

"Sing Out, All God's People!"

(Sung to the tune: "O Come, All Ye Faithful")

Sing out, all God's people! Shout what God is doing!
We need not fear the things that hurt or destroy;
God is here with us, healing and renewing.
O Lord, we know your presence,
We trust that you are with us,
We thank you that you bless us,
Giving us joy.

Our God loves the outcast, saves the weak and suffering,
Deals with oppressors, turns our shame into praise.
God, in great love, lifts up the poor and struggling.
O Lord, we know your presence,
We trust that you are with us,
We thank you that you bless us
All of our days.

O Lord, we're reminded in this holy season:
Though we may struggle we are never alone.
Christ is our joy, our hope and peace unending:
In Christ, we know your presence;
You heal us and restore us,
You give us joy and bless us,
Bringing us home.

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"I BELIEVE" – A NATIVITY AFFIRMATION

I believe in the Living God
who is directly involved in the affairs of the world,
in spite of evidence to the contrary.

I believe that God chooses the meek and the poor
to call out the proud and the rich.

I believe in the Word-Made-Flesh,
leaping in a woman's womb, cradled in a barn,
hand-held by his daddy.

I believe in Jesus, true son of Mary and Joseph,
true Son of God,
Who came among us in seeming weakness,
That we might come to know the profound strength,
Available to common people,
Who turn to God in trust and with love.
This is worth believing. Amen.