

Dear Parents of Students in Grades 1–4:

Thank you for your willingness to help us record a few Christmas carols for the Children’s Christmas Eve Service of Lessons and Carols this year at Grace.

I have some very specific instructions for how you can help below. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

If you have a decent microphone that you use for your computer, please have your child use that. If not, the audio from a phone or tablet will do just fine. We are not looking for video for this part of the service, but rather audio alone. Make sure there is no background noise when recording.

In order for our audio to sync, you will need to listen to the prerecorded accompaniment with earphones or earbuds and record into a separate device. In the recordings we want to hear your child’s voice and not the organ part.

However, we **DO** need to hear the series of clicks at the beginning of each hymn to help us line up the many files we will receive, so please **start the recording with your earphones unplugged**, wait until the clicks occur so that they are audible on your recording, and then plug your headphones in for the remainder of the music for each track. There is an introduction to each hymn and then you will hear Ms. Dennen singing along with the organ. Her voice is there to support and encourage your child as they sing.

A link to each recording is embedded within this document. If you would prefer that I send mp3 files to you separately, please let me know.

Please record each hymn separately and send the files to me via e-mail at [mcostello@graceriverforest.org](mailto:mcostello@graceriverforest.org) or on Google Drive. If you record on your phone feel free to text the files to me at 708-341-0938 and indicate who is sending them as I do not have your contact information in my cell phone.

As I said before, please reach out with any questions. I am grateful for your help and can’t wait to see how this all comes together.

Blessings,

Pastor Costello  
[mcostello@graceriverforest.org](mailto:mcostello@graceriverforest.org)

Link to the recording is [HERE](#).

Please record at least Stanza 1 and more, if possible.

## Away in a Manger



1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for his bed,  
2 The cat - tle are low - ing; the ba - by a - wakes,  
3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask you to stay



the lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head;  
but lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes.  
close by me for - ev - er and love me, I pray.



the stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
I love you, Lord Je - sus; look down from the sky  
Bless all the dear chil - dren in your ten - der care



the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.  
and stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.  
and fit us for heav - en, to live with you there.

Text: North American, 19th cent.

Music: CRADLE SONG, William J. Kirkpatrick, 1838–1921

Link to the recording is [HERE](#).

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## Silent Night, Holy Night!



1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm,  
2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake  
3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God,



all is bright round yon vir - gin moth - er and child.  
at the sight; glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,  
love's pure light ra - diant beams from your ho - ly face,



Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in heav - en - ly  
heav'n - ly hosts . . . sing, al - le - lu - ia! Christ, the Sav - ior, is  
with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at your



peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.  
born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!  
birth, Je - sus, Lord, at your birth.