Hymn for Christmas Day

Matthew Cooke of North Mimms
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His two publications were:

"Twelve psalm tunes... for the use of the church at North Mimms", c1790, and
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