

"Lo, bow a rose e'er blooming . . . it came, a flower bright, amid the cold of winter, when half spent was the night."

From the Christmas carol "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

Prelude
Noël Louis-Claude Daquin
What Child Is This Searle Wright
The Snow Lay on the Ground Leo Sowerby
Puer Natus Est
Welcome
Carol
Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heavenly song?
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing; come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King. Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Meditations
Solo : "Blessed Be"
Baby dear, blessed be your shining light. Baby dear, blessed be your morning smile.
Baby dear, blessed be your gleaming eyes. Blessed be the precious child, our beloved baby dear.
Baby dear, we will love with all our might. Baby dear, we will comfort you at night.
Baby dear, with all the love we've got we'll be there for you. O blessed be our newborn babe.
So dream on, sweet dreams tonight, and we'll dream to a future clean and bright.
Dream on, soon you'll be standing strong and free. O blessed be our newborn babe.
Baby dear, blessed be your shining light. Baby dear, blessed be your morning smile.
Baby dear, with all we've got to give. We'll be there for you.
O blessed be our newborn babe. Blessed be the hopes and dreams of our baby.
Meditations Joseph L. Morrow, Matt Helms,
David Handley, Lucy Forster-Smith

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king; let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground; he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

### Benediction

Postlude : Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella ...... Keith Chapman

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If this is your first time worshiping with us, welcome! We would like to get to know you and invite you to be in touch with Joe Morrow, Minister for Evangelism (jmorrow@fourthchurch.org).

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# The Music Today

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## Worship Notes

RAFFI CAVOUKIAN (b. 1948), known professionally by the mononym Raffi, is a Canadian singer-lyricist and author of Armenian descent born in Egypt. Best known for his children's music, he developed his career as a "global troubadour" to become a music producer, author, entrepreneur, and founder of the Raffi Foundation for Child Honoring, a vision for global restoration.

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