

CAROLS

the songs of hope's arrival



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All Glory be to Christ

Colossians 1:15-23

A 2 stanza poem

• <u>Christ as firstborn</u> over creation: creating and holding together <u>all things</u>

• Christ as firstborn from among the dead: reconciling to himself all things

For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. 1:13-14



•Christ the <u>Cosmic</u> King (15-17)

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.



• Christ the <u>Conquering King</u> (18-20)

And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the CIOSS.



•Christ the <u>Personal</u> King (21-23)

Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. But <u>now</u> he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation — if you continue in your faith, established and firm, not moved from the hope held out in the gospel.





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