come adore on bended knee  
Christ the Lord, the newborn King*

## **Call To Worship**

All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:  
"Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call  
his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us).

- **Matthew 1:22-23**

## **God With Us**

### **Verse 1**

*Who are we  
That You would be mindful of us*

*What do You see  
That's worth looking our way*

### **Verse 2**

*We are free  
In ways that we never should be  
Sweet release  
From the grip of these chains*

### **Pre-Chorus**

*Like hinges straining from the weight  
My heart no longer can keep from singing*

### **Chorus**

*All that is within me cries  
For You alone be glorified  
Emmanuel  
God with us*

*My heart sings a brand new song  
The debt is paid these chains are gone  
Emmanuel  
God with us*

### **Verse 3**

*Lord You know  
Our hearts don't deserve Your glory  
Still You show  
A love we cannot afford*

### **Bridge**

*Such a tiny offering compared to Calvary  
Nevertheless we lay it at Your feet*

## Confession

Almighty God,

When we allow darkness to overcome the light, **forgive us, Lord.**

When we reduce Christmas to plastic and tinsel, **have mercy on us, Father.**

When hardness of heart keeps us from seeing and hearing and touching, **let your grace consume us, O God.**

When we allow ourselves to be drawn towards idols, **remind us of your power and glory that brings salvation and hope. Amen.**

- Adapted from *The Worship Sourcebook*

### Noel

#### Verse 1

*Love incarnate, love divine  
Star and angels gave the sign  
Bow to babe on bended knee  
The Savior of humanity  
Unto us a Child is born  
He shall reign forevermore*

#### Chorus

*Noel, Noel  
Come and see what God has done  
Noel, Noel  
The story of amazing love!  
The light of the world, given for us  
Noel*

#### Verse 2

*Son of God and Son of man  
There before the world began  
Born to suffer, born to save  
Born to raise us from the grave  
Christ the everlasting Lord  
He shall reign forevermore*

## Corporate Prayer

### Scripture Reading

### Sermon: John 1:6-13

### *The Lord Is My Salvation*

#### Verse 1

*The grace of God has reached for me  
And pulled me from the raging sea  
And I am safe on this solid ground  
The Lord is my salvation*

#### Verse 2

*I will not fear when darkness falls  
His strength will help me scale these walls  
I'll see the dawn of the rising sun  
The Lord is my salvation*

#### Chorus

*Who is like the Lord our God  
Strong to save, faithful in love  
My debt is paid and the victory won  
The Lord is my salvation*

#### Verse 3

*My hope is hidden in the Lord  
He fulfills each promise of His Word  
When winter fades I know spring will come  
The Lord is my salvation*

**Bridge**

*Glory be to God the Father*

*Glory be to God the Son*

*Glory be to God the Spirit*

*The Lord is our salvation*