

# The Lord, he comes, he comes to bless

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Isaac Watts (1674-1748) and anon.

Anon.  
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[♩=140]

Soprano [Air]

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 2. *Blest be the Lord who comes to men With mes - sa - ges of*  
 3. Join, earth-ly choirs, to ce - le - brate The birth of Christ our  
 4. With Hal - le - lu - jahs sound his praise! Em - ploy your high - est

Alto

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Tenor

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Bass

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God, To show the world his right - eous - ness, And send his truth a - broad, And  
 grace; Who comes in God the Fa - ther's name, To save a sin - ful race! To  
 King: Glad ho-mage pay to him who doth Our great sal - va - tion bring, Our  
 skill. From heav'n be peace to men on earth, And un - to all good-will, And

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 save a sin - ful race!                    To save,    To    save    a    sin - ful race!  
 great sal - va - tion bring,                    Our great,    Our    great    sal - va - tion bring.  
 un - to all good - will,                    And un - to,    un - to    all good - will!

A  
 broad,                    And send his truth a - broad,                    And    send    his    truth    a - broad.  
 race!                    To save a sin - ful race!                    To    save    a    sin - ful race!  
 bring,                    Our great sal - va - tion bring,                    Our    great    sal - va - tion bring.  
 will,                    And un - to all good - will,                    And    un - to    all good - will!

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 bring,                    Our great sal - va - tion bring,                    Our    great    sal - va - tion bring.  
 will,                    And un - to all good - will,                    And    un - to    all good - will!

20    Symphony

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Pickard-Cambridge adds the following note: "Verses 1 and 2 from Isaac Watts' 'Psalms of David' (1719) from Ps 96 and Ps 118, part 4 respectively. Verses 3 and 4 appear in one manuscript book as the start of a different carol." While the reference to Watts' Ps 118 is correct, his Ps 96 paraphrase is in a different metre and does not include the text of verse 1. Neither verses 3 nor 4 appear in Watts. The symphony from bar 20 appears to have been somewhat adapted for keyboard use by Pickard-Cambridge. Some of the the part writing here is conjectural. Emendation: Bar 8 tenor note 1; g.