19. God rest you merry, gentlemen

v. 1 Unison
v. 2 Harmony

English traditional carol
arranged by DAVID WILLCOCKS



Verse 5 overleaf

Unison

3. The shepherds at those tidings
Rejoicèd much in mind,
And left their flocks a-feeding
In tempest, storm and wind,
And went to Bethlehem straightway
This blessèd babe to find:
O tidings of comfort and joy.

Harmony

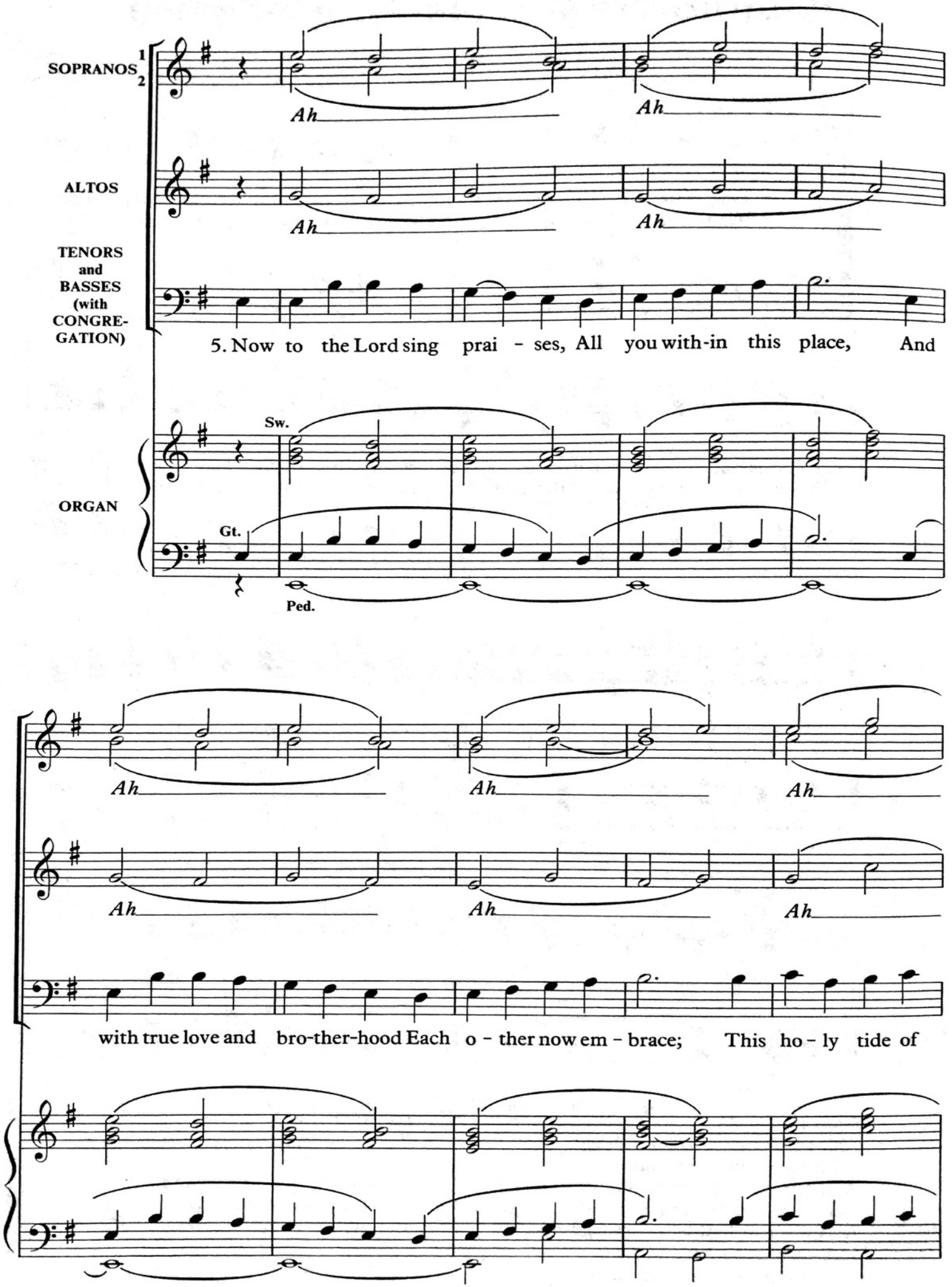
4. But when to Bethlehem they came,
Whereat this infant lay,
They found him in a manger,
Where oxen feed on hay;
His mother Mary kneeling,
Unto the Lord did pray:
O tidings of comfort and joy.

*If preferred, the refrain may always be sung in unison (with organ accompaniment).

Verse 5 overleaf

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SOPRANOS 1 2
ALTOS
TENORS and BASSES (with CONGRE-GATION)
ORGAN
Ah
Ah
Ah
Ah
5. Now to the Lord sing prai - ses, All you with-in this place, And
Sw.
Gt.
Ped.
Ah
Ah
Ah
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Ah
Ah
with true love and bro-ther-hood Each o - ther now em - brace; This ho - ly tide of


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