

**Isaiah 11:1-5**

<sup>1</sup>There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, And a Branch shall grow out of his roots. <sup>2</sup>The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, The Spirit of counsel and might, The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD. <sup>3</sup>His delight *is* in the fear of the LORD, And He shall not judge by the sight of His eyes, Nor decide by the hearing of His ears; <sup>4</sup>But with righteousness He shall judge the poor, And decide with equity for the meek of the earth; He shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, And with the breath of His lips He shall slay the wicked.

<sup>5</sup>Righteousness shall be the belt of His loins, And faithfulness the belt of His waist.

**Galatians 4:1-7**

<sup>1</sup>Now I say *that* the heir, as long as he is a child, does not differ at all from a slave, though he is master of all, <sup>2</sup>but is under guardians and stewards until the time appointed by the father. <sup>3</sup>Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world. <sup>4</sup>But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup>to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. <sup>6</sup>And because you are sons, God has sent forth the

Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!"

<sup>7</sup>Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

**Luke 2:33-40**

<sup>33</sup>And Joseph and His mother marveled at those things which were spoken of Him. <sup>34</sup>Then Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary His mother, "Behold, this *Child* is destined for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign which will be spoken against <sup>35</sup>"(yes, a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed."

<sup>36</sup>Now there was one, Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, and had lived with a husband seven years from her virginity; <sup>37</sup>and this woman *was* a widow of about eighty-four years, who did not depart from the temple, but served *God* with fastings and prayers night and day.

<sup>38</sup>And coming in that instant she gave thanks to the Lord, and spoke of Him to all those who looked for redemption in Jerusalem.

<sup>39</sup>So when they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their *own* city, Nazareth. <sup>40</sup>And the Child grew and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him.

**THE SUNDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD (WHITE) 121/111****Introit.**

*Ant.* THY TES- || timonies | are | ver- | y | sure:  
holiness becometh Thine house, O LORD, | for- | ev- | er.

|| Thy throne is estab- | lish- | ed | of | old:  
Thou art from ev- | er- | last- | ing.

*Psalm.* || The LORD reigneth, He is clothed | with | maj- | es- | ty:  
The LORD is clothed with strength, wherewith He hath gird- | ed | Him- | self.

GLO- RY || be to the Father | and | to | the | Son:  
and to the | Ho- | ly | Ghost.

AS IT || was in the beginning, is now, and | ev- | er | shall | be:  
world without | end. | A- | men. (*Ant. repeated.*)

**Collect.**

Almighty and Everlasting God, direct our actions according to Thy good pleasure, that in the Name of Thy beloved Son, we may be made to abound in good works; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

**Epistle.** Galatians 4:1–7

**Gospel.** Luke 2:33–40

**Additional reading:** Isaiah 11:1–4

**Gradual.**

|| Thou art fairer than the | child- | ren | of | men:  
grace is poured in- | to | Thy | lips.

|| My heart is inditing a good matter, I speak of the things which I have made | touch- | ing | the | King:

my tongue is the pen of a read- | y | writ- | er.

|| Hallelujah. Hallelujah. The LORD reigneth, He is clothed | with | ma- | jes- | ty:  
the LORD is clothed with strength, wherewith He hath girded Himself.

Hal- | le- | lu- | jah.

1st Sunday after Christmas  
6. To God the Anthem Raising

P. Eber, ca., 1569

7, 6, 7, 6, 6, 7, 7, 6.  
German, 1571

1. To God the an - them rais - ing, Sing,  
2. Let us con - si - der right - ly His  
3. To Church and State He grant - ed His  
4. Our God us well de - fend - ed, He

Chris - tians, great and small, Sing out, His good - ness  
mer - cies man - i - fold, And let us not think  
peace in ev - 'ry place, His vine - yard He hath  
kept us through His grace; But if He had con -

prais - ing, O thank Him one and all! Be -  
light - ly Of all His gifts un - told! Let  
plant - ed A - mong us by His grace; His  
tend - ed With us, our sins to trace, And

**Communion Psalm:** *Ant.* Take the young child and his mother, and go into the land of Israel: for they are dead, which sought the young child's life. (Mt. 2:20). **Ps 27:1-6**

hold, how God this year, Which now is safe - ly  
thank - ful - ness re - call How God this year hath  
ev - er - bount - eous hand Pros - per - i - ty hath  
giv - en us our meed, We all had then been

end - ed Hath in His love be -  
led us, How He hath clothed and  
giv - en, And want and fa - mine  
ly - ing In sin and sor - row,

friend - ed His child - ren far and near.  
fed us, The great ones and the small.  
driv - en From this our Chris - tian land.  
dy - ing Each one for his mis - deed. A - men.

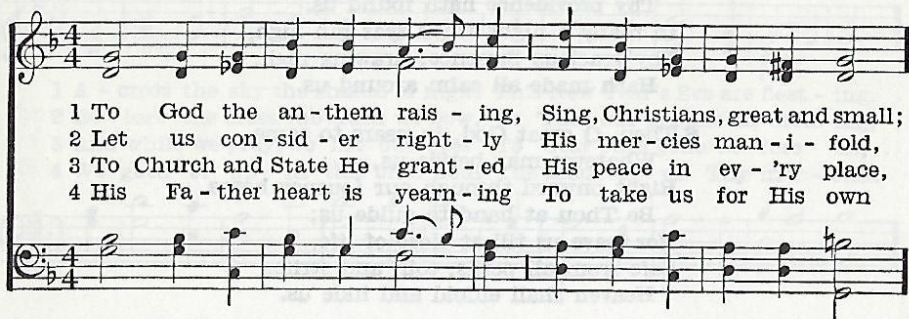
5. His Father-heart is yearning  
To take us for His own,  
When our transgressions mourning,  
We trust in Christ alone;  
When in His name we pray,  
And humbly make confession,  
He pardons our transgression,  
And is our faithful stay.

6. O Father dear in heaven,  
For all Thy gifts of love,  
Which Thou to us hast given,  
We lift our thanks above.  
In Jesus' name we here,  
To Thee our prayers addressing,  
Still ask Thee for Thy blessing:  
Grant us a joyful year!

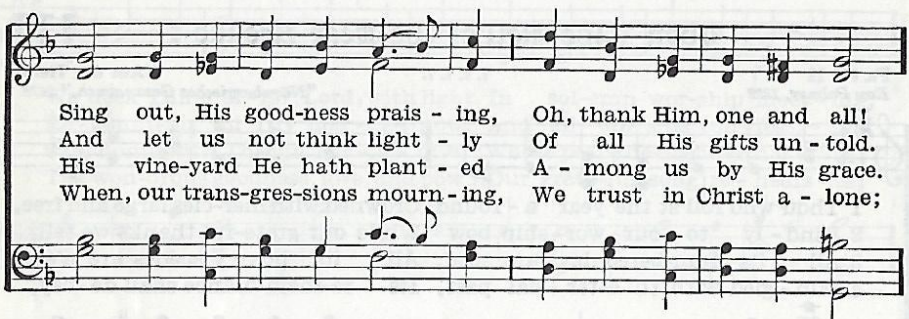
Ps. 101 : 1  
 Helft mir Gott's Güte preisen  
 Paul Eber, 1571  
 Tr., Carl Döving, 1907

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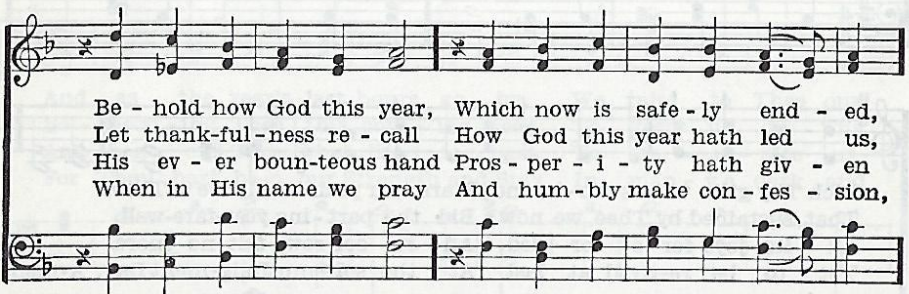
Helft mir Gott's Güte  
 Wolfgang Figulus, 1575



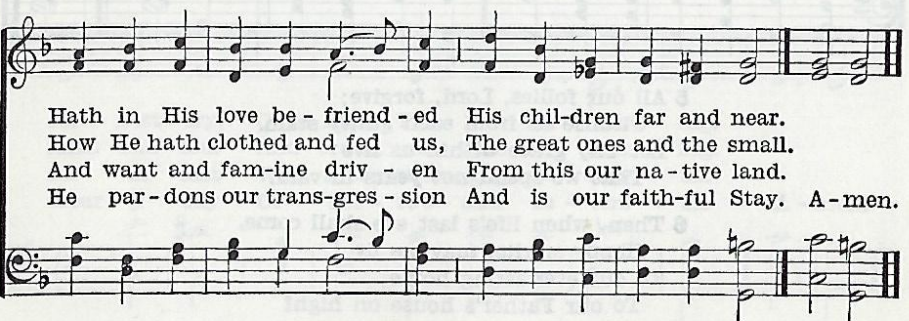
1 To God the an - them rais - ing, Sing, Christians, great and small;  
 2 Let us con - sid - er right - ly His mer - cies man - i - fold,  
 3 To Church and State He grant - ed His peace in ev - 'ry place,  
 4 His Fa - ther heart is yearn - ing To take us for His own



Sing out, His good - ness prais - ing, Oh, thank Him, one and all!  
 And let us not think light - ly Of all His gifts un - told.  
 His vine - yard He hath plant - ed A - mong us by His grace.  
 When, our trans - gres - sions mourn - ing, We trust in Christ a - lone;



Be - hold how God this year, Which now is safe - ly end - ed,  
 Let thank - ful - ness re - call How God this year hath led us,  
 His ev - er boun - teous hand Pros - per - i - ty hath giv - en  
 When in His name we pray And hum - bly make con - fes - sion,



Hath in His love be - friend - ed His chil - dren far and near.  
 How He hath clothed and fed us, The great ones and the small.  
 And want and fam - ine driv - en From this our na - tive land.  
 He par - dons our trans - gres - sion And is our faith - ful Stay. A - men.

5 Our God hath well defended,  
 Hath kept us through His grace;  
 But if He had contended  
 With us our sins to trace  
 And given us our meed,  
 We all would then be lying  
 In sin and sorrow, dying,  
 Each one for his misdeed.

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 For all Thy gifts of love  
 Which Thou to us hast given  
 We lift our thanks above.  
 In Jesus' name we here,  
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