

## Hymns – 22<sup>nd</sup> December

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- 1 Come, thou Redeemer of the earth,  
and manifest thy virgin-birth:  
let every age adoring fall;  
such birth befits the God of all.
- 2 Begotten of no human will,  
but of the Spirit, thou art still  
the Word of God, in flesh arrayed,  
the Saviour, now to us displayed.
- 3 From God the Father he proceeds,  
to God the Father back he speeds,  
runs out his course to death and hell,  
returns on God's high throne to dwell.
- \* 4 O equal to thy Father, thou!  
Gird on thy fleshly mantle now,  
the weakness of our mortal state  
with deathless might invigorate.
- 5 Thy cradle here shall glitter bright,  
and darkness glow with new-born light,  
no more shall night extinguish day,  
where love's bright beams their power display.
- 6 O Jesu, virgin-born, to thee  
eternal praise and glory be,  
whom with the Father we adore  
and Holy Spirit, evermore. Amen.

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- 1 The Angel Gabriel from heaven came,  
his wings as drifted snow, his eyes  
as flame;  
'All hail,' said he, 'thou lowly  
maiden Mary,  
most highly favoured lady.'  
*Gloria!*
- 2 'For known a blessed Mother  
thou shalt be,  
all generations laud and honour thee,  
thy son shall be Emmanuel, by  
seers foretold;  
most highly favoured lady.'  
*Gloria!*
- 3 Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head,  
'To me be as it pleaseth God,' she said,  
'My soul shall laud and magnify his  
holy name':  
most highly favoured lady.  
*Gloria!*
- 4 Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ  
was born  
in Bethlehem, all on a Christmas  
morn,  
and Christian folk throughout the  
world will ever say  
'Most highly favoured lady.'  
*Gloria!*

- 1 Lord Jesus Christ,  
you have come to us,  
you are one with us,  
Mary's Son;  
cleansing our souls from all their sin,  
pouring your love and goodness in;  
Jesus, our love for you we sing,  
living Lord.
- \* 2 Lord Jesus Christ,  
now and every day,  
teach us how to pray,  
Son of God.  
You have commanded us to do  
this in remembrance, Lord, of you:  
into our lives your power breaks  
through,  
living Lord.
- 3 Lord Jesus Christ,  
you have come to us,  
born as one of us,  
Mary's Son.  
Led out to die on Calvary,  
risen from death to set us free,  
living Lord Jesus, help us see,  
you are Lord.
- 4 Lord Jesus Christ,  
I would come to you,  
live my life for you,  
Son of God.  
All your commands I know are true,  
your many gifts will make me new,  
into my life your power breaks  
through,  
living Lord.

- 1 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of  
the Lord!  
Unnumbered blessings, give my  
spirit voice;  
tender to me the promise of his  
word;  
in God my Saviour shall my  
heart rejoice.
- 2 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of  
his name!  
Make known his might, the  
deeds his arm has done;  
his mercy sure, from age to age  
the same;  
his holy name, the Lord, the  
mighty one.
- 3 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of  
his might!  
Powers and dominions lay their  
glory by.  
Proud hearts and stubborn wills  
are put to flight,  
the hungry fed, the humble  
lifted high.
- 4 Tell out, my soul, the glories of his  
word!  
Firm is his promise, and his  
mercy sure.  
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of  
the Lord  
to children's children and for  
evermore!