



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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We warmly welcome you to our congregation and extend Christian greetings to you. You enter this church, not as a stranger but as a guest of God and as a friend of those who have gathered here today. So come with joy in your heart and thanks on your lips into God's presence, offering God your love and service and, as you do so, may you experience God's loving presence, peace and hope.

Prayer of Preparation

Lord Jesus Christ, Light of the World, shine in our hearts, banishing all that obscures your goodness and darkens our lives. Illuminate this time of worship, so that in every part it will draw us closer to you, revealing more of your purpose and unfolding more of your grace. Come to us as we come now to you, and flood our lives with the radiance of your love so that it might shine not just *in* us, but also *through* us, bringing glory to you. Amen

Hymn 326 [2 verses]

As with gladness men of old
did the guiding star behold,
as with joy they hailed its light,
leading onwards, beaming bright;
so, most gracious Lord, may we
evermore be led to thee.

2. As they offered gifts most rare
at thy homely cradle bare;
so may we with holy joy,
pure, and free from sin's alloy,
all our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to thee, our heavenly King.

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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 the King on Bethlehem plain,
gold I bring to crown Him again,
King for ever, ceasing never,
over us all to reign.

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

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.

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

Hymn 281 [2 verses]

People, look East. The time is near
of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able,
trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look East, and sing today:
Love, the Guest, is on the way.

2. Angels, announce with shouts of mirth
Christ who brings new life to earth.
Set every peak and valley humming
with the word, the Lord is coming.
People, look East, and sing today:
Love, the Lord, is on the way.

Hymn 324 [3 verses]

Angels from the realms of glory,
wing your flight o'er all the earth;
ye who sang creation's story
now proclaim Messiah's birth:

*Come and worship
Christ, the new-born King.
Come and worship,
worship Christ, the new-born King.*

2. Wise men, leave your
contemplations;
brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great Desire of nations;
ye have seen his natal star:

3. All creation, join in praising
God the Father, Spirit, Son,
evermore your voices raising
to the eternal Three in One:



Welcome & Church News

Call to Worship

Hymn 201

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;

bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
gold of obedience and incense of lowliness
bring, and adore him; the Lord is his Name!

2. Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness;
high on his heart he will bear it for thee,
comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness,
guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.

3. Fear not to enter his courts, in the slenderness
of the poor wealth thou canst reckon as thine;
truth in its beauty and love in its tenderness,
these are the offerings to lay on his shrine.

4. These, though we bring them in trembling and
fearfulness,
he will accept for the Name that is dear,
mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,
trust for our trembling, and hope for our fear.

5. Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
gold of obedience and incense of lowliness
bring, and adore him; the Lord is his Name!

Prayer

Bible Reading

Matthew 2: 1-12



Hymn 295

Who would think that what was needed

to transform and save the earth
might not be a plan or army,
proud in purpose, proved in worth?
Who would think, despite derision,
that a child should lead the way?
God surprises earth with heaven,
coming here on Christmas Day.

2. Shepherds watch and wise men
wonder,
monarchs scorn and angels sing;
such a place as none would reckon
hosts a holy helpless thing.
Stable beasts and by-passed
strangers
watch a baby laid in hay:
God surprises earth with heaven,
coming here on Christmas Day.

3. Centuries of skill and science
span the past from which we move,
yet experience questions whether,
with such progress, we improve.
While the human lot we ponder,
lest our hopes and humour fray,
God surprises earth with heaven,
coming here on Christmas Day.

Address

Prayers for Others

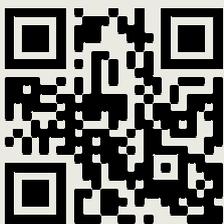
Hymn 237

Look forward in faith,
all time is in God's hand.
Walk humbly with him
and trust his future plan.
God has wisely led
his people by his power.
Look forward in hope,
he gives us each new hour.

2. Look forward in faith,
the world is in God's care.
His purpose of love
he calls on us to share.
In our neighbour's need
the Lord is present still.
He blesses the meek!
The earth will know God's will.

3. Look forward in faith,
God gives us life each day.
Go onward with Christ,
his Spirit guides our way.
Now God lets us live
within the sphere of grace.
Trust ever in him,
he rules o'er earth and space!

Closing Prayer and Blessing



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