

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE 2023 – MUSIC LYRICS

“God Loves Me Dearly” (*LSB 392:1, 3*)

God loves me dearly,
 Grants me salvation,
 God loves me dearly,
 Loves even me. *Refrain*

Refrain:

Therefore I'll say again:
 God loves me dearly,
 God loves me dearly,
 Loves even me.

He sent forth Jesus,
 My dear Redeemer,
 He sent forth Jesus
 And set me free. *Refrain*

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“Away in a Manger” (*Lutheran Service Book 364; One and All Rejoice 185*)

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
 The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.
 The stars in the sky looked down where He
 lay,
 The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
 But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes.
 I love Thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the
 sky,
 And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay
 Close by me forever and love me, I pray.
 Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,
 And take us to heaven to live with Thee there.

Text: *Little Children's Book*, Philadelphia, 1885, sts. 1–2; *Vineyard Songs*, Louisville, 1892, st. 3, alt. Public domain.

“To Us a Child Is Born” (*One and All Rejoice 181*)*Refrain:*

To us a Child is born,
 To us a Son is given.
 This Christmas we receive
 The blessed gift of heaven.

The prophets spoke about
 The Savior God would send,
 The glorious Prince of Peace
 Whose kingdom shall not end. *Refrain*

The angels sang God's praise
 Amid the heavens bright.
 We also join in song
 And fill the church with light. *Refrain*

The shepherds left the sheep
 They watched in nearby fields
 To see the Lamb of God
 In human flesh revealed. *Refrain*

We also kneel before
 The Babe in humble stall,
 The Lord our Righteousness
 Who came to save us all. *Refrain*

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Recessional Hymn: Silent Night **LSB 363***Children stanza 1 in German:*

Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht!
 Alles schläft, einsam wacht
 Nur das heilige Elternparr
 Das im Stalle zu Bethlehem war,
 Bei dem himmlischen Kind,
 Bei dem himmlischen Kind.

Children stanza 1 in English:

Silent night, holy night!
 All is calm, all is bright.
 Round yon virgin mother and child.
 Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
 Sleep in heavenly peace,

Sleep in heavenly peace.

Congregation:

Silent night, holy night!

Shepherds quake at the sight;

Glories stream from heaven afar,

(Children move to create manger scene)

Heav'nly hosts sing, Alleluia!

Christ, the Savior, is born!

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Silent night, holy night!

Son of God, love's pure light

Radiant beams from Thy holy face

With the dawn of redeeming grace,

Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth,

Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.