



Leader: For the Lord is a great God,  
People: **And a great King above all gods.**

IN PRAYER

**WE CELEBRATE THE COMING OF CHRIST**

THE ADVENT CANDLE: The Wise Men's Candle

HYMN OF RESPONSE 226 *As with Gladness Men of Old*

**WE CONFESS OUR FAITH** Ligonier Statement on Christology

People: **We confess the mystery and wonder of God made flesh and rejoice in our great salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Leader: With the Father and the Holy Spirit, the Son created all things, sustains all things, and makes all things new. Truly God, He became truly man, two natures in one person.

People: **He was born of the Virgin Mary and lived among us. Crucified, dead, and buried, He rose on the third day, ascended to heaven, and will come again in glory and judgment.**

Leader: For us, He kept the Law, atoned for sin, and satisfied God's wrath. He took our filthy rags and gave us His righteous robe.

People: **He is our Prophet, Priest, and King, building His church, interceding for us, and reigning over all things. Jesus Christ is Lord; we praise His holy Name forever. Amen.**

**\*WE EXALT OUR LORD**

WORSHIP SONGS

*On Christmas Night  
The First Noel (Reader vss. 3-5)  
All is Well  
Away in a Manger*

**SCRIPTURE READING**

John 1:1-4, 14 (ESV)

Leader: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the

light of men. And the Word became flesh and dwelt  
among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the  
only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

**CHORAL PRESENTATION**

Children & Adult Choirs  
*Hymn of Advent/ L. Larson*

**WE GREET ONE ANOTHER**

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN TO CHILDREN'S WORSHIP  
(4 years old to 1<sup>st</sup> grade)  
CONGREGATIONAL GREETING  
WELCOME TO VISITORS

**WE SEEK GOD'S FACE**

Prayers of God's People

**WE OFFER OUR GIFTS**

OFFERING/ OFFERTORY

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 2:1-12 (ESV)

SERMON

*True Wisdom*  
Dr. Tim Witmer

**\*WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

HYMN OF RESPONSE

*Crown Him (Christmas)*

\*WORDS OF PEACE

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN TO MUSIC ROOM AND SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR  
(4 years through 5th grade)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

*We Three Kings/ arr. L. Smith*

## Song Lyrics

### 226 *As with Gladness Men of Old*

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

As with joyful steps they sped,  
to that lowly cradle-bed,  
there to bend the knee before  
him whom heav'n and earth adore;  
so may we with willing feet  
ever seek thy mercy seat.

As they offered gifts most rare  
at that cradle rude and bare,  
so may we with holy joy,  
pure and free from sin's alloy,  
all our costliest treasures bring,  
Christ, to thee, our heav'nly King.

Holy Jesus, ev'ry day  
keep us in the narrow way,  
and, when earthly things are past,  
bring our ransomed souls at last  
where they need no star to guide,  
where no clouds thy glory hide.

In the heav'nly country bright need they no created light;  
thou its light, its joy, its crown,  
thou its sun which goes not down;  
there forever may we sing alleluias to our King.

*As with Gladness Men of Old*, Words by William Chatterton Dix, Music by Conrad Kocher, arr. by William K. Monk © Public domain CCLI License # 79597

### *On Christmas Night*

On Christmas night all Christians sing,  
to hear the news the angels bring;  
On Christmas night all Christians sing,  
to hear the news the angels bring  
News of great joy, news of great mirth,  
news of our merciful King's birth.

Then why should we on earth be so sad,  
since our Redeemer made us glad;  
Then why should we on earth be so sad,  
since our Redeemer made us glad,  
When from our sin He set us free,  
all for to gain our liberty.

All out of darkness we have light,  
which made the angels sing this night;  
All out of darkness we have light,  
which made the angels sing this night;  
Glory to God and peace to men,  
Now and for evermore Amen

*The First Noel*

The first Noel the angel did say  
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay  
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep  
On a cold winter's night that was so deep  
Noel Noel Noel Noel  
Born is the King of Israel

2 They looked up and saw a star  
Shining in the east beyond them far  
And to the earth it gave great light  
And so it continued both day and night  
Noel Noel Noel Noel  
Born is the King of Israel

*Reader: verses 3-5*

6 The first Noel earth and Heaven embraced  
As a virgin beheld her newborn babe  
From realms on high to a manger on earth  
Salvation had dawned in a lowly birth  
Noel Noel Noel Noel  
Born is the King of Israel

7 Then let us all with one accord  
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord  
That hath made heaven and earth of nought  
and with His blood our life hath bought  
Noel Noel Noel Noel  
Born is the King of Israel

*All Is Well*

All is well, all is well  
Angels and men rejoice  
For tonight darkness fell  
Into the dawn of love's light  
Sing alle sing alleluia

All is well, all is well  
Let there be peace on earth  
Christ is come go and tell  
That He is in the manger  
Sing alle sing alleluia

All is well, all is well  
Lift up your voice and sing  
Born is now Emmanuel  
Born is our Lord and Savior  
Sing alleluia sing alleluia  
All is well

CCLI Song # 355008

Michael W. Smith | Wayne Kirkpatrick © 1989 Universal Music - Brentwood Benson Songs (Admin.  
by Brentwood-Benson Music Publishing, Inc.)  
Sony/ATV Milene Music (Admin. by Sony/ATV Music Publishing)

*Away in a Manger*

Away in a manger  
No crib for a bed  
The little Lord Jesus  
Lay down His sweet head  
The stars in the bright sky  
Look down where He lay  
The little Lord Jesus  
Asleep on the hay

The cattle are lowing  
The baby awakes  
The dawn of salvation beginning to break  
I love Thee Lord Jesus,  
oh gift from above  
The King of the heavens forever with us

I worship You Jesus  
For all of my days  
The highest of praises  
Be unto Your Name  
My God and my Savior  
My king and my friend  
For Yours is the glory forever, amen  
For Yours is the glory forever, amen

*Away in a Manger (Forever Amen)*, words and music by J. Murray | J. Smith | P. Wickham, © 2019 Be Essential Songs (Admin. by Essential Music Publishing LLC), CCLI License # 79597



***Crown Him (Christmas)***

Crown Him with many crowns The King who left His throne  
Creator of the universe Born to the world He holds  
And with that first drawn breath The Word has become flesh  
Emmanuel has come to us, O crown Him, all the earth

Crowned by the angel choir They tell His royal birth  
Sing glory in the highest height And peace upon the earth  
They break the silent night Announcing endless worth  
The King of grace and love is here, O crown Him all the world

Crowned by their royal gifts, Gold frankincense and myrrh  
Wise men approach this manger throne With honors from afar  
Behold the Son of God And bow down in this place  
The Prince of Peace has come to us, O crown Him with your praise

Crown Him with many crowns The Lamb upon His throne  
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns All music but its own  
Awake, my soul, and sing God sent His Son for me  
Now hail Him as thy matchless King Through all eternity

## Scripture Reading

Matthew 2:1-12 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup>Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem,<sup>2</sup> saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”<sup>3</sup> When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him;<sup>4</sup> and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born.

<sup>5</sup>They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

<sup>6</sup>“And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.”

<sup>7</sup>Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared.<sup>8</sup> And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.”<sup>9</sup> After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was.<sup>10</sup> When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.<sup>11</sup> And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.<sup>12</sup> And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.