

Communion Carol

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for S.A.T.B. voices, accompanied

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Originally titled
"The First One to Know"

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Gently, with rubato (♩ = ca. 88)

8va-----

ACCOMP.

pp *p* *mp*

5 SOPRANO / ALTO

poco rit. *p unis.* *a tempo*

The first one to

poco rit. *a tempo* *p*

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know what the Word was to be was Ma - ry, who

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poco rit. , 17 *a tempo*

wel - comed the great mys - ter - y. Be - yond com - pre -

TENOR / BASS *p unis.*

18

hen - sion, she car - ried her son and knew she ex -

22

poco rit. *a tempo* *mf*

pect - ed the Sav - ior, the One. We

poco rit. *a tempo* *mf*

26

share with each oth - er the bread and the wine as

mp

26

mf

poco rit.

p a tempo

30

once more the earth and the heav - ens com - bine.

p

mp

poco rit.

p a tempo

35

37

mp unis.

When Jo - seph held gent - ly the

37

mp

son of his wife, he felt the con - nec - tion of

43 *poco rit.* *mp* **45** *a tempo*

He cra - dled a fu - ture that

life touch - ing life.

45

poco rit. *a tempo*

47

he could not see, the teach - er and guide that this

51 *poco rit.* *a tempo* *mf* [54]

in - fant would be. In flesh as a

poco rit. *a tempo* *mf*

55 *mp*

ba - by, our God came to earth; re - demp - tion is

mp

59

with us, we taste the new birth.

88 *poco rit.* *a tempo* *mf* **91**

Sav - ior_ was known. So let us re - spond to the

poco rit. *p* *a tempo* *mf* **91**

93 *rit.*

call we have heard by_ liv - ing and tast - ing the feast_ of the

rit. *mp*

99 *a tempo* *mp unis.* *rit.* *pp*

Word. *pp*

mp unis. *pp*

a tempo *p* *rit.* *pp*