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FINAL ISSUE

A magazine for handbell and handchime directors and ringers, developed to further the gospel of Christ through the gift of music

Christmas Medley includes Angels We Have Heard on High and Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come 3-5 octaves handbells • Level 3+ • Arranged by Carl Seal
Go, Tell It on the Mountain* 6 3 octaves handbells • Level 3 • Arranged by Glenn Eernisse
How Great Our Joy* 5 octaves handbells • Level 3 • Arranged by David R. Kent
O Come, All Ye Faithful* 3-5 octaves handbells • Level 3 • Arranged by Brian Childers
Oh, Come, Little Children* 23 2-3 octaves handbells • Level 1+ • Arranged by Clifton Davis
Silent Night, Holy Night*
We Gather Together* 3 octaves handbells, 3 octaves handchimes • Level 2 • Arranged by Carl Seal

*Download resources for congregational use of this song at



LifeWay has enjoyed a rich history of providing resources for handbell choirs for nearly 100 years! Our *Handbells* magazine has represented a significant part of that story. Because our churches continue to move online to find resources for music and worship, we are following you there! As we close out the physical release of *Handbells* with this edition, we say, "Welcome, handbells, to LifeWay.com!"

LifeWay.com is one of the largest and most comprehensive sites for church resources anywhere! Beginning now, church musicians can find great resources for handbells at the place with all kinds of resources! Your LifeWay account makes it easy to order what you need.

We remain grateful for the diligent work of Christine Anderson, who has faithfully shepherded this resource for many years. Our hope is that even more people can take advantage of the great arrangements for handbells available at LifeWay.com!

Let the praises ring!

Mike Harland Director LifeWay Worship

Is Thanksgiving a hiccup in your schedule in the mad dash to produce Christmas music? Is it hard to find an excellent arrangement for Thanksgiving? In this issue, Carl Seal arranged "We Gather Together" for three octaves handbells with three octaves handchimes. It is an innovative piece that will be easy to get ready in a hurry.

A perennial favorite, "Go, Tell It on the Mountain," arranged by Glenn Eernisse, has lots of rhythmic appeal. Grab your mallets, be careful with marts, and give a loud kick damp on the Ring Touch at the end. The best way to accomplish this is a belly damp!

In "How Great Our Joy," mallet bass *staccato* notes and thumb damp treble *staccato* notes. Techniques used in "O Come, All Ye Faithful" are echo, LV, shakes, mallets, toll, marts, and gyro. Treble bells have measures with *staccato* notes followed on the next beat by "ring." Try thumb damping rather than using mallets. "Silent Night, Holy Night" has no accidentals and can easily be rung with just music stands, no tables. Consider ringing this several times, alternating handbells with handchimes. I think you will love Carl Seal's "Christmas Medley," which includes "Angels We Have Heard on High" and "Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come." It offers an option to ring just the first carol, if desired.

Once again we have a piece that includes the technique I refer to as "sabering a bell." It appears in "Oh, Come, Little Children" on bass bells, where whole notes are tied over the bar line. As soon as you saber the bell, raise the lip of the bell upright. Use this technique whenever whole notes are tied over the bar line. Saber each beat one, if several measures are tied.

Handbell ringers love ringing Christmas music! This Christmas, remember to raise your handbells up to glorify the King of kings and Lord of lords. The Father rejoiced at Jesus' birth because He did not lose His Son, He gained forever those who would come and believe in Him.

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Joyfully yours,

Christine D. Anderson Contract Editor www.voicesinbronze.com

We Gather Together

Dutch Folk Song 3 octaves / Level 2 Arranged by Carl Seal Optional Handchimes - 3 octaves Handbells Handchimes Gently $\int = 72$ LV LV





Go, Tell It on the Mountain



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Go, Tell It on the Mountain—2

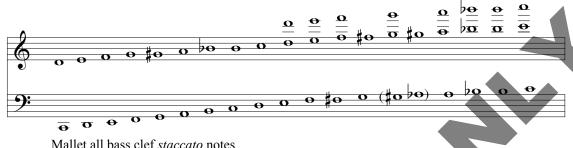




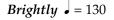
How Great Our Joy

5 octaves / Level 3

Traditional German Melody; arr. Hugo Jüngst Arranged by David R. Kent



Mallet all bass clef *staccato* notes Thumb damp all treble clef *staccato* notes





^{*2}nd time - double highest note an octave higher

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How Great Our Joy—2 Handbells, Fall 2019







How Great Our Joy—4

Handbells, Fall 2019



*Meas. 58-81 adapted from the traditional Hugo Jüngst arrangement.

How Great Our Joy—5 Handbells, Fall 2019



O Come, All Ye Faithful



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Oh, Come, Little Children



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^{*}Saber the bell.
**mallet click









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and

3 - 5 octaves / Level 3+

Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come

Arranged by Carl Seal



3-octave choirs omit notes in ()





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