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Christmas Edition





Martin Luther on the
Old Testament:



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Simple and lowly are
these swaddling cloths,
but dear is the treasure,
Christ, who lies in them.

A collage of various Christmas carol sheet music pages. Visible lyrics include "Come, All! Let us now go on", "Joy to the world, Make a joyful sound", "Silent Night! Holy Night! And they found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger", and "The Lord is God the Father". Two Christmas ornaments, one gold and one red, are placed on top of the sheet music. The gold ornament has a gold-colored base with a decorative pattern. The red ornament is a solid red color. The sheet music is printed on white paper with black ink for the notes and lyrics. The background is a soft, out-of-focus white.

The Old Testament on the incarnation in carols

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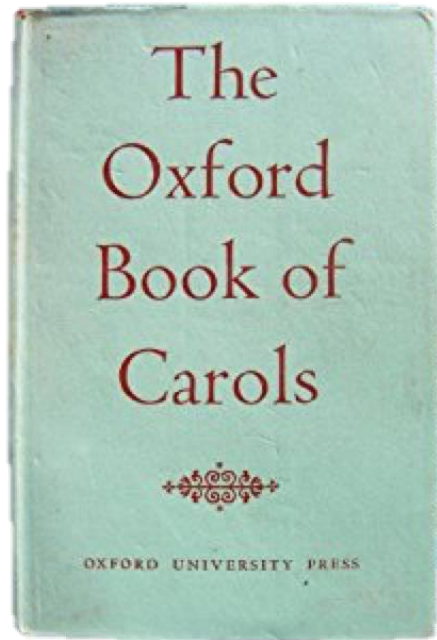


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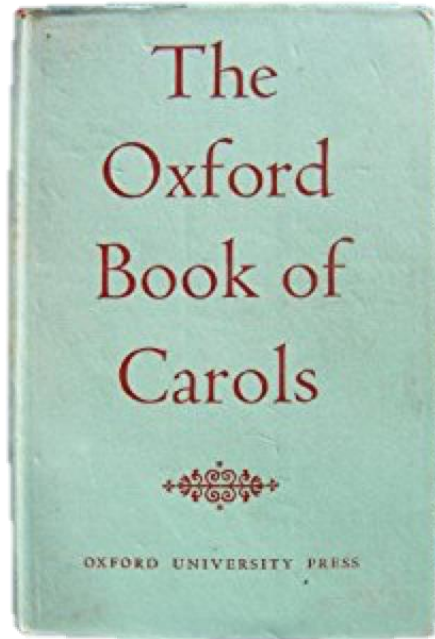


Carol: a ring dance; a song; originally, that to which they danced.

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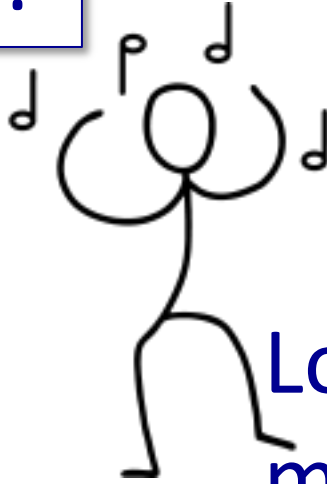
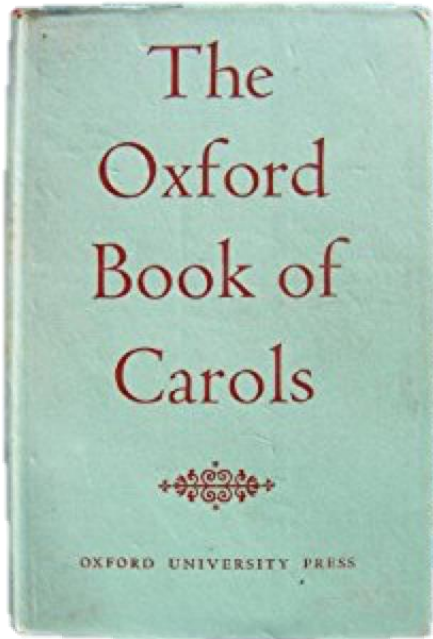


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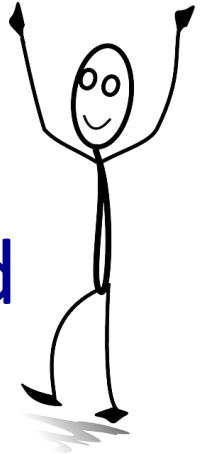


Carols are songs with a religious impulse that are simple, hilarious, popular, and modern... They vary a good deal: some are narrative, some dramatic, some personal...

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Look for joy and
maybe a bit of
internal dancing!

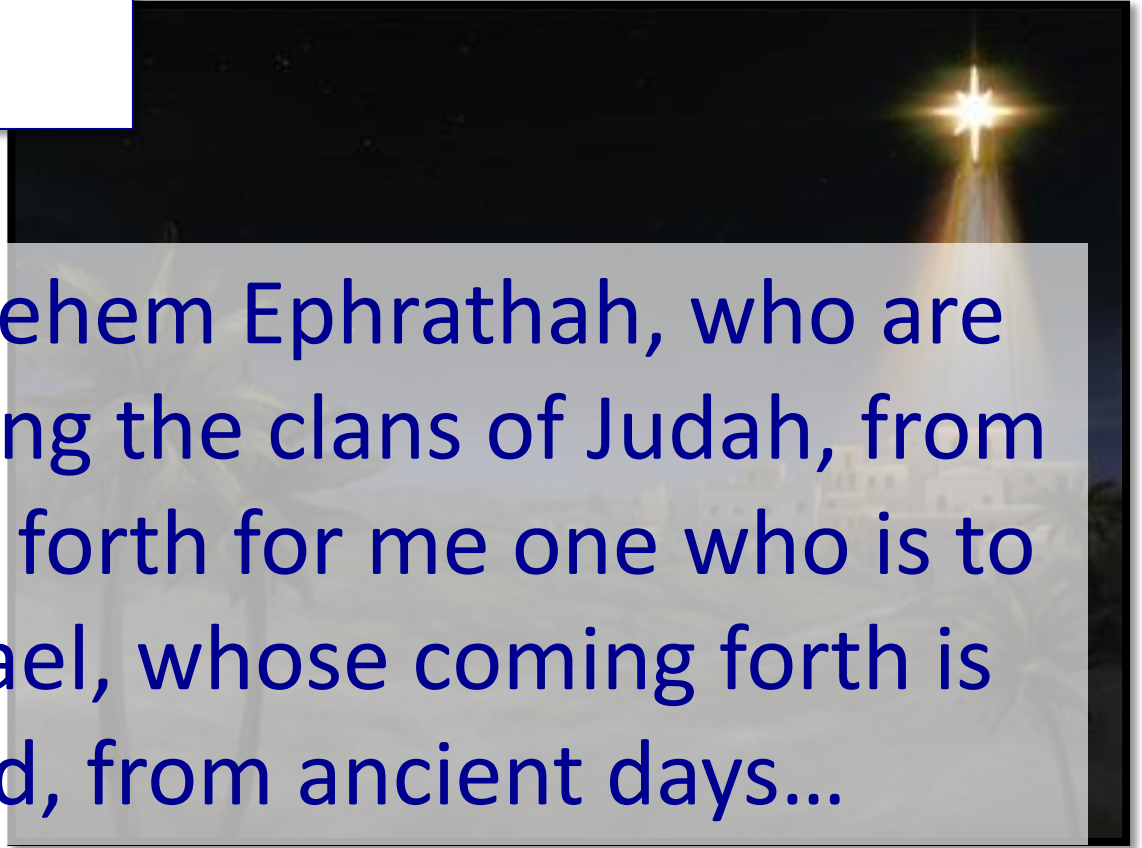


O Little Town of Bethlehem

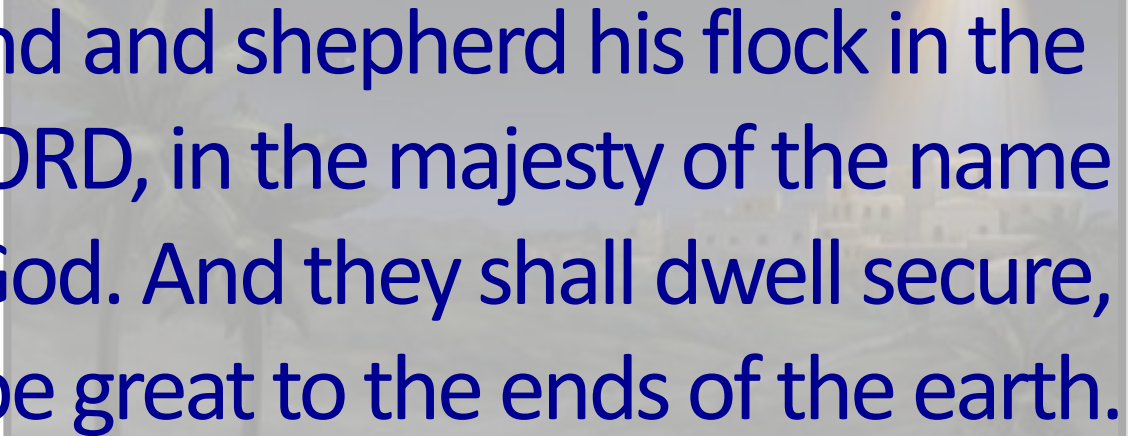


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But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are
little to be among the clans of Judah, from
you shall come forth for me one who is to
be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is
from of old, from ancient days...



O Little Town of Bethlehem



And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth.

And he shall be there peace. Micah 5:2-5

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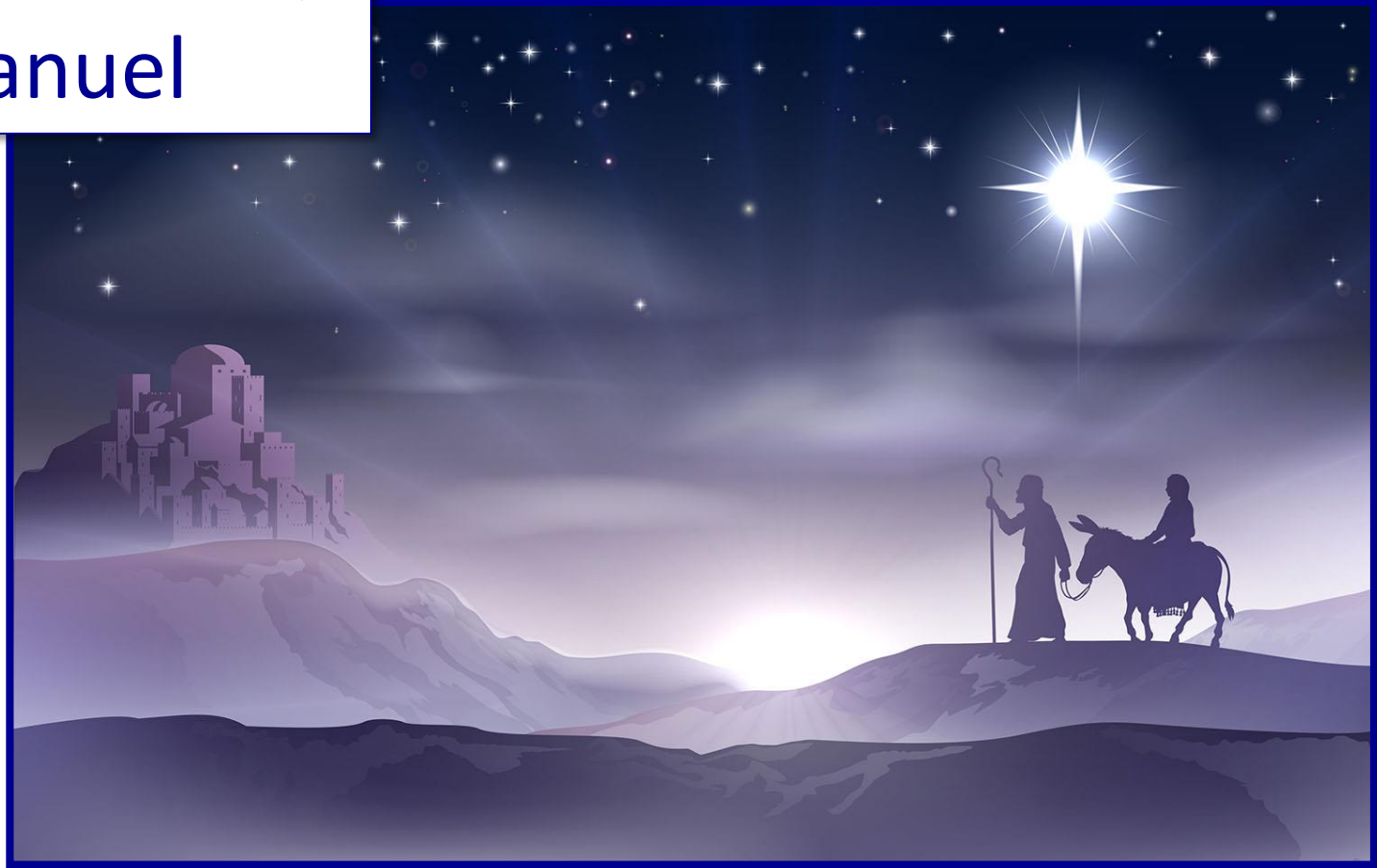
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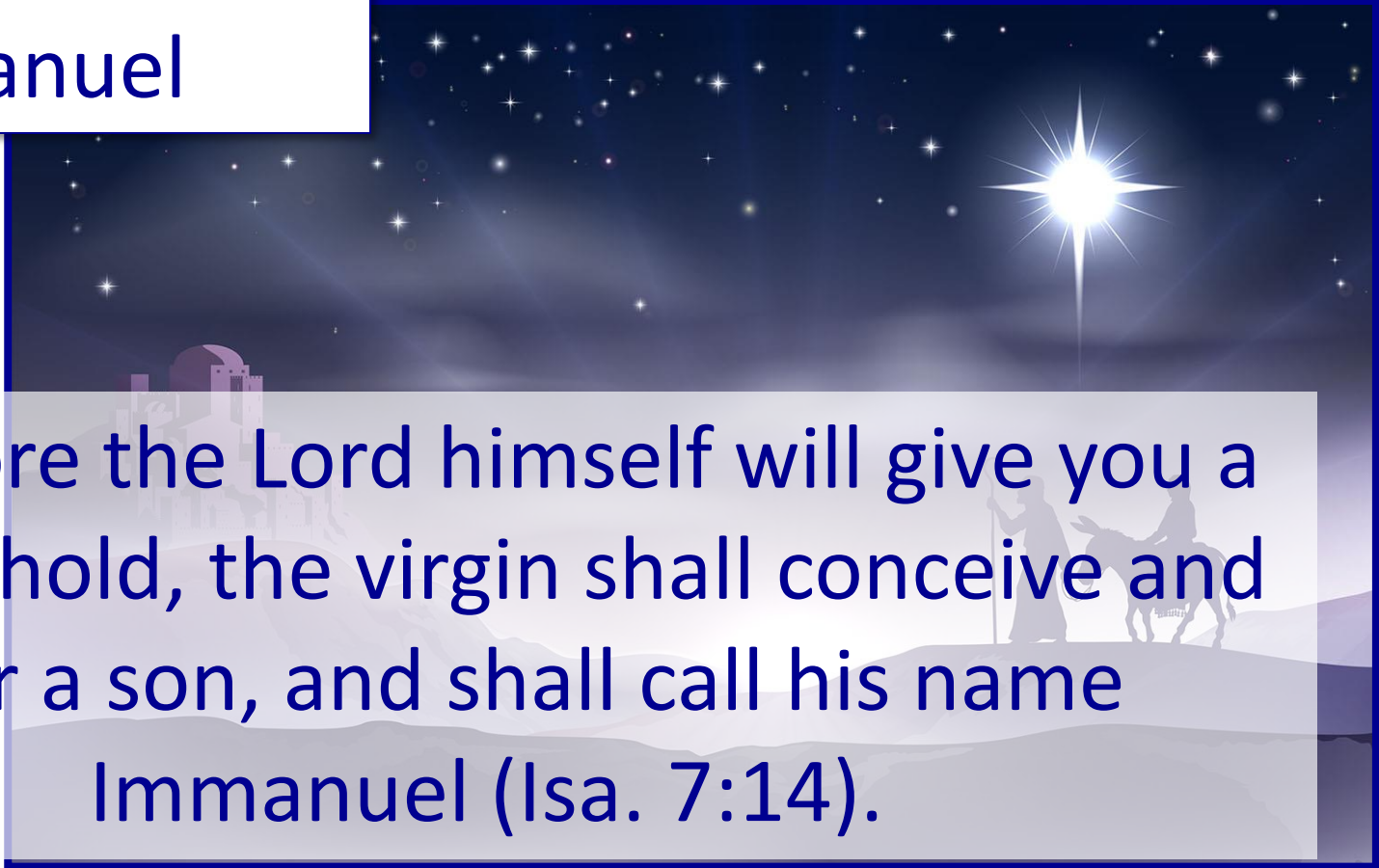
Mt. 2:1-8
(PFH)



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A background illustration of a night sky with a bright, multi-pointed star (the Star of Bethlehem) shining in the upper right. Below the star, the silhouettes of the three wise men on camels are visible, following the star's path. In the lower left, the silhouette of a city with a prominent dome (Jerusalem) is shown. The entire scene is set against a dark blue night sky filled with smaller stars.

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a
sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and
bear a son, and shall call his name
Immanuel (Isa. 7:14).

We Three Kings

Mt 2:1

Isa. 60:6

Isa. 60:3

Gen. 26:26f



Good King Wenceslas

*Tempus
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Lev. 19:18?

Acts 6, 7?



Joy to the
World



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Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth... Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity (Ps. 98:4, 8-9).

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