

Welcome & Call to Worship

Hymn - MP 740 - We three kings of Orient are

1. We three kings of Orient are;
bearing gifts we travel afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder star.

*O star of wonder, star of night,
star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to the perfect light.*

2. Born a King on Bethlehem plain,
gold I bring to crown Him again,
King forever, ceasing never,
over us all to reign.

*O star of wonder, star of night,
star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to the perfect light.*

3. Frankincense for Jesus have I;
God on earth yet Priest on high;
prayer and praising, all men raising,
worship is earth's reply.

*O star of wonder, star of night,
star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to the perfect light.*

4. Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
tells of His death and Calvary's gloom;
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
sealed in a stone-cold tomb.

*O star of wonder, star of night,
star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to the perfect light.*

5. Glorious now, behold Him arise;
King and God and sacrifice!
Heaven sings out, "Alleluia!",
"Amen!" the earth replies.

*O star of wonder, star of night,
star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to the perfect light.*

Prayer

Hymn – MP 156 - For unto us a child is born

For unto us a Child is born,
unto us a Son is given,
and the government
shall be upon His shoulders.
And His name shall be called
wonderful, counsellor,
the mighty God,
the everlasting Father,

Hymn - MP 451 - Love came down at Christmas

1. Love came down at Christmas,
Love all lovely, Love divine;
Love was born at Christmas,
star and angels gave the sign.

2. Worship we the Godhead,
Love incarnate, Love divine;
worship we our Jesus:
but wherewith for sacred sign?

3. Love shall be our token,
love be yours and love be mine,
love to God and all men,
love for plea and gift and sign.

Reading: Psalm 148 - ¹Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights above. ² Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his heavenly hosts. ³ Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars. ⁴ Praise him, you highest heavens and you waters above the skies. ⁵ Let them praise the name of the Lord, for at his command they were created, ⁶ and he established them for ever and ever—he issued a decree that will never pass away. ⁷ Praise the Lord from the earth, you great sea creatures and all ocean depths, ⁸ lightning and hail, snow and clouds, stormy winds that do his bidding, ⁹ you mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars, ¹⁰ wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and flying birds, ¹¹ kings of the earth and all nations, you princes and all rulers on earth, ¹² young men and women, old men and children. ¹³ Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his splendour is above the earth and the heavens. ¹⁴ And he has raised up for his people a horn, the praise of all his faithful servants, of Israel, the people close to his heart. Praise the Lord.

Reading: Luke 2:41-52 - ⁴¹ Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Festival of the Passover. ⁴² When he was twelve years old, they went up to the festival, according to the custom. ⁴³ After the festival was over, while his parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it. ⁴⁴ Thinking he was in their company, they travelled on for a day. Then they began looking for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵ When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him. ⁴⁶ After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷ Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸ When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you." ⁴⁹ "Why were you searching for me?" he asked. "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰ But they did not understand what he was saying to them. ⁵¹ Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart. ⁵² And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.

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Hymn - MP 162 - From heaven You came

1. From heaven You came, helpless babe,
entered our world, Your glory veiled,
Not to be served but to serve,
And give Your life that we might live.
*This is our God, the Servant King,
He calls us now to follow Him,
To bring our lives as a daily offering
Of worship to the Servant King.*

2. There in the garden of tears
my heavy load He chose to bear:
His heart with sorrow was torn,
"Yet not my will but yours," He said.
*This is our God, the Servant King,
He calls us now to follow Him,
To bring our lives as a daily offering
Of worship to the Servant King.*

3. Come see His hands and His feet,
the scars that speak of sacrifice,
hands that flung stars into space
to cruel nails surrendered.
*This is our God, the Servant King,
He calls us now to follow Him,
To bring our lives as a daily offering
Of worship to the Servant King.*

4. So let us learn how to serve
and in our lives enthrone Him,
each other's needs to prefer,
for it is Christ we're serving.
*This is our God, the Servant King,
He calls us now to follow Him,
To bring our lives as a daily offering
Of worship to the Servant King.*

Sermon

Prayer

Hymn - MP 345 - It came upon the midnight clear

1. 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,
from Heaven's all-gracious King!'
The world in solemn stillness lay
to hear the angels sing.

2. Still through the cloven skies they come
with peaceful wings unfurled;
and still their heavenly music floats
o'er all the weary world;
above its sad and lowly plains
they bend on hovering wing,
and ever o'er its Babel sounds
the blessed angels sing.

3. But with the woes of sin and strife
the world has suffered long;
beneath the angel strain have rolled
two thousand years of wrong;
and man, at war with man, hears not
the love song which they bring;
O hush the noise, ye men of strife,
and hear the angels sing.

4. For, lo! the days are hastening on,
by prophet bards foretold,
when with the ever-circling years
comes round the Age of Gold,
when peace shall over all the earth
its ancient splendours fling,
and the whole world give back the song
which now the angels sing.

Dedication of Offering

Hymn - MP 490 - O come let us adore Him

1. O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.

2. We'll give Him all the glory,
we'll give Him all the glory,
we'll give Him all the glory,
Christ the Lord.

3. For He alone is worthy,
for He alone is worthy,
for He alone is worthy,
Christ the Lord.

Benediction

Hymn - MP 460 – May God's blessing

May God's blessing surround you each day,
as you trust Him and walk in His way.
May His presence within guard and keep you from sin,
go in peace, go in joy, go in love.