

O Jesus Christ, Thy Manger Is**Words: Paul Gerhardt, 1653.****Music: Johann Crger, 1653.****O Jesus Christ, Thy manger is****My paradise at which my soul reclineth.****For there, O Lord, doth lie the Word****Made flesh for us; herein Thy grace forthshineth.****He Whom the sea and wind obey****Doth come to serve the sinner in great meekness.****Thou, God's own Son, with us art one,****Dost join us and our children in our weakness.****Thy light and grace our guilt efface,****Thy heavenly riches all our loss retrieving.****Immanuel, Thy birth doth quell****The power of hell and Satan's bold deceiving.****Thou Christian heart, whoe'er thou art,****Be of good cheer and let no sorrow move thee!****For God's own Child, in mercy mild,****Joins thee to Him-how greatly God must love thee!****Remember thou what glory now****The Lord prepared thee for all earthly sadness.****The angel host can never boast****Of greater glory, greater bliss or gladness.****The world may hold her wealth and gold;****But thou, my heart, keep Christ as thy true Treasure.****To Him hold fast until at last****A crown be thine and honor in full measure.**