

## *Hymns for Christmas Day (1744)*

[Baker list, #94]

### **Editorial Introduction:**

The ledgers of William Strahan, printer in London, contain an entry on December 20, 1744 charging the Wesley brothers for printing 1500 copies of “hymns for Christmas Day.” From the details about the paper used, this was likely a pamphlet of 8–12 pages. No copies of this pamphlet have survived. It is unclear what comprised this set of hymns. There are 3–4 hymns related to Christ’s nativity in *HSP* (1739) and *HSP* (1740), so it could be a gathering of these. Alternatively, it might have been the initial appearance of some of the hymns that became *Nativity Hymns* (1745).

### **Edition:**

[Charles Wesley.] *Hymns for Christmas Day*. [London: Strahan, 1744.] [no copies extant]