

SATB

Good News from Heaven the Angels Sing

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Music by  
Christopher Alexander

*SATB and Piano*

*Also available in: SAB, SSA, TTB, and Unison/Two-Part*

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## About the Work

Perfect as a processional introit or concert opener, this triumphant setting of the Martin Luther text gives a grand welcome to the Christmas season. Features included repeated voicings, a contrasting legato bridge, and accents illustrating the calling from the angels. This work can be learned in a few rehearsals and will be an enjoyment for your audiences at your next concert or worship service.

*Good news from heaven the angels bring,  
Glad tidings to the earth they sing:  
To us this day a child is given,  
To crown us with the joy of heaven.*

*This is the Christ, our God and Lord,  
Who in all need shall aid afford:  
He will Himself our Saviour be,  
From sin and sorrow set us free.*

*To us that blessedness He brings,  
Which from the Father's bounty springs:  
That in the heavenly realm we may  
With Him enjoy eternal day.*

*All hail, Thou noble Guest, this morn,  
Whose love did not the sinner scorn!  
In my distress Thou cam'st to me:  
What thanks shall I return to Thee?*

*Were earth a thousand times as fair,  
Beset with gold and jewels rare,  
She yet were far too poor to be  
A narrow cradle, Lord, for Thee.*

*Ab, dearest Jesus, Holy Child!  
Make Thee a bed, soft, undefiled,  
Within my heart, that it may be  
A quiet chamber kept for Thee.*

*Praise God upon His heavenly throne,  
Who gave to us His only Son:  
For this His hosts, on joyful wing,  
A blest New Year of mercy sing.*

— Martin Luther (1483-1546)

## About the Composer



Mr. Christopher Alexander is an award-winning composer and arranger from St. Joseph, Missouri. He received his Bachelor of Science in Vocal Music Education degree from Missouri Western State University in 2009. A self-taught pianist, his compositions and arrangements ranging from instrumental works to vocal solo and choral literature. Mr. Alexander has been commissioned numerous times by singing groups and church choirs within the northwest Missouri and northeast Kansas regions. He is also active in musical theatre productions as a music director and pianist. His works have been published with GIA Music Publications and Hal Leonard.

In 2016, he was awarded the St. Joseph Allied Arts Council Mayor's Award for Artist of the Year. In 2022, he was inducted into the New Generation Singers Hall of Fame.

Mr. Alexander currently serves as the pianist and primary arranger for The New Generation Singers, a Christian singing youth group based in St. Joseph, Missouri. He is a member of NAFME, ACDA, MCDA, and Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Fraternity.

He is available for commissions and conducting events on request.

# GOOD NEWS FROM HEAVEN

## THE ANGELS SING

(A Christmas Carol for Children)

SATB and Piano

Words by  
MARTIN LUTHER (1483-1546)

Music by  
CHRISTOPHER ALEXANDER

Musical score for Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass, and Piano. The score is in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The tempo is marked "March" with a metronome marking of 100-108. The music begins with a piano introduction. The vocal parts enter with the lyrics: "Good news from the heaven, the angels bring, Glad tidings to the earth they sing: To Christ, our God and Lord, Who in all need shall aid af-ford: He no-ble Guest, this morn, Whose love did not the sin-ner scorn! In". The piano accompaniment features a steady march rhythm.

Continuation of the musical score, showing the vocal lines and piano accompaniment. The lyrics continue: "heav'n the an - gels bring, Glad ti - dings to the earth they sing: To Christ, our God and Lord, Who in all need shall aid af - ford: He no - ble Guest, this morn, Whose love did not the sin - ner scorn! In". The piano accompaniment continues with a consistent march rhythm.

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will Him - self our Sa - vior be, From sing and sor - row set us  
my dis - tress Thou can'st to me: What thanks shall I re - turn to

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heav'n. free. To what bless - ed - ness He  
Thee? Thee? dear - est Je - sus, Ho - ly

*unis. mp* *legato*

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1. 2, 3.

*legato* *mp*

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brings, Which from the Fa - ther's coun - ty springs: That  
Child! Make Thee a soft be - n - de - filed, With-

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