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There is a timeless and renewing quality in the traditions of the Advent and Christmas seasons. Few of us are not stirred by hearing again the angelic proclamation to unsuspecting shepherds on a Judean hillside: "Unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord." (Luke 2:11) The same is true for us as we hear the familiar strains of Christmas carols.

Most of us can recount the meaningful annual experiences of being surrounded by family, friends and a faith community in celebrating this holy season. In a day when change seems to be the watchword of our very existence, there is something uniquely refreshing in the annual pilgrimage of Christmas. By retelling the story of God coming to earth as a baby—through scripture, song and annual traditions—we are centered and anchored even in the midst of the stormy and changing seasons of life.

It is my love of the familiar Christmas story and respect for the staying power of these ageless melodies that has prompted these settings. The arrangements are done in a variety of styles that enhance the familiar messages of the texts, while providing a distinctive interpretation of the music. It is my hope that they will enhance the celebration of Christmas for both you and your listeners.

*Joy to the world! The Lord is come.
Let earth receive her King.*

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