

In just a few hours the tree will be down, the garland, candles, and manger scenes all gone. The church will feel a bit empty, a bit darker, not as bright and glorious as at Christmas.

I wonder how long it took for Mary and Joseph to feel Christmas was over. After Jesus was born, they settled in and settled down in Bethlehem - the praise of the shepherds and the song of Simeon just a memory. Maybe that's the way we feel now - that Christmas is over; and now we can settle in and settle down in the new year. But God didn't give Mary and Joseph much of a chance to settle in and settle down, did he? With the star in the sky, he brought Magi from the east to show the glory of Jesus ... to show the glory of Jesus is world-wide, to show the glory of Jesus shines in us!

Today God doesn't want us to settle in and settle down. He says, "**Rise, shine!**" And "**See the glory!**" The glory of what? Not just the glory of Jesus, but the glory of his church! Isaiah doesn't just say: "Look at the great things God has in store for Jesus." No, the Holy Spirit says: "Look at the great things God has in store for you - the people and the church of Christ!"

Our lesson is for people who feel settled in, settled down, and perhaps most of all, settled on. For people who feel settled in, hopeless, "what's the point?"; for people who feel settled down in a lifeless church; for people who feel settled on and crushed by a world gone wrong ... for people who feel down, discouraged, in the dark, Isaiah says, "Rise and Shine! See the glory of Christ's church!" Not "rise and shine because everything around you is great and glorious" but "rise and shine in and out of the darkness!"

Darkness ... what darkness? Isaiah said, "**darkness covers all the earth.**" Praying to evil spirits in the bush country of Africa or chasing the American dream - it doesn't matter which, the world lives in darkness. Darkness shows itself in the world; darkness that shows itself in our family rooms and at our kitchen tables - family fights and family hurts - guilt and anger, selfishness and pride darkening our hearts and our homes. For all the light and knowledge we think we have, wherever, whenever the world tries to go without God the world goes in darkness.

The church is supposed to be different; we're supposed to be different. We're supposed to shine with light and glory. But at Isaiah's time, and Jesus' time, when people looked at the church they didn't see much glory. In the church, they saw people going through the motions and thinking God should be happy. They saw people with their hands out for God's blessing, but their hands pulled back from God's work, yet thinking God should be happy. They saw people making things up about God and thinking God should be happy with their lies. They saw a church that claimed a loving God, but didn't show that love, yet thought that God should be happy. Instead of a church shining the glory of God out into the world, they saw a church just about as dark as the rest of the world, yet thinking God should be happy with them.

How about today? How's the church shining? With the glory and greatness of God? Or maybe a bit too settled in – too settled in to the life of the world around us ... too settled in to the darkness of the world around us. Sometimes we forget that darkness is damned. Or maybe we feel as if the whole world has settled in on our shoulders and we feel too tired, too crushed to shine out. Or maybe we've been so infected or distracted by the marketing and feel of the great American church that we lose sight of the true glory of the Church.

So what makes Christ's church shine? Isaiah says: **“Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you. The LORD rises upon you and his glory appears over you.”** What makes the church shine? Put Isaiah together with Simeon and John, what makes Christ's church shine is the light of Christ! We might think of Christ shining with the glory of heaven, like the Christmas Eve angels. Or we might think of Christ shining with the glory and light of God, like on Transfiguration. That would mean the church would be shining with the glory of God and the glory of heaven - “God is with us, and heaven is ours!”

And that is true. But when Jesus says, **“I am the light of the world,”** that light isn't the eye-blinding awesomeness of God, or the dazzling brilliance of heaven. Christ's light, Christ's glory is the light and glory of his gospel. Christ's glory and light is his Good News promise - his life and his love - that lights up the darkness to show who God is and what God is about.

What does that mean for us? When darkness has us settling in to the darkness of this world ... When darkness weighs heavily on us - “how can they be so evil? how can we be so ‘in the dark?’” ... Remember this - we have Christ shining his light on us. Into the darkness of our guilt, Jesus shines as the Prince of Peace; he holds his cross out to you and shines: “In the glory of the cross your sin is paid for; your guilt is gone; you are forgiven!” In the darkness of evil, Jesus shines as God’s promised Champion, as the Lord our Righteousness; he holds out his perfect life and shines: “Look who I am; look what I’ve done - darkness doesn’t have to rule; the devil’s power is broken!” In baptism, he holds out his perfect life and shines: “Look who I am; look what I’ve done - my life, my rightness is now your rightness, your life. My power to put the devil in his place is now your power to put evil in its place. My power to shine in the darkness is now your power to shine in the darkness.” Forever! In the darkness of death, Jesus shines with Easter Life: “Because I live, you also will live!”

The light and glory of Jesus is now the light and glory of his Church. Holding on to Jesus, holding Jesus out to the world - we get to shine: “Jesus sinners does receive!” We get to shine - “Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee!” We get to shine - “I know that my Redeemer lives ... and in the end I will see God!”

We get to shine! And what will happen? Isaiah tells us: “**Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look: all assemble and come to you; your sons come from afar, and your daughters are carried on the arm.**” When Christ’s light shines out, people come in to Christ. When Christ’s light shines out of his church, people come into his church. Isaiah sees Gentiles coming in; he sees Jews returning, coming back home, back to the church.

Then what? Isaiah tells us: “**Then you [Christ’s church, you and me!] will look and be radiant, your heart will swell and throb with joy; the wealth of the seas will be brought to you, to you the riches of the nations will come. ... bearing gold and incense and proclaiming the praise of the lord!**” Like those Magi on our Gospel lesson, the nations and the peoples coming to the church don’t come with empty hands; they come to the church with their hands full of gifts and their mouths full of praise for their God and Savior.

What's Isaiah's point? In the darkness of this world, it can be so easy to feel settled in and settled on. In the darkness of the world, it can be so easy for Christ's church to settle. It can be so easy to think we need some brighter glory than what we have, to think Christ's church needs some bigger, better glory. It can be so easy to let ourselves and let Christ's church go dim. Isaiah will have none of that. This is no time for settling in and settling down. Instead of settling in and settling down and going dim with the darkness of the world, we get to "**Rise and shine.**" Look what God has given his church with Christmas and Christ. Look what God will do for his church with Christmas and Christ. Christ's light will bring his people in, alive and eager to shine his light. Christ's glory will have his people alive and eager to show his glory - alive and eager to serve with Christ, alive and eager to give with Christ, alive and eager to sing praise to Christ."

When the Wise Men came to worship Jesus, that was just the beginning. Now it's our turn. Now it's our time to Rise and Shine! Our time to show off the glory of Christ! Amen.

THE SERVICE – SETTING 3

IN OUR WORLD TODAY ... the shine and joy of the xmas holiday is fading.

IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY ... we don't settle into the fading glory of a past holiday. We are brightened by the joy and glory God has for Jesus and his church (us)! On this Holy Day, we transition from the glory and joy of Christ's birth (Christmas) to the joy and glory of Christ showing himself as our Lord and Savior (Epiphany).

OPENING HYMN

"Rise Up and Shine"

Hymn 376



1 Rise up and shine! Your light has come; God's
2 Fling wide your gates, both day and night; no
3 No more will you im - plore the sun to



glo - ry breaks like dawn. For though the earth be
more keep watch or guard. You will be called God's
shed by day its light, nor will you need the



cloaked in night and gloom shrouds ev - 'ry - one,
ho - ly hill, the cit - y of the Lord.
change - ful moon to glis - ten through the night.



yet o - ver you the Lord will rise, with
No sound of strife will plague your land, nor
Your glo - ry then will be your God, whose



glo - ry gleam - ing clear, till na - tions turn to
harm be - siege your ways; "Sal - va - tion" will you
light will nev - er cease. Rise up and shine! Your



seek your light and hum - bled kings draw near.
 name your walls, and all your por - tals "Praise."
 light has come to give you joy and peace.

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

CW 189

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father,

we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.

We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.

We have done those things that we should not have done,

and we have not done those things that we should have done.

Have mercy on us, Lord!

Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,

according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

LORD, HAVE MERCY

CW 190



In peace let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



For the peace from above and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



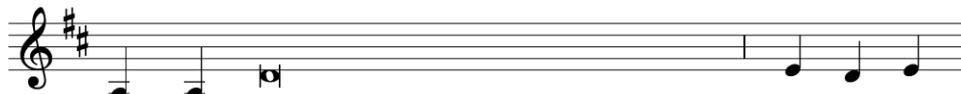
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the un - it - y of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor - ship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men. A - men.

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST

CW 191



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, glo - ry to



God, and peace to his peo - ple on earth,

and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and

Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we

praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly

Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on

us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the

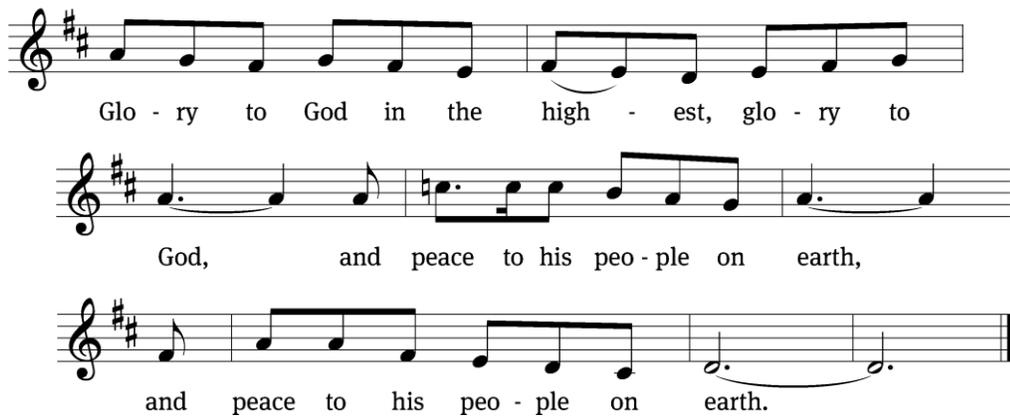
Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer. For

you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the

Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus

Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the

glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you have filled us with the new light of the Word who became flesh and lived among us. Let the light of our faith shine in all we do; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

HYMN 60:1-6

“Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord rises upon you.
See, darkness covers the earth
and thick darkness is over the peoples,
but the Lord rises upon you
and his glory appears over you.
Nations will come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
“Lift up your eyes and look about you:
All assemble and come to you;
your sons come from afar,
and your daughters are carried on the hip.
Then you will look and be radiant,
your heart will throb and swell with joy;
the wealth on the seas will be brought to you,
to you the riches of the nations will come.
Herds of camels will cover your land,
young camels of Midian and Ephah.

And all from Sheba will come,
bearing gold and incense
and proclaiming the praise of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 72A (see next page)

SECOND READING

Ephesians 3:2–12

Surely you have heard about the administration of God's grace that was given to me for you, that is, the mystery made known to me by revelation, as I have already written briefly. In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, which was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God's holy apostles and prophets. This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus.

I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace given me through the working of his power. Although I am less than the least of all the Lord's people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the boundless riches of Christ, and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things. His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, according to his eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.

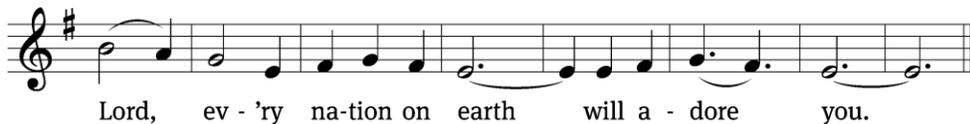
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 72A

Refrain



Tone



Endow the king with your justice, / O God,
 the royal son with your / righteousness.
 May he endure as long / as the sun,
 as long as the moon, through all gener- / ations.

May he be like rain falling on a / mown field,
 like showers water- / ing the earth.
 In his days may the righteous / flourish
 and prosperity abound till the moon / is no more. *Refrain*

May all kings bow / down to him
 and all nations / serve him.
 Long may he live! May gold from Sheba be / given him.
 May the kings of Sheba and Seba pre- / sent him gifts.
 May people ever / pray for him
 and bless him / all day long.
 Then all nations will be / blessed through him,
 and they will / call him blessed.

**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
 and to the Holy / Spirit,
 as it was in the be- / ginning,
 is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain***

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Isaiah 60:1

“Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD rises upon you.

GOSPEL

Matthew 2:1–12

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”

When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. When he had called together all the people’s chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. “In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written:

“ ‘But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for out of you will come a ruler
who will shepherd my people Israel.’ ”

Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.”

After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY

"How Lovely Shines The Morning Star"

Hymn 370



1 How love - ly shines the Morn - ing Star! The na - tions see
2 O high - est joy by mor - tals won, true Son of God
3 O might - y Fa - ther, in your Son you loved me ere
4 Oh, joy to know that you, my friend, are Lord, be - gin -
5 Lift up the voice and strike the string, let all glad sounds



and hail a - far the light in Ju - dah shin - ing.
and Mar - y's son, the high - born King of a - ges!
you had be - gun this an - cient world's foun - da - tion.
ning with - out end, the first and last, e - ter - nal!
of mu - sic ring in God's high prais - es blend - ed.



O Da - vid's son of Ja - cob's race, my Bride - groom and
In your blest bod - y let me be, e'en as the branch
Your Son has made a friend of me, and when in spir -
And you at length— O glo - rious grace— will take me to
Christ will be with me all the way, to - day, to - mor -



my King of grace, for you my heart is pin - ing.
is in the tree, your life my life sup - ply - ing.
it him I see, I joy in trib - u - la - tion.
that ho - ly place, the home of joys su - per - nal.
row, ev - 'ry day till trav - 'ling days are end - ed.



Low - ly, ho - ly, great and glo - rious, O vic - to - rious
Sigh - ing, cry - ing for the sa - vor of your fa - vor,
What bliss is this! He is liv - ing, to me giv - ing
A - men, a - men! Come and meet me, quick - ly greet me!
Sing out, ring out tri - umph glo - rious, O vic - to - rious



Prince of grac - es, fill - ing all the heav'n - ly plac - es.
rest - ing nev - er till I rest in you for - ev - er.
life for - ev - er; noth - ing me from him can sev - er.
With deep yearn - ing, Lord, I look for your re - turn - ing.
cho - sen na - tion; praise the God of your sal - va - tion.

SERMON
60:1-6

Isaiah

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERING

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Gracious Father, in Christ Jesus and through faith in him, we approach you with freedom and confidence.

Mercifully hear our prayer.

As you caused your light to shine that first Epiphany, shine in the darkness of our hearts. Drive far from us all our fears and all our doubts.

Give us a new confidence each day to live as children of the light.

Bless the work of your church here and throughout the world. By your Holy Spirit, make known far and wide the mystery of Christ Jesus. Bring those living in darkness into the light of life.

Give strength to all workers in your gospel ministry, and bless the Word they proclaim.

Remember missionaries and mission workers who bring the light of Christ to distant lands. Bless their work and continue to gather for yourself people from the four corners of the world to live as children of the light.

Give us the hearts and the means to provide for their families and all their needs. Renew our joy and give us new opportunities to make known the light of Christ.

Give guidance and wisdom and strength and health to our government officials. Direct their rule for our good as it is pleasing to you.

Give us hearts and lips that honor and respect those you have placed in authority over us.

Remember those who are ailing in body or mind. [Especially bless . . . *here name the person and the cause of the petition.*] Guide all who attend to their needs. Comfort your children and all those who love them. Assure

them of your presence and your promise to be with them in all circumstances of life.

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

These and all our needs are known to you, gracious Father. Mercifully hear our prayer. Guide us by the light of your Word until that day comes when you bring us home to yourself to join your people from every nation, tribe, people, and language – a people redeemed by the blood of Jesus. In his holy name we pray. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT

(Guests, please see our communion practice on page 2.)

(Gluten-free wafers are available; ask Pastor.)



The Lord be with you.



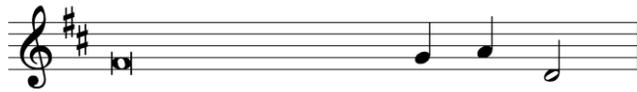
And al - so with you.



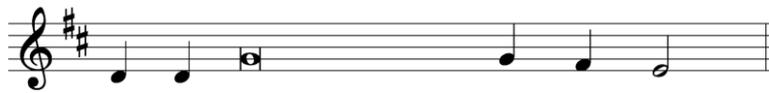
Lift up your hearts.



We lift them up to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

CW 200



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts,



heav - en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **Amen.**

JESUS, LAMB OF GOD

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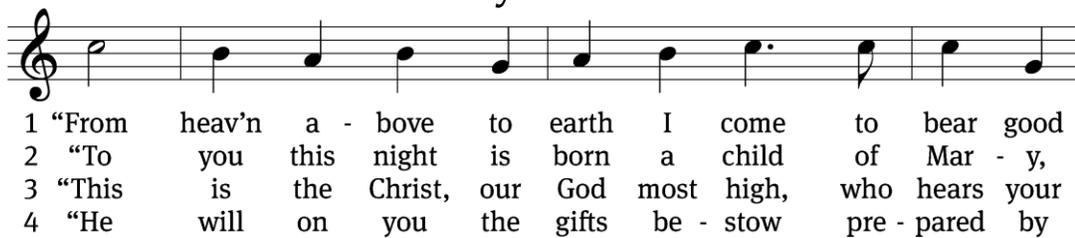
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; grant us, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN *"From Heaven Above to Earth I Come"*

Hymn 331



1 "From heav'n a - bove to earth I come to bear good
2 "To you this night is born a child of Mar - y,
3 "This is the Christ, our God most high, who hears your
4 "He will on you the gifts be - stow pre - pared by

news to ev - 'ry home; glad ti - dings of great
 cho - sen vir - gin mild; this lit - tle child of
 sad and bit - ter cry; he will him - self your
 God for all be - low, that in his king - dom,
 joy I bring, where - of I now will say and sing:
 low - ly birth shall be the joy of all the earth.
 Sav - ior be from all your sins to set you free.
 bright and fair, you may with us his glo - ry share.

“These are the signs which you shall mark:
 the swaddling clothes and manger dark.
 There you will find the infant laid
 by whom the heav’ns and earth were made.”

How glad we’ll be to find it so!
 Then with the shepherds let us go
 to see what God for us has done
 in sending us his own dear Son.

Come here, my friends, lift up your eyes,
 and see what in the manger lies.
 Who is this child, so young and fair?
 It is the Christ Child lying there.

Welcome to earth, O noble Guest,
 through whom the sinful world is blest!
 You came to share my misery,
 that you might share your joy with me.

Ah, Lord, though you created all,
 how weak you are, so poor and small,
 that you should choose to lay your head
 where lowly cattle lately fed!

Were earth a thousand times as fair
and set with gold and jewels rare,
it would be far too poor and small
a cradle for the Lord of all.

Instead of soft and silken stuff
you have but hay and straw so rough
on which as king, so rich and great,
to be enthroned in royal state.

And so it pleases you to see
this simple truth revealed to me:
that worldly honor, wealth, and might
are weak and worthless in your sight.

Ah, dearest Jesus, holy Child,
prepare a bed, soft, undefiled
within my heart, made clean and new,
a quiet chamber kept for you.

My heart for very joy must leap;
my lips no more can silence keep.
I too must sing with joyful tongue
that sweetest ancient cradle song:

Glory to God in highest heav'n,
who unto us his Son has giv'n,
while angels sing with pious mirth
a glad new year to all the earth!

CLOSING PRAYER

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving-kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

"As with Gladness Men of Old"

Hymn 372

Hymn: 372 As with Gladness Men of Old



- 1 As with glad-ness men of old did the guid-ing star be-hold,
- 2 As with joy-ful steps they sped, Sav-ior, to thy low-ly bed,
- 3 As they of-fered gifts most rare at thy cra-dle, rude and bare,
- 4 Ho-ly Je-sus, ev-'ry day keep us in the nar-row way;
- 5 In the heav'n-ly coun-try bright need they no cre-at-ed light;



as with joy they hailed its light, lead-ing on-ward, beam-ing bright,
there to bend the knee be-fore thee, whom heav'n and earth a-dore,
so may we with ho-ly joy, pure and free from sin's al-loy,
and, when earth-ly things are past, bring our ran-somed souls at last
thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down.



so, most gra-cious Lord, may we ev-er-more be led by thee.
so may we with will-ing feet ev-er seek thy mer-cy seat.
all our cost-liest trea-sures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'n-ly King.
where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo-ry hide.
There for-ev-er may we sing al-le-lu-ias to our King!

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