## AT CHRISTMAS TIME ALL CHRISTIANS SING

for S.A.T.B. voices, accompanied, with optional flute and congregational refrain\*



<sup>\*</sup> Parts for optional flute and congregational refrain may be found on pages 14 and 16, respectively.

















\*Adeste fideles. Melody and words by John F. Wade, ca. 1743; translated by Frederick Oakeley, 1841. 7895











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At Christmas Time All Christians Sing is a joyous Christmas anthem skillfully blending two beloved carols, the Sussex Carol and Adeste fideles. Suggested corresponding lectionary readings include Psalm 97, Isaiah 61: 10-11, Luke 2: 8-20, and Galatians 4: 1-7. One basic homilitical theme is that Christians should spread the news of God's redeeming love as found in the birth of Jesus.

In rehearsal, teach the melody to the choir, using the text of the first verse. Strive for a light, buoyant tone with crisp diction and an energetic pulse of two beats per measure. Maintain this feeling as the choir learns the anthem in four parts. This anthem may also serve Christmas services as the first hymn and is especially appropriate for a service of lessons and carols.

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for congregational singing

Verses 1 and 2, Traditional English Verse 3 by PATRICK M. LIEBERGEN

## TRADITIONAL ENGLISH CAROL Arranged by PATRICK M. LIEBERGEN

Verse 1: (Choir only)

At Christmas time all Christians sing, To hear the news the angels bring; At Christmas time all Christians sing, To hear the news the angels bring: News of great joy and of great mirth, News of our merciful King's birth.

Verse 2: (Choir only)

When sin departs before His grace, Then life and health come in its place; When sin departs before His grace, Then life and health come in its place; Angels with joy do gladly sing, They join to praise the newborn King.

Verse 3: (Choir only)

Sing "Alleluia, Glory to God!"
Sing praise to Him who reigns above
Sing "Alleluia, Glory to God!"
Sing praise to Him who gives His lov
Sing praise around the manger stall,
Glory to God and peace to all!

Verse 4: Choir and Congregation

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