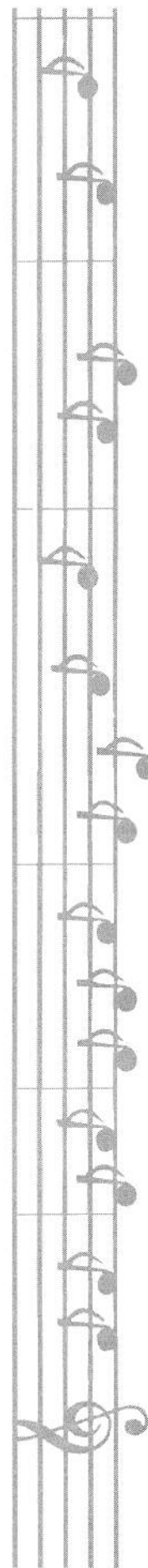


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Words by John MacLeod  
Music by James Wright

1. Ring the bells in jubilee!  
Rise, to greet Epiphany.  
May their joyful pealing bring  
Hosts of angels answering:  
"Hodie, Hodie, Christus natus est."  
For there beneath the star that shone so bright,  
Christ as born on Christmas night.  
Tell all the world of this glad morn,  
Sing "Alleluia, Christ is born,"  
Sing "Christus natus est."
2. Angels told of how He lay  
In a stable 'mongst the hay.  
Magi, shepherds, great and small  
Hastened to that manger stall.  
"Hodie, Hodie, Christus natus est."  
Their finest gifts to lay before Him there,  
Treasures rich beyond compare.  
Tell all the world of this glad morn,  
Sing "Alleluia, Christ is born,"  
Sing "Christus natus est."
3. Simple gifts I do can bring,  
Neither gold nor perfume rare;  
When I raise my voice to sing,  
And the glorious news declare:  
"Hodie, Hodie, Christus natus est."  
As I pledge my heart to love and serve Him well,  
Jesus Christ, Emmanuel.  
Tell all the world of this glad morn,  
Sing "Alleluia, Christ is born,"  
Sing "Christus natus est."



**James Wright**

(b. 1959)

James Wright was born in Cambridge, Ontario. Following music study at Wilfrid Laurier University (Hons. B. Mus. 1981), where he studied Composition with Barrie Cabena and Owen Underhill, and McGill University (M.A., 1986), with Kelsey Jones, he has pursued a broad-ranging career as a composer, performer, teacher, and music scholar.

Currently Director of Music at St. Stephens Presbyterian Church, Ottawa, James Wright is active as a pianist, organist and accompanist in the Ottawa music community. A recently released violin/piano CD, *Ballade*, recorded under the Virtuosi label with Romanian-Canadian violinist Ioan Harea, has met with critical acclaim. He is currently completing a Ph.D. in music theory at McGill University where, as a research fellow, he is studying the relationship between the hearing sciences and the study of harmony and counterpoint. James Wright has taught music at both Wilfrid Laurier University and McGill University, as well as for the Wellington County and Ottawa Boards of Education.

As a composer, James Wright is known primarily for his choral music. His music has been performed and commissioned by a number of Canadian choirs, and he is a two-time winner (1991, 1994) of the SATB category of the annual Amadeus Choir Christmas Carol and Chanukah Song Competition sponsored by the Amadeus Choir of Toronto. Four choral pieces by James Wright are published by Gordon V. Thompson Music.

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48 *subito rall. e dolce*

"Christus natus est." And pledge my heart to —

*subito rall. e dolce*

(2.)

52 *a tempo, with vigour*

love and serve Him well, Jesus Christ, Em —

*f a tempo, with vigour*

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*Lively, with spirit* (♩ = 220)

Soprano  
Alto

Tenor  
Bass

*Lively, with spirit* (♩ = 220)

Piano  
(or Organ)

*mf*

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S  
A

1. Ring the bells in ju - bi - lee! Rise, to greet È  
 2. An - gels told of how He lay In a sta - ble  
 3. Sim - ple gifts I too can bring. Nei - ther nor

T  
B

42

S  
A

Je - sus Christ, Em - man - u - el. Tell all the world of

T  
B

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S  
A

piph - a - ny. May their joy - ful peal - ing bring  
 'mongst the Ma - gi, shep - herds, great and small,  
 per - fume are; When I raise my voice to sing.

T  
B

45

S  
A

this glad morn, Sing "Al - le - lu - ia, Christ is born," Sing -

T  
B

\* For more general Christmas use, the following text may be substituted in Verse One:  
 Hear the bells on Christmas Day; "Rise, Awake!" they seem to say. May their joyful pealing bring Hosts of angels answering:  
 "Hodie, Hodie, Christus natus est." For unto us a Child is born this night; Holy Infant, wond'rous light. Tell all the world...

33 1. 2.

Christ was born on Christ - mas night.  
Trea - sures rich be - yond com - pare.

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Pno.

38

Pno.

13

Hosts of an - gels an - swer - ing:  
Has - tened to that man - ger stall. "Ho - di - e.  
And the glo - rious news de - clare:

16

"Ho - di - e, Chri - stus na - tus est." For there be -  
Their fin - est  
And pledge my

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neath the star that shone so bright, Christ was born on  
 gifts to lay before Him there, Treasures in  
 heart to love and serve Him well, Jesus Christ, Em -

(2.)

23

Christ - mas night, Tell all the world of this glad morn,  
 yond com - e. man - u - el.

26

Sing "Al - le - lu - ia, Christ is born," Sing "Chri - stus na - tus

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est." For there be - neath the star that shone so bright,  
 Their fin - est gifts to lay before Him there,  
 And pledge my heart to love and serve Him well,

(p) (2.)

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