

# RING THE CHRISTMAS BELLS

for S.A.T.B. voices, accompanied, with opt. handbells\*

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Joyously (♩ = ca. 126-132)

HANDBELLS

mf

ACCOMP.

r.h.  
l.h.  
mf

5

S. *f*

A.

Ring the Christ-mas bells re-joic-ing, call-ing out "Good News" to tell.

T. *f*

B.

5

*f*

\* Part for 15-note (2 octaves) handbells may be found on page 12.  
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Christ has come, ring out the dark-ness; God with us, Em - man - u - el.  
 \*Christ will come, ring out the dark-ness;

13 TENOR / BASS  
*mf*

See the won - der God has prom - ised, Light of all the world dis - played;  
 Watch in faith, as God has prom - ised,

17 SOPRANO / ALTO  
*mf*

born to us, this gen - tle Sav - ior, born to take our sins a - way.

\* Optional italicized words are for use during Advent.

21

S. *f*  
A.  
Ring the Christ-mas bells with glad-ness. Heav-en and earth, re - joice to - day!

T. *f*  
B.

HB.  
*f*

21

*f*

25

*sub. mp*

29

TENOR / BASS (opt. solo)  
*mp*

Ring the Christ-mas bells, de - clar - ing, "Peace on earth, good - will, great joy."

HB.

29

*mp*

*mp*

33 SOPRANO / ALTO (opt. solo)  
*mp*

We have found Him, our Mes - si - ah, in — this hum - ble ba - by — Boy.  
We will find Him, our Mes - si - ah,

37

He will set His peo - ple free.

Ech - o - ing, the bells re - mind us,

37

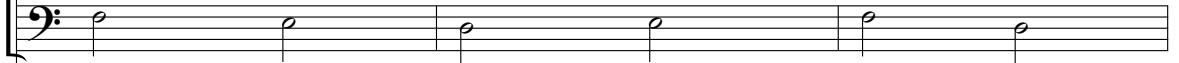
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*mf*

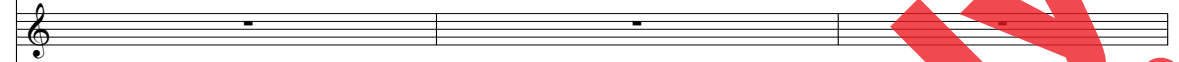


Christ, the Lord, the Word In - car - nate, Love brought forth its  
*Love brings forth its*

*mf*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -



*mf*



44

45

*f tutti*



mel - o - dy. Ring the Christ - mas bells, de - clar - ing  
*mel - o - dy*

*mf tutti*

*f*



lu, al - le - lu - ia. Ring the Christ - mas bells, de - clar - ing

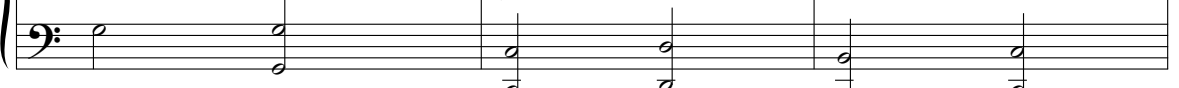


*f*

45



*f*



47

49

He will reign e - ter - nal - ly!

*sub. mp*

49

*sub. mp*

51

*cresc. poco a poco*

*cresc. poco a poco*

55

*f* Ring the Christ - mas bells. Pro - claim Him "Lord of hosts," and

*f* Ring the Christ - mas bells. Pro - claim Him

55

*f*

“King of kings.” Stir our hearts with hope’s bright dawn - ing.

“King of kings.” Stir our hearts with

61

Glo - ri - fy Him. Let us sing. Al - le - lu - ia.

hope’s bright dawn - ing Let us sing. Al - le - lu - ia to our Sav - ior.

63

*mf*

65

Make our hearts His home to dwell. Fill the air with ex - ul - ta - tion,

Al - le - lu - ia.

69

peal - ing forth, His praises swell. Ring the Christ-mas



73

bells, pro-claim-ing Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el. Let us a - dore Him,

76

76

77

*mf* Je - sus Christ, the Lord, *f* Em - man - u -

*mf* Lord. *f* Je - sus Christ, the Lord, Em - man - u -

*mf* *f*

81

el.

el.

Sk

*poco rit.*

*poco rit.*

**Ring the Christmas Bells** is a joyous proclamation of Christ's coming. To broaden the usage of the anthem to the Advent season, the choir can sing the alternate, italicized text. Appropriate scripture references include John 1:14, Isaiah 9:6-7 and Luke 2:10.

Rehearse the melody with all voices singing energetically but lightly in unison on a neutral syllable such as "do." Strive for a brightly focused and articulate sound. Keep the voices evenly matched in the canon that begins in m. 55, adding the keyboard right hand as an equally articulate descant to the singers.

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2 Octaves  
Handbells Used: 15

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1 2 3 4 5 6

7 8 9 10 11 12

13 21 22 23 24

29 30 31 32 33 34

35 36 37 43 46 47

48 49 50 51 52 53

54 55 56 58 59

60 63 69 70

71 72 73 74 75 76

79 80 81 Sk 82 83 poco rit. 84

*mf* *f* *mf* *f* *mp* *sub. mp* *cresc. poco a poco* *mf* *f*

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