

Unison/Two-Part

Good News from Heaven the Angels Sing

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Music by
Christopher Alexander

Unison/Two-Part and Piano

Also available in: SATB, SAB, SSA, and TTB

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THE MUSIC OF CHRISTOPHER ALEXANDER

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)

Unison/Two-Part and Piano

Words by
MARTIN LUTHER (1483-1546)

Music by
CHRISTOPHER ALEXANDER

March (♩ = 100-108) *f*

PART I

PART II (optional)

PIANO

Good news from the
This is had the
All had Thou

Detailed description: This system contains the first musical notation. It features three staves: Part I (treble clef), Part II (optional, treble clef), and Piano (grand staff). The key signature is B-flat major (two flats) and the time signature is 4/4. The tempo is marked 'March' with a quarter note equal to 100-108 beats per minute. The dynamic is 'f' (forte). The lyrics 'Good news from the This is had the All had Thou' are written below the vocal staves.

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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

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Detailed description: This system continues the musical notation from the first system. It features three staves: Part I (treble clef), Part II (optional, treble clef), and Piano (grand staff). The key signature remains B-flat major and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics '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' are written below the vocal staves. A measure rest of 4 is indicated at the beginning of the system.

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

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

mp *legato*

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1. 2, 3.

legato *mp*

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

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