

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
Gloria in Excelsis Deo*

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