

## THE CHRISTMAS HYMN

Christmas was first introduced by Angel Choirs. We have continued that tradition every year for 2,000 years with Christmas Hymns, Carols, and Concerts. We did not let even a pandemic stop us! Christ was

welcomed and introduced by an Angel Choir. Why a choir? A choir consists of many voices as one. Voices united. There is no star here; no celebrity. It is a successful message given by many —as if they are one. The idea of the choir is another layer of protection against our human pride —our own perpetual, relentless egos as humans. We humans are always “tripping over” our own clumsy egos. Choir —there is a unique safety in the group. **A choir focuses the attention on the message —rather than the messenger.** There is no autograph to sign here. Angel Choir.



And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed.

(And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.)  
And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:)

To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.  
And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in

swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

**And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and singing,**

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger (Luke 2:1-16).

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward people."

Luke 2:14

We have been singing this hymn for two thousand years; let us remember that, it was taught to us by angels.

When we consider the deeds of sympathy & the kindness angels show toward people, the impulse is to love them. One wonders how much harm they have kept us from. It is impossible to tell how many hours they spend watching our children, when our own eyes have lost track of them.

~ Psalm 91:11 "For He shall give His angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways."

~ Hebrews 1:14 "Are they not ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?"

How free they are from pride. They told the news to humble shepherds, who were watching their flocks. People think it better to sing before kings & great congregations. Not so with angels.

**A story to be sung, "Glory to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward people."** Some stories are so wonderful, that they must be told in song. It is by their example, that we do Christmas Concerts & sing our carols each Christmas season.

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward people." We shall keep singing it until "our Jesus" makes it entirely true —And, He will. He will.