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Joy to the world! The Lord is come! Author: Isaac Watts

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King; Let every heart prepare Him room, And heaven and nature sing, And heaven and nature sing, And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Saviour reigns! Let men their songs employ While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains, Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sin and sorrows grow, Nor thorns infest the ground. He comes to make his blessings flow Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is found, Far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the nations prove The glories of his righteousness, And wonders of His love, And wonders of His love, And wonders, wonders of His love.

Of the Father's love begotten

Aurelius Clemens Prudentius; Translators: H. W. Baker; J. M. Neale

Of the Father's love begotten 'Ere the worlds began to be, He is Alpha and Omega, He the Source, the Ending He, Of the things that are, that have been, And that future years shall see, Evermore and evermore! O that birth forever blessed, When the Virgin, full of grace, By the Holy Ghost conceiving, Bore the Saviour of our race; And the babe, the world's Redeemer, First revealed His sacred face, Evermore and evermore!

O ye heights of heav'n, adore Him; Angel hosts, His praises sing: All dominions, bow before Him And extol our God and King; Let no tongue on earth be silent, Ev'ry voice in concert ring, Evermore and evermore!

Christ, to Thee, with God the Father, And, O Holy Ghost, to Thee, Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving And unwearied praises be, Honour, glory, and dominion And eternal victory, Evermore and evermore!



Luke 2 (NRSV)

22 When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord 23 (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), 24 and they offered a

sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

25 Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. 26 It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. 27 Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, 28 Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

- 29 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word;
- 30 for my eyes have seen your salvation,
- 31 which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
- 32 a light for revelation to the Gentiles
- and for glory to your people Israel.'

33 And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. 34 Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed 35 so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

36 There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, 37 then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. 38 At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

Rise and Shine (Luke 2)

- Doxology: an expression of praise to God
 - Doxo glory
 - *Logia* saying
- Bishop Thomas Ken
 - Made a specific effort to avoid slothfulness and to use his time and energy efficiently so that every minute of every day was lived to the glory of God; this was his doxology
- **Simeon**
 - Simeon's doxology was one of servant-hood and faithful expectation
 - Paraklésis comfort
 - *Paraclete (paraklétos)* Comforter; one who comes alongside

- Anna
 - Anna's doxology was one of revelation of the messiah's arrival and she shared it with everyone in the temple
- Mary
 - Mary's doxology was one of praise in the midst of uncertainty, faced with almost unthinkable responsibility – praise regardless of difficulty – praise no matter the cost
- What is your doxology?

Rise and shine and give God the glory*

Traditional

Refrain: Oh, rise, shine, give God the glory Rise, shine, give God the glory Rise, shine, give God the glory We're soldiers of the cross (repeat)

Well, I am climbing Up Jacob's ladder I am climbing Climbing Jacob's ladder I am climbing Jacob's ladder We're soldiers of the cross

You know that every rung goes Just a little bit higher, Every rung goes Just a little bit higher, Every rung goes Just a little bit higher, We're soldiers of the cross

Tell me, do you think I make a pretty good soldier? Do you think I make a pretty good soldier? Do you think I make a pretty good soldier? A soldier of the cross [refrain]

Well, we are soldiers of the cross We are soldiers of the cross We are soldiers of the cross... (repeat)

Well, get on up (Get up and give God the glory) Get up (Get up and give God the glory) Get up (Get up and give God the glory) Get up (Get up and give God the glory)

Our Father, who art in heaven Hallowed be Thy holy name Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done Down here on this earth As it is in heaven Give us this day Our daily bread Forgive our debts as we forgive our debtors And lead us not into temptation Deliver us all from all kinds of evil

Oh, get on up (Get up and give God the glory) Get on up (Get up and give God the glory) Get on up (Get up and give God the glory) Get on up (Get up and give God the glory)

And give God the glory (Get up and give God the glory) And give God the glory (Get up and give God the glory) And give God the glory (Get up and give God the glory) For we are soldiers of the cross (3x)

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