

# O Loving Founder of the Stars

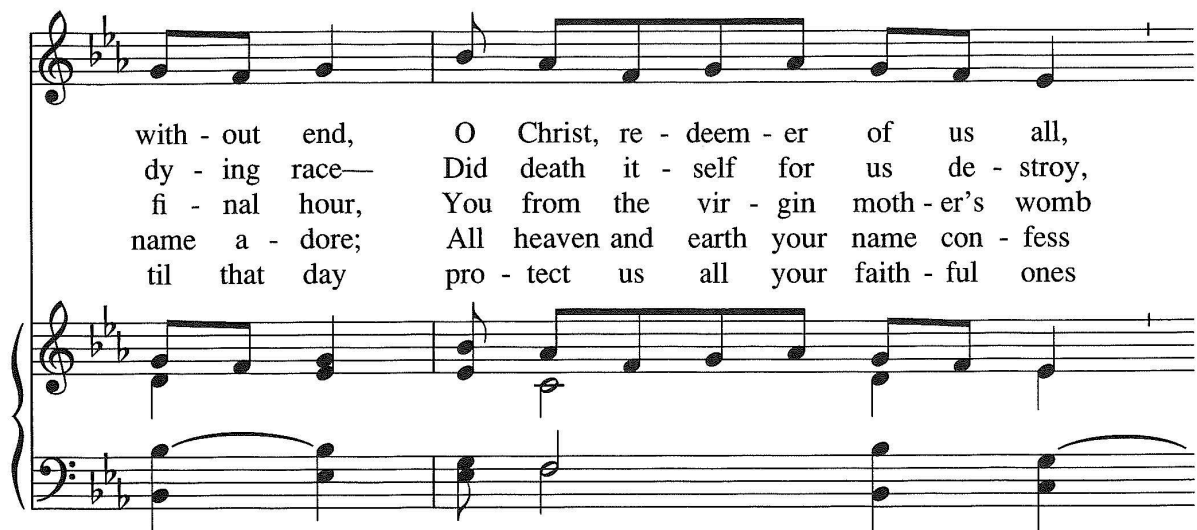
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Latin, anon., 9th century; transl. The New Century Hymnal, 1993

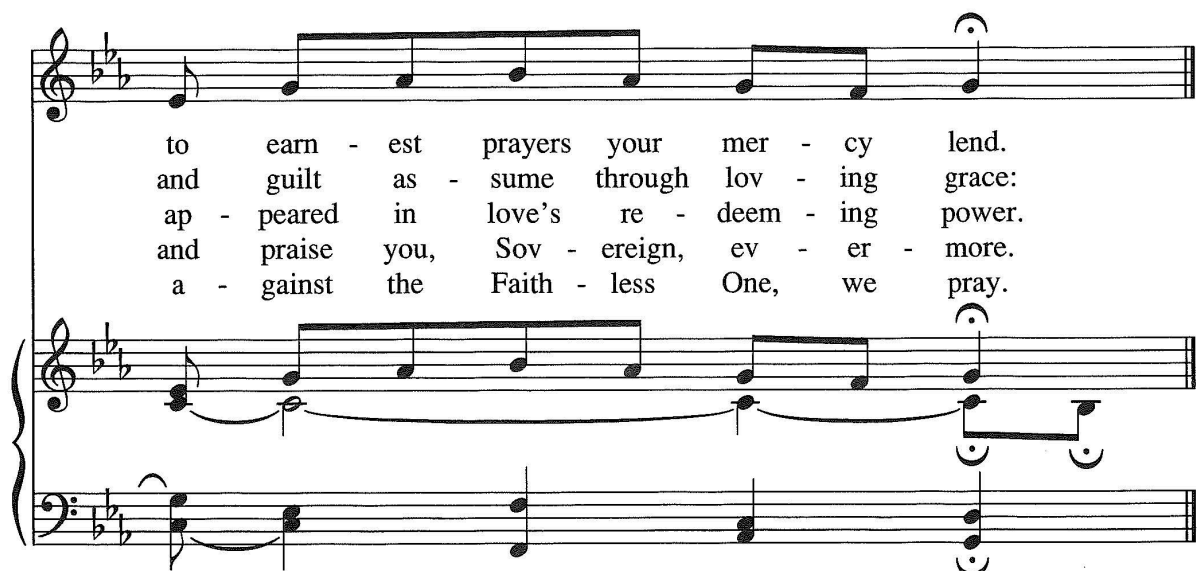
Luke 2:1-7; John 1:1-5; Phil. 2:5-11



1 O lov - ing found - er of the stars, to all of faith light  
2 Who griev - ing at the cry of pain— the an - guish of our  
3 As Sav - ior from the heav - ens forth, when earth draws near its  
4 O Christ, who braved earth's deep - est pain, all kneel - ing low your  
5 Your judg - ment of this world draws near, O Ho - ly One, un -



with - out end, O Christ, re - deem - er of us all,  
dy - ing race— Did death it - self for us de - stroy,  
fi - nal hour, You from the vir - gin moth - er's womb  
name a - dore; All heaven and earth your name con - fess  
til that day pro - tect us all your faith - ful ones



to earn - est prayers your mer - cy lend.  
and guilt as - sume through lov - ing grace:  
ap - peared in love's re - deem - ing power.  
and praise you, Sov - ereign, ev - er - more.  
a - gainst the Faith - less One, we pray.

*The original Latin hymn, dating from the early Middle Ages, was sung at Vespers (sunset) during Advent. The tune referred to in old service books as the "Ambrosian Advent Hymn" is thought to be one of the earliest church tunes.*

Tune: CONDITOR ALME L.M.  
ancient Sarum plainsong, mode IV

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## Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

*Ps. 145:10; Isa. 49:13**Henry van Dyke, 1907; alt.*

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore you, God of glo - ry, God of love;  
 2 All your works with joy sur - round you, earth and heaven re - flect your rays,  
 3 You are giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blessed,  
 4 Mor - tals, join the might - y cho - rus which the morn - ing stars be - gan;

Hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore you, open - ing to the sun a - bove.  
 Stars and an - gels sing a - round you, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
 Well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean depth of hap - py rest!  
 Bound - less love is reign - ing o'er us, re - con - cil - ing race and clan.

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the storms of doubt a - way;  
 Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flower - y mead - ow, flash - ing sea,  
 Lov - ing Spir - it, Fa - ther, Moth - er, all who love be - long to you;  
 Ev - er sing - ing, move we for - ward, faith - ful in the midst of strife,

Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.  
 Chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, teach us what our praise should be.  
 Teach us how to love each oth - er, by that love our joy re - new.  
 Joy - ful mu - sic leads us on - ward in the tri - umph song of life.

*Henry van Dyke was a noted church leader, U.S. ambassador, Navy chaplain, and prolific writer. Many people associate this hymn with Beethoven's ninth symphony, but few are aware of the original poem by the German classicist F. Schiller (1759–1805) that inspired Beethoven.*

Tune: HYMN TO JOY 8.7.8.7.D.  
 Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824  
 Adapt. and harm. Edward Hodges, 1846