Eucharistic Responses

to familiar Christmas tunes — suitable for Advent or Christmas

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For most settings I have provided both notated music and lyrics-only versions. Many have the three responses separated out to make them easy to insert in your printed Eucharistic Prayer. On several tunes the "Amen" may be played to the last line or two of the tune. The accompanist can play the last couple bars of the second line as an introduction.

For tunes that may not appear in your hymnal I have provided keyboard parts.

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Sing for God! ~ Steve

1. Tune: Angels We Have Heard on High

Sanctus

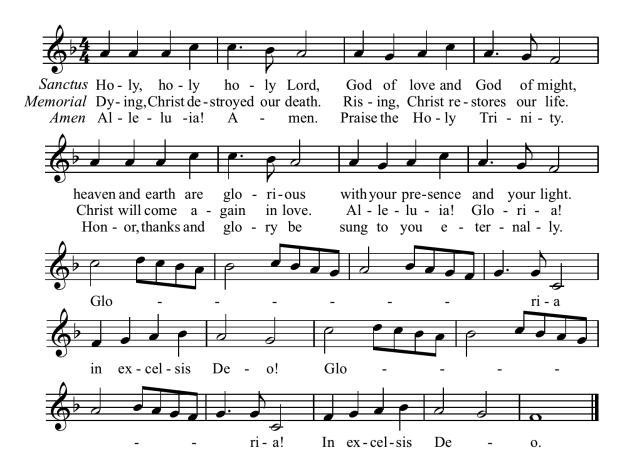
Holy, holy, holy One, God of love and God of might, heav'n and earth are glorious with your presence and your light. Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Memorial Acclamation

Dying, Christ destroyed our death. Rising Christ restores our life. Christ will come again in love. Alleluia! Gloria! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Amen

Alleluia! Amen. Praise the Holy Trinity. Honor, thanks and glory be sung to you eternally! Gloria in excelsis Deo!



2. Tune: Down in Yon Forest / The Bells of Paradise

Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy One, O God of mercy and God of love,

Creation shines with your glorious presence.

Hosanna, hosanna on high.

Blessed is one who comes in your name,

the glorious name of your faithful love.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna! Hosanna on high.

Memorial Acclamation

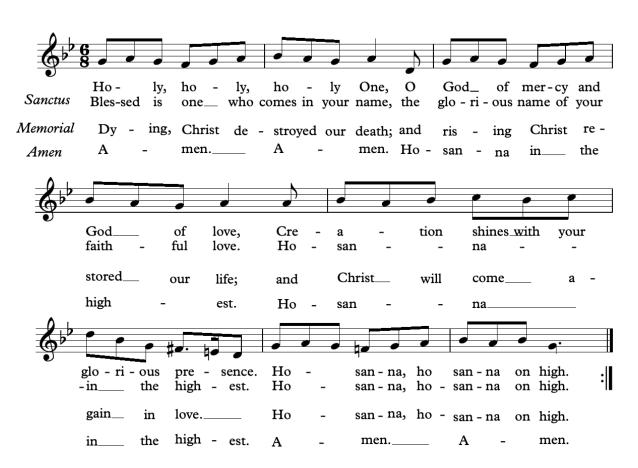
Dying, Christ destroyed our death; and rising, Christ restores our life; and Christ will come again in love. Hosanna! Hosanna on high.

Amen

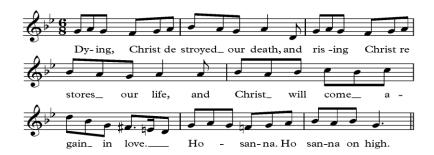
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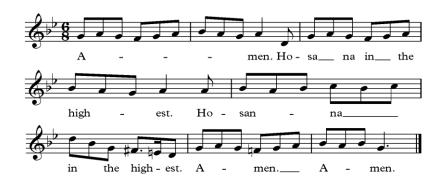
Hosanna in the highest. Amen. Amen.

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Keyboard

Eucharistic Responses (Down in Yon Forest)



3. Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella

Sanctus

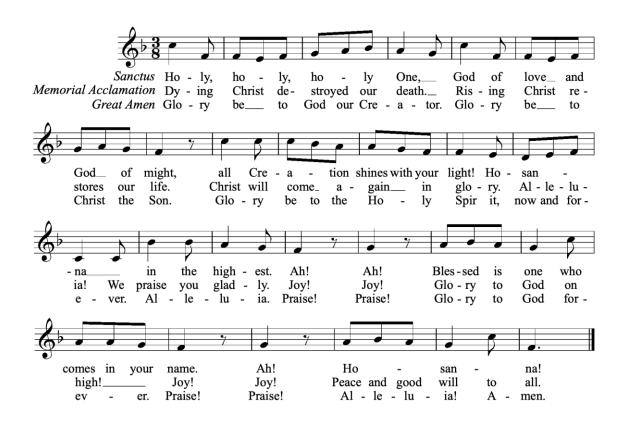
Holy, holy One, God of love and God of might, all Creation shines with your light. Hosanna in the highest. Ah! Ah! Blessed is one who comes in your name. Ah! Hosanna!

Memorial Acclamation

Dying, Christ destroyed our death. Rising Christ restores our life. Christ will come again in glory. Alleluia! We praise you gladly! Joy! Joy! Glory to God on high! Joy! Joy! Peace and good will to all.

Amen

Glory be to God our Creator. Glory be to Christ the Son. Glory be to the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Alleluia! Praise! Praise! Alleluia! Amen.



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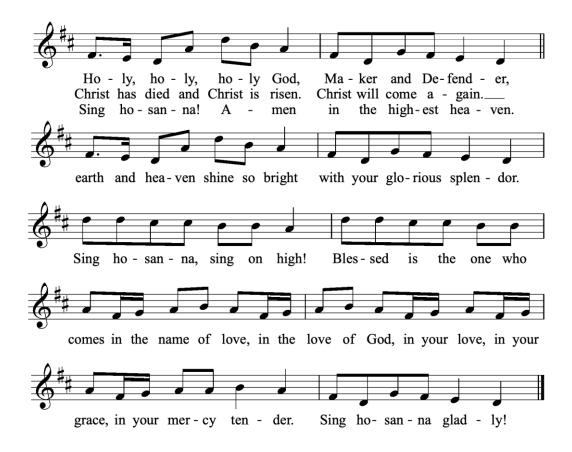


4. Cold December Flies Away (Catalonian Carol)

Holy, holy God, Maker and Defender, earth and heaven shine so bright with your glorious splendor. Sing hosanna, sing on high! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of love, in the love of God, in your love, in your grace, in your mercy tender, sing hosanna gladly!

Christ has died and Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Sing hosanna! Amen, in the highest heaven.



5. Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy Wonder, God of love and source of light, all Creation shows your glory, shining with your presence bright. Blessed is the one who comes in your name and in your love. Sing Hosanna! Sing in the highest! Sing hosanna! Sing on high.

Memorial

Christ has died and Christ is risen. Christ will come again in love.

Amen

Alleluia, Alleluia! Amen.



6. Coventry Carol (Lully, Lullay)

Sanctus

Alleluia! Hosanna on high. Praise in the highest! O holy, holy One, God of love and light, your glory shines in heaven and earth. Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in your name. Hosanna!

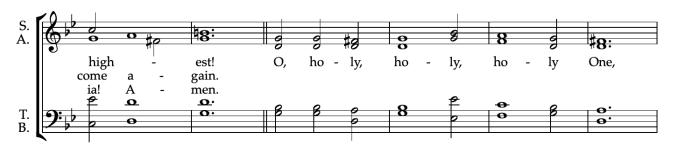
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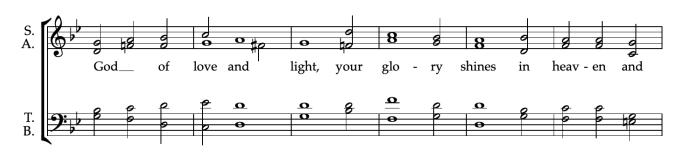
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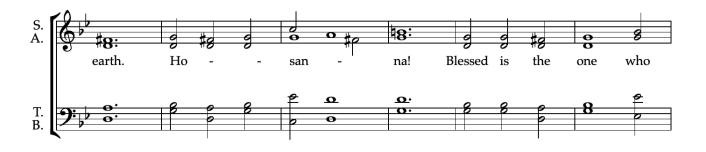
Alleluia. Amen. Amen. Alleluia! Amen.













7. God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

Sanctus

O holy, holy One, O God of love and might, Creation is resplendent with your presence and your light. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna, God on high! Oh, blest is the one__ who__ comes in your name! Hosanna in the high__est!

Memorial Acclamation

In dying Christ destroyed our death. Sing alleluia! In rising Christ restores our life. Sing alleluia! And Christ will come again to us in mercy and in love, O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy!

Amen

Pour out your Spirit on us gathered here in Jesus' name. Make us the Body of your Christ, in love and grace the same. Send us into the world to serve in love as Jesus came. Amen, may your will be done, evermore.

Amen. Amen. Alleluia!



8. Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

Sanctus

O Holy, Holy One, of love the Heart, of light the Sun, all Creation shines with you. Praise, praise! Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in love and mercy in your name.

Sing we now hosanna! Praise to God on high!

Memorial

In dying Christ destroyed our death.
In rising Christ restores our life.
Christ will come again in love.
Praise! Praise! Jesus Christ was born for this.
He has opened heaven's door,
and we are blessed forevermore.
Christ was born for this. Christ was born for this.

Amen

Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!
In this feast we all are blessed. Praise! Praise!
Here the host becomes the guest.
Christ, the Coming One, is near, and in this feast the signs appear.
Praise to God! Amen. Praise to God. Amen.



9. Good King Wenceslas

Sanctus

Holy, holy One, God of love and power, by your presence heav'n and earth with your glory flower! Blessed is the one who comes in your name and mercy. Sing we glad hosannas, God! Glory in the highest.

Memorial Acclamation

Dying, Christ destroyed our death; so we sing our praises. Rising Christ restores our life; all our hopes he raises. Christ will come again to us, come in love and glory. Bread and wine proclaim the grace, tell the wondrous story.

Amen

May your will be done, O God. Amen. Alleluia! In Christ's Body we are one. Amen. Alleluia! Pour your Spirit out on us. Amen. Alleluia! Glory be to God on high! Peace on earth; to all good will.



Euchartistic Responses - Good King Wenceslas



10. Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Sanctus (Advent)

Holy, holy, holy Love, God of earth and skies above, all Creation shines so bright with your presence and your light. Let our praises multiply. Sing hosanna! Sing on high! Blessed is the Coming One, Christ, Emmanuel, your Son. Sing hosanna at his birth! Glory on high, and peace on earth!

Memorial Acclamation

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again in love.

Amen.

Alleluia! Amen. Glory to God! Amen. Amen

- Sanctus - Christmas Eve

Holy, Holy God of might, we behold your glorious light filling heaven and the earth on this night of Jesus' birth.

Joyfully our gifts we bring, bright hosannas now we sing!

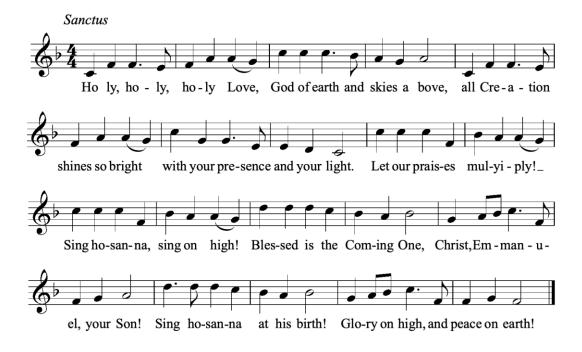
Blessed is the Coming One, Christ, Emmanuel, your Son!

You have blessed us by his birth. Glory on high, and peace on earth!

Sanctus - Christmas season -

Holy, Holy God of might, we behold your glorious light filling heaven and the earth with the grace of Jesus' birth. Joyfully our gifts we bring, bright hosannas now we sing! Blest is your anointed one, sent in your name, your newborn Son! Sing hosanna at his birth! Glory on high, and peace on earth!

(Hark! The Herald Angels Sing)



Memorial Acclamation





11. He Is Born

Invitation

Come, my friends, and join the feast: Christ has called us to the table, one and all, both great and least, come and share the gift divine! Christ is come, a lowly child, drawing us in awe together, healed and blest and reconciled, fed with grace to bear God's love. Come, my friends, and join the feast: everyone is called and welcome, old and young, from west and east, come and share the gift divine!

Sanctus

Holy, holy One, God of love and God of mercy, All Creation shines so bright with the light of your presence here. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the God of mercy. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the God of love. Alleluia! sing we now, sing hosanna in the highest. Alleluia! sing we now, sing hosanna to God on high!

Memorial Acclamation *

Dying, Christ destroyed our death. Rising, Christ restores our life. Christ will come again in love. Alleluia! Praise to God!

Amen *

Amen. Alleluia! Sing hosanna in the highest! Amen. Alleluia! Praise to God forevermore!

* Musician, play only the first two lines of the Carol.

12. Infant Holy

Sanctus

Holy, Holy Myst'ry, God of love and God of light, all Creation shows your glory, shining with your presence bright. Blessed is the one who comes, God, in your mercy, in your love. Hosanna in the highest. Sing hosanna above!

Memorial •

Christ has died and Christ is risen. Christ will come again in love.

Amen •

Alleluia, Alleluia, Amen. Amen.

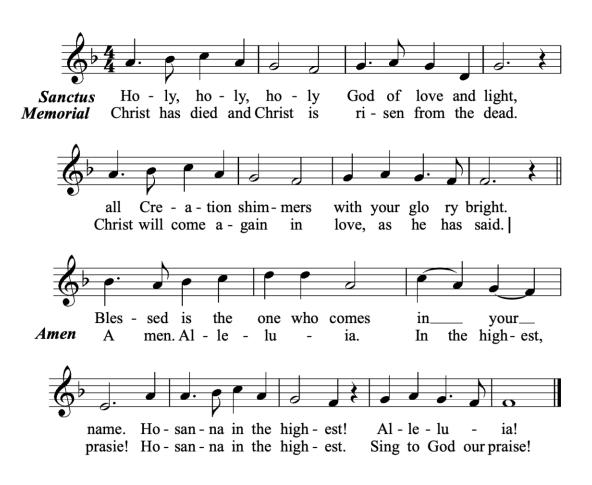
* Musician, play only the first line of the Carol.

13. In the Bleak Midwinter

Holy, holy, God of love and light, all Creation shimmers with your glory bright. Blessed is the one who comes in your name. Hosanna in the highest. Alleluia!

Christ has died, and Christ is risen from the dead. Christ will come again in love, as he has said.

Amen. Alleluia. n the highest, praise! Hosanna in the highest! Sing to God our praise.



14. Joseph, Dearest

Sanctus

Holy, holy One, God of power, God of love,

heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Alleluia.

Blessed is the one who comes, the one who comes in your name, O God.

Hosanna in the highest alleluia. Jesus, Jesus: lo, he comes, and loves, and saves, and frees us.

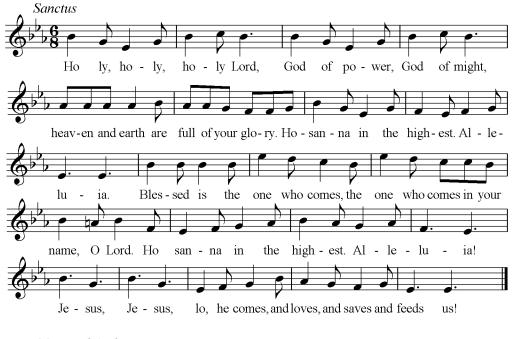
Memorial Acclamation

Dying, Christ destroyed our death. Rising Christ restores our life.

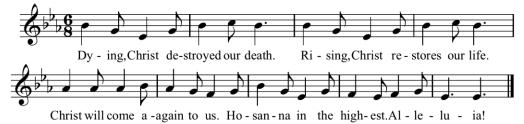
Christ will come again to us. Hosanna in the highest. Alleluia.

Amen

Amen. Amen. Glory be to God forever. Amen.









15. Let all Mortal Flesh Keep Silence



12. Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Sanctus

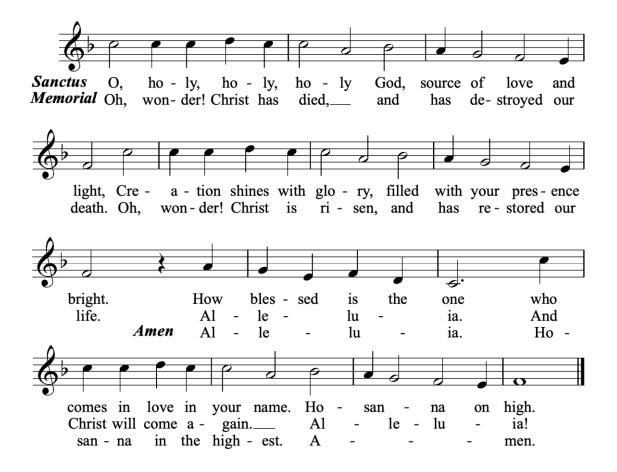
O, holy holy, holy God, source of love and light, Creation shines with glory, filled with your presence bright. How blessed is the one who comes in love in your name. Hosanna on high.

Memorial Acclamation

Oh, wonder! Christ has died, and has destroyed our death. O, wonder! Christ is risen, and restores our life. Alleluia. And Christ will come again. Alleluia.

Amen.

Alleluia. Hosanna in the highest! Amen.



17. O Little Town of Bethlehem

Sanctus

O holy, holy One, O God of light and love, the world is bright with your love's light that shines around, above. Hosanna in the highest! How blessed is the one who comes to earth in humble birth. Hosanna, God, on high!

Memorial Acclamation

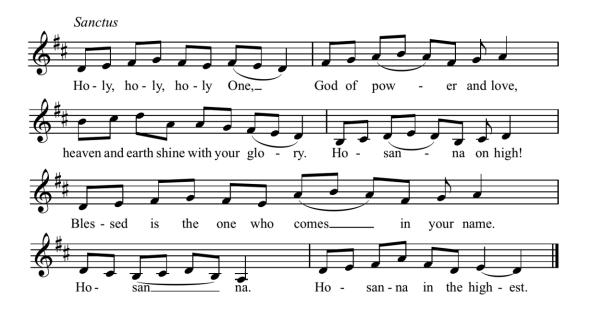
In dying, Christ destroyed our death, and rising raised us, too; and so we wait and celebrate that Christ will come anew.

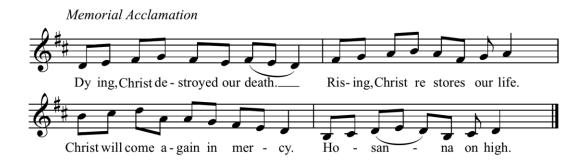
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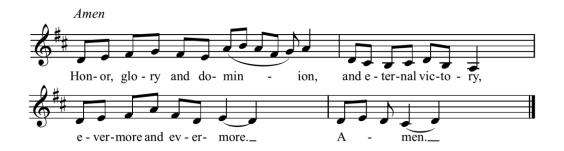
Hosanna in the highest! God, may your will be done. "Amen" we sing. Our prayers take wing that we may all be one.

[Note: The "Amen" may be played to the last two lines of the tune. The accompanist can play the last couple bars of the second line as an introduction.]

18. Of the Father's Love Begotten







11. On Christmas Night

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures here below.

Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts.

Praise Maker, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will to all.

Sanctus

Oh, holy, holy One, O God of power and God of love, all heav'n and earth shine with your light. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is one who comes in your name. Hosanna in the highest.

Memorial Acclamation

In dying Christ destroyed our death; in rising Christ restores our life; and Christ will come again with grace. Hosanna in the highest.

Alleluia! Hosanna in the highest.

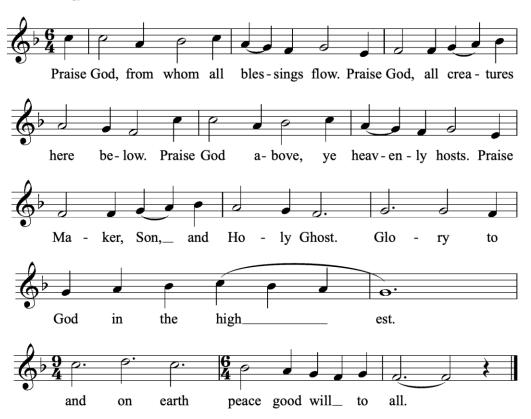
Amen

Hosanna in the highest. All glory be to you, O God, forever and forevermore. Amen. Alleluia. Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will to all.

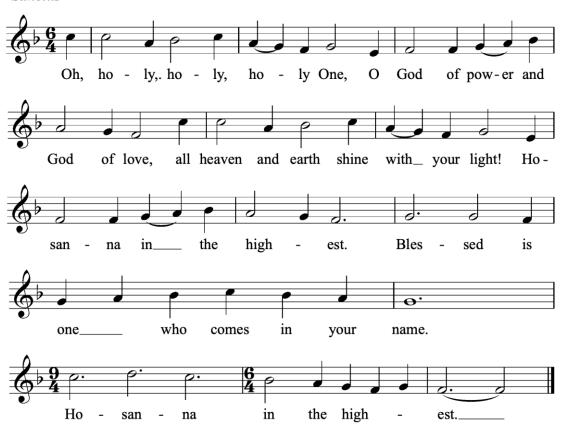
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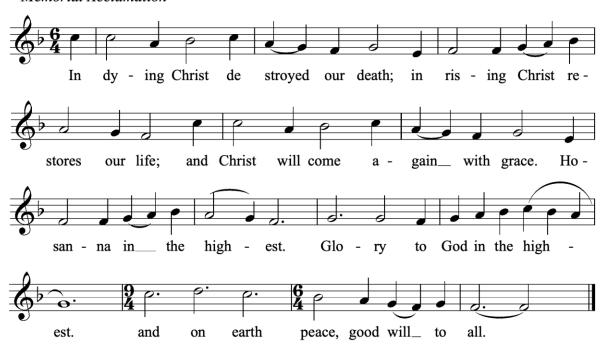
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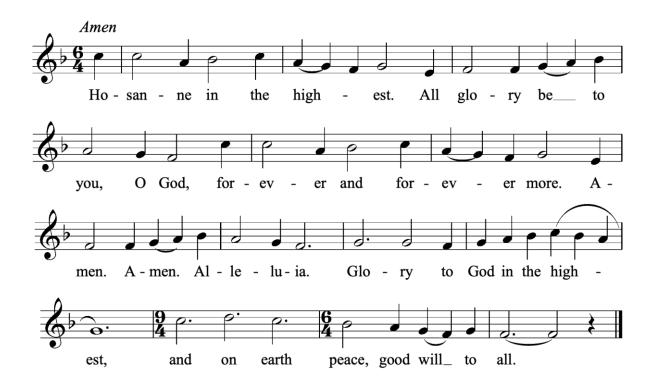


Sanctus



Memorial Acclamation





20. Once in Royal David's City

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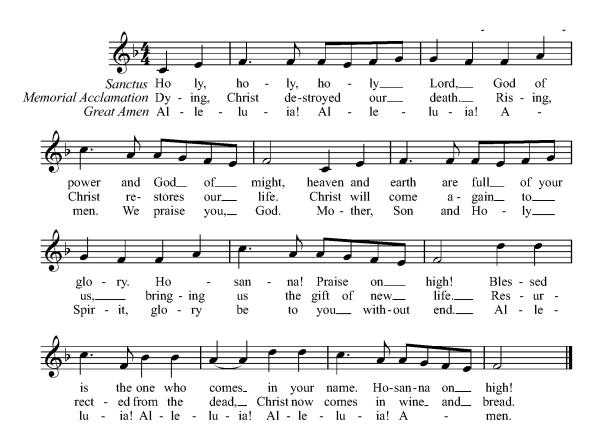
Holy, holy. Holy One, God of love, and God of might, heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna! Praise on high! Blessed is the one who comes in your name! Hosanna on high!

Memorial Acclamation

Dying, Christ destroyed our death. Rising, Christ restores our life. Christ will come again to us, bringing us the gift of new life. Resurrected from the dead, Christ now comes in wine and bread.

Amen

Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen. We praise you, God. Mother, Son and Holy Spirit, glory be to you without end. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.



13. *Rock-a-Bye*

Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy One, Holy One, God of stars and moon and sun, all Creation shines with glory, bears your presence, tells your story: love made flesh and offered here, here with us, your Son so dear.

Sing sweet angels, sing on high, sing on high! And our hearts sing in reply.

Blessed is the one whom we see coming in your love and mercy.

Sing hosanna, sing on high!

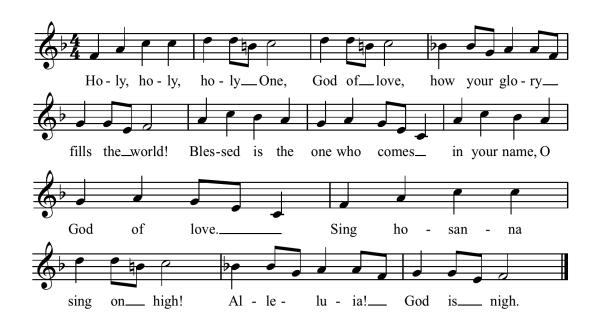
While we wait you're drawing nigh.

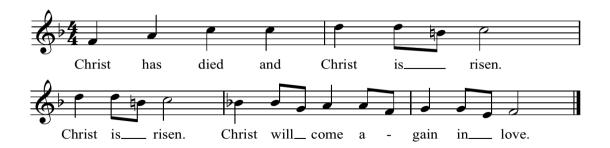
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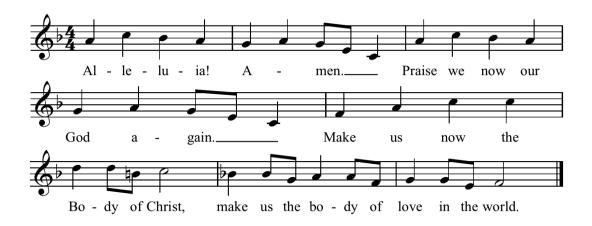
Christ has died and Christ is risn'n. Christ is risn'n. Christ in love will come again.

Amen

Alleluia! Amen. Amen. Praise to God. Amen. Amen.







22. Sing we now of Christmas

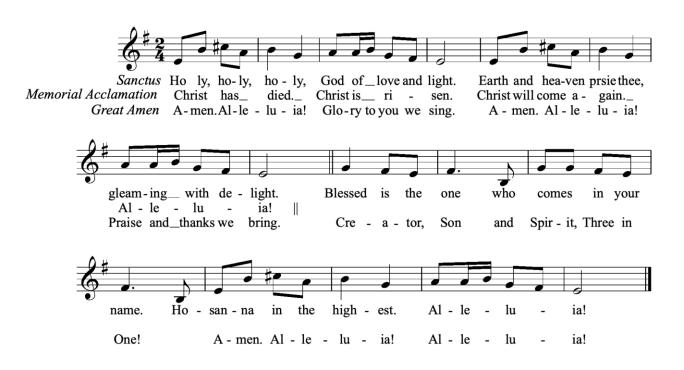
Sanctus

Holy, holy God of love and light, earth and heaven praise thee, gleaming with delight. Blest is the one who comes in your name. Hosanna in the highest! Alleluia!

Memorial Acclamation Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. Alleluia!

Amen

Amen. Alleluia! Glory to you we sing. Amen. Alleluia! Praise and thanks we bring. Creator, Son, and Spirit, Three in One! Amen. Alleluia! Alleluia!



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15. We Three Kings

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy One, God whose love is bright as the sun, all Creation shouts your praise! Hosanna we sing on high!

O, Blessed is the one who comes in your name, O Holy One.

Praise! Hosanna in the highest! Peace on earth, good will to all.

Memorial Acclamation Dying, Christ destroyed our death. Rising, Christ restores our life. Christ will come again in glory, raising us all to life. O, God of mercy, God of light, God whose love in us burns bright, lead us, guide us, walk beside us, fill us with your gentle light.

Amen

Amen! Your will be done. Amen, O Holy One. Make us now the living Body of Christ, our Head, your Son. O, praise be yours, and glory be all throughout eternity! Alleluia! Alleluia! Thanks and praise we sing to thee.



16. What Child Is This

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings come, Praise God, whose spirit makes us one The Mother-Father and the Son, and the Spirit, three in One! Praise, praise, we gladly sing! Our grateful hearts and gifts we bring. Praise, praise, Emmanuel, God with us now and forever.

Sanctus

O holy, holy One, O God of strength and compassion, your glory gives in all that lives. Hosanna in the highest. Blest, blessed are they who come in your name, O God, as your loving one. Praise!Praise, Emmanuel. Hosanna in the highest.

Memorial

In dying, Christ destroyed our death. In rising, Christ restores our life. And Christ will come again to gather us into his dying and rising. This, this is Christ our Head, Emmanuel, our Living Bread. Come, come, to share his feast, and so become his Body.

Amen.

What child is this, who in such bliss will come to us in this holy meal? So may you rise in us, dear Christ, to bless and serve and heal. Praise! Praise, Emmanuel! May all our lives your story tell. Love, love, will serve you well. Amen. Amen. Amen.