

(Topics, Lead-in, and Lead-in Devotional Reading below)

God Is Here among Us

Tune: In the Bleak Midwinter (CRANHAM)
Isaiah 9:2; Luke 2:1-20; Hebrews 2:11, 17

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E_b E_b^{sus} $\frac{E_b}{G}$ $\frac{F_m}{A_b}$ $\frac{F_m}{E_b}$ A_b $\frac{A_b}{G}$ F_m F_m^9 F_m A_b B_b^{sus} $\frac{B_b^{sus}}{F}$ B_b B_b^7

1. God is here a - mong us, Cry - ing in the night,
2. Shar - ing all our small - ness, Feel - ing all our pain,
3. Star of all the a - ges Pierc - ing thro' our night,

E_b $\frac{E_b^{sus}}{F}$ $\frac{E_b}{G}$ C^{sus} $\frac{C^{sus}}{G}$ C_m $\frac{C_m}{B_b}$ $\frac{F_m}{A_b}$ $A_b M^7$ B_b^7 $\frac{A_b}{B_b}$ E_b^{sus} $\frac{E_b^{sus}}{B_b}$ E_b $\frac{E_b}{B_b}$

Cra - dled in our dark - ness, Come to be our Light.
He is bound - less bless - ing Time can - not con - tain,
Joy of ev - 'ry sta - ble, Com - fort, warmth, and light,

A_b $A_b M^7$ F_m^7 F^7_{sus} C_m $\frac{C_m}{D}$ $\frac{C_m}{E_b}$ $\frac{C_m}{G}$ G_m $\frac{F_m}{A_b}$ A_b $B_b^7_{sus}$ $\frac{B_b^7_{sus}}{F}$ B_b B_b^7

He was born to suf - fer, One with all who grieve.
Song in all our si - lence, Peace in all our fear,
Love's un - chang - ing prom - ise, Heav - en's sure re - ward,

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Eb Eb/sus F Eb Eb C sus C/sus G Cm Cm/Bb Fm Ab/Bb AbM7 Bb7 Ab/Bb Eb Eb/Bb Eb

He is born with - in us As we just be - lieve.
 Hope thro' ev - 'ry sor - row, Bro - ther ev - er near.
 Praise to You, our Sav - ior, Je - sus, ho - ly Lord!

TOPICS: Christmas

LEAD-IN: *The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned. (Isaiah 9:2, NIV)*

LEAD-IN DEVOTIONAL READING:

Christmas Is Past, Present, and Future

Christmas is more than just a celebration of a past event,
 however wonderful or important.

The God who came to us as an infant still comes to us
 personally,
 gently,
 quietly,
 now as then.

He still comes to us as marvelous, mysterious Life,
 drawing us toward Himself.

He is still the Light in every dark place,
 the Star shining from the bottomless blackness,
 the fresh glow in every dingy stable.

He still invites the magi and the shepherds,
 the highest and lowest of people.

He still comes in stunning humility,
 yet in unearthly glory.

He is still awe-inspiring in
 His transcendence and
 His simplicity.

The God who came
 is still coming.

And He is coming again.
 As before, He will come
 unexpectedly,
 after a seemingly endless wait, and
 at just the right time.

But this time, He will come,
not quietly,
but with sound of a trumpet;
not simply,
but with all of heaven's angels;
not in a dark corner,
but where every eye will see Him.

He will come,
not as a helpless infant,
but as sovereign Lord and Judge of all.

The God who came
is coming and
will come again
in love,
to save completely all who will receive Him.

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