Eleven Christmas Carols with Suggested Alternate Words
All words adapted from the Wings of Song hymnal.
Suggested altered words are in red. The purpose was to change as few words as possible and stay congruent to our theology.

Angels We Have Heard On High (#279)

Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o’er the plains.
And the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.

Gloria - in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
Say what may the tidings be which inspire your heavenly song.

Refrain

Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing
Giving thanks on bended knee Jesus is the Christ in me.
(Or Whom we’ll follow and be free. Joyously our anthems ring.)

Behold the Star (#276)

Behold the star, the wondrous star
That leads to Christ in you.
The wise have followed from afar and found the promise true.
Oh let the bells in rapture ring and peace it’s joy impart;
For he is come, good news to bring: the Christ in every heart.
(also Jesus shows us how to bring the Christ to every heart.)

Upon this day when love supreme relights the inner flame
And we who walked as in a dream awake to know God’s name.
For Christ is here whom we adore oh happy thought and sweet!
(also “We know of him from ancient lore oh happy thought and sweet.)
Forever and forever more, the Christ in you I greet.

Go Tell It On the Mountain (#269)

Refrain
Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere.
Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.
VS 1
While shepherds kept their watching O’er silent flocks by night,
Behold throughout the heavens there shone a holy light

VS 2
The shepherds feared and trembled when lo above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus that hailed the Christ child’s birth.

VS3
Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born
The earth in celebration was blessed Christmas morn

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (#274)

Hark! The herald angels sing.
Love is born our joy we bring
Peace on earth and mercy mild.
God and children . . .
Joyful all ye nations rise.
Join the triumph of the skies
With angelic hosts proclaim
Love is born in Bethlehem!
Hark! The herald angels sing
Love is born our joy we bring!

Hail, the heaven-born, light of peace.
Hail the rise of consciousness!
Light and life to all Love brings
Risen with healing in its wings.
Mild we lay love’s glory by,
Born that we no longer die,
Born to raise us all on earth,
Born to give us second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing.
Love is born our joy we bring!

It Came Upon A Midnight Clear  (#272)

Vs1
It came upon the midnight clear that glorious song of old.
From angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold.
Peace on the earth, good will to men,  
good tidings from heaven we bring.  
The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing

Vs 2 & 3 ok

Joy to the World (#280)

Joy to the World!  
The Christ is born. Let earth her glory bring.  
Let every heart prepare it room. (Or Prepare a room)  
Christ Love has come.  
Let earth her glory bring  
Let every heart prepare Love room  
And heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the World! The Spirit reigns;  
Let us, our songs employ.  
While fields and floods, rocks hills and plains,  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

We heal the world from truth and grace,  
And let the nations know  
The glories of new consciousness  
And wonders of God’s love,  
And wonders of God’s love,  
And wonders, wonders of God’s love.

Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming (#262)

Lo, how a rose e’er blooming  
From tender stem hath sprung!  
O Jesse’s lineage coming as men of old have sung.  
It came a floweret bright, amid the cold of winter  
When half spent was the night.

Isaiah twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind
With Mary we behold it, the Virgin Mother kind.  
To show God’s love aright, she bore us a messiah, when half spent was the night.

**O Come, O Come Emmanuel (#260)**

O come, O come, Emmanuel  
And ransom captive Israel  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the light of God appear  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Day-Spring, come and cheer  
Our spirits by Thine advent here  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night  
And death’s dark shadows put to flight.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, O Come Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel  
Make safe the way that leads on high,  
And light the path where love and joy does lie.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

**O Come, All Ye Faithful (#286)**

O come, all ye faithful,  
Joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem.  
*Come and rejoice - Born of hope within us*  
(or *Come and Behold him, born the light within us.*)

CHORUS:  
O come, let us rejoice now  
O come, let us rejoice now  
O come, let us rejoice now  
Christ, within.  (or *For Christ is within.*)
Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation;
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven on earth
Glory to God, all glory in the highest.

CHORUS

WOS third verse adapted
Jesus we greet thee, born this happy morning.
Jesus to thee be all honor given.
Word of Creation, now in flesh appearing
O come let us behold him

Silent Night (#270)

Silent Night, Holy Night
All is calm, All is bright
Round yon virgin, mother and child
Holy Infant so tender and mild
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace,

Silent Night, Holy Night
Wondrous star, lend thy light
With the angels let us sing
Alleluia to our king
Christ within us is born!
Christ within us is born!

WOS Verse 2 adapted
Silent night holy night
shepherds quake at the sight
Glories stream from heaven afar.
Heavenly hosts sing alleluia
Christ within us is born . . . .

WOS Vs 3 adapted
Silent Night, Holy Night
Child of God, love’s pure light.
Radiant beams from thy holy face
Greet the dawn of redeeming Grace
Jesus humble at birth, Jesus so humble at birth.
WOS VS 4 as is
Holy light perfect light Christ of God oh how bright
Doth they spirit shine always
Healing blessing us each day
with thy heavenly love
With thy heavenly love

**Additional Verses**
Silent night, holy night,
All is calm, all is bright.
Jesus comes as a Spirit-filled Child:
God-like Infant so tender and mild.
Sleep in heavenly peace.
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night.
Christ within, gives us sight.
Shining brightly, a heavenly star
Helps us to learn
just who we really are.
Jesus, our teacher is born,
Jesus, our teacher is born.

**The First Noel**

Refrain
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the son of Israel

Verses are ok.