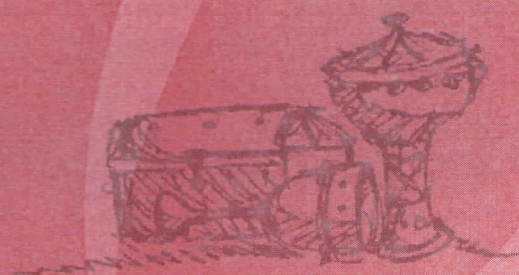


Praise Alleluia

The birth of our Lord is a celebration and an invitation to gather. In this song, one hears the shepherds exclaim: "Praise the Lord, alleluia! The Child is born today!" They witness the meeting of the angels and beckon all to celebrate.

As a song of joyful invitation, "Praise Alleluia" is a fitting processional or recessional song for the Christmas liturgy. The solo verses are to be sung with confidence and the easy-to-follow choruses are ideal for community singing.



Praise Alleluia

Choir (SATBB)
 Tenor solo
 Soprano descant

Lyrics, music and arrangement
 JAMES BITANGA

Bright and lively
 ♩ = 180

A Primal, earthy

Introduction (percussion) 4

Em D/E Em D/E C

ff Oh

SOPRANOS & ALTOS

TENORS & BASSES

Em D/E Em D/E C A/C# E D/E Em D/E

Oh Oh Oh Oh Oh Oh Oh Oh

p sub. Enter Solo Exit S/A

p sub. Exit T/B

S

A

T

B

B

17 *mf* TENOR SOLO

E D/E A/E E CM7 D A/C# Am7 D7

Praise the Lord, al - le - lu - ia! The Child is born to - day! All who come to

22 *f*

G CM7 Am7 G/B A/C# CM7 D Esus

Beth - le - hem shall sing with songs of praise! Shall sing with songs of praise!

Enter Choir

C

27 *f*

E D/E A/E E CM7 D A/C# Am7 D7

Praise the Lord, al - le - lu - ia! The Child is born to - day! All who come to

SOPRANOS & ALTOS

TENORS & BASSES

S

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32 **G CM7 Am7 G/B A/C# p sub. CM7 D Esus E mf**

Beth - le-hem shall sing with songs of praise! Shall sing with songs of praise! Come

S A *p sub. f* Exit S/A

T B *p sub. f* Exit T/B

D 38 **CM7 Bm7 Am7 GM7 C D/C A9/C# C D/C**

mf forth, o she - pherds, part from your land; the In - fant Sa - vior is born! Fol - low the star to the

43 **Bm7 Em7 C D GM7 C D Esus E** Enter Choir

cra - dle of Christ; com - fort and joy you shall find. Com - fort and joy you shall find.

E 48 **E D/E A/E E CM7 D A9/C# Am7 D7**

f Praise the Lord, al - le - lu - ia! The Child is born to - day! All who come to

S A *f* Praise the Lord, al - le - lu - ia! The Child is born to - day! All who come to

T B *f* Praise the Lord, al - le - lu - ia! The Child is born to - day! All who come to

53 **G CM7 Am7 G/B A9/C# p sub. CM7 D Esus E mf**

Beth - le-hem shall sing with songs of praise! Shall sing with songs of praise! Come

S A *p sub. f* Exit S/A

T B *p sub. f* Exit T/B

F

59 CM7 Bm7 Am7 GM7 C D A/C# C D/C
 forth, great kings, — leave all your gold! Re - joice for His king - dom has come! — Je - sus brings wealth to your

64 Bm7 Em7 C D GM7 C D Esus E *Enter Choir*
 ci - ties and towns. Bow to the Cho - sen One! — Bow to the Cho - sen One!

G (2nd time *ff*)

69 *f* E D/E A/E E CM7 D A/C#
 Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! The Child is born — to - day!
 S *f* Praise the Lord, al - le - lu - - - ia! The Child is born — to - day!
 T *f* Praise the Lord, al - le - lu - - - ia! The Child — is born to - day!

73 Am7 D7 G CM7 Am7 G/B A/C#
 All you she - pherds and kings, sing with Beth - le - hem, sing — with
 S All who come to Beth - le - hem shall sing — with songs — of praise! — Shall
 T All — who come — to Beth - le - hem shall sing — with songs — of praise! — Shall

H *Sempre legato*

77 CM7 D *To Coda (Enter Descant)* Esus E FM7 *Exit Solo*
 Beth - le - hem, sing — with praise!
 S *To Coda* sing — with songs — of praise! *p* An - gels from hea - ven a - bove are
 T *To Coda* sing — with songs — of praise! *p* Ooo — Ooo —

82 **Em** **FM7** **Em**

S A watch - ing. Gath - ered, they fill up the skies with joy, chant-ing their

T B Ooo. Ooo. Gath - ered, they fill up the skies with joy,

88 **Dm7** **Esus** **E** **Am7** **D** **Esus** **E** **Am7** **D** **Esus** **E**

S A *cresc.* song of praise. *decresc.* *Interlude* *D.S. al Coda*
Enter Solo (top staff)

T B *cresc.* *decresc.* *D.S. al Coda*

chant-ing their song of praise.

I **E** **D/E** **A/E** **E** **CM7** **D** **A/C#**

Oh **SOPRANO SOLO (Descant)** Oh

96 **TENOR SOLO** Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! The Child is born to - day!

S A Praise the Lord, al - le - lu - - - ia! The Child is born to - day!

T B Praise the Lord, al - le - lu - - - ia! The Child is born to - day!

Am7 **D7** **G** **CM7** **Am7** **G/B** **A/C#**

100 Oh All you she-pherds and kings, sing with Beth - le-hem, sing with

S A All who come to Beth - le-hem shall sing with songs of praise! Shall

T B All who come to Beth - le-hem shall sing with songs of praise! Shall

CM7 Oh D Esus

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Beth - le - hem, sing with praise!

S
A
T
B

sing with songs of praise!

sing with songs of praise!

f