



Christmas Cantata: *Have You Heard? A Celtic Christmas Celebration*

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**God's "treasure" that He offers to mankind is "...not gold, but gospel.  
Not silver, but good news. Not hard, cold cash, but grace, love, and peace."  
adapted from *Shepherds and Bathrobes* by Tom Long**

**Have you heard? God is with us!**

**"All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: 'The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel' ---which means, God with us." Matthew 1:22-23**

Jesus entered into human life "then and there," and he is in the "here and now."  
from sermon "Have You Heard the Good News?" by John Stroman

**Have you heard? Jesus is Christ the Lord!**

**"But the angel said to them [shepherds], 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.'" Luke 2:10 -11**

"Jesus hasn't taken God's place but he is "the clear window God has glazed into flesh  
and blood -- the porthole between this world and the next...."  
from *The Preaching Life* by Barbara Taylor Brown

**Have you heard? God's love and grace are for all!**

**"But because of his great love for us, God who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions---it is by grace you have been saved." Ephesians 2:4**

The Bible points out that God's relationship with mankind is not based on what we offer to God, but that God offers everything to us. He offers us love and grace.  
from sermon "Have You Heard the Good News?" by John Stroman

**Prayer: O God, I am amazed by Your love shown to me through Jesus' life and death on earth. I thank You for your mercy and pardon of my sin. Guide me to learn all I can from Jesus so as to be a true disciple.**

**The Eight Arrangements of A Celtic Christmas Celebration**

Christmas Day in the Morning  
Come Messiah, Come Emmanuel  
Have You Heard  
Celtic Christmas Lullaby  
O Little Town of Bethlehem  
O Holy Night  
Come and Adore Him  
Wexford Carol/Finale