

# ***SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY***

**January 3, 2021**

## **PREPARATION FOR THE WORD**

PRELUDE                                      So Bring Him Incense                                      16<sup>th</sup> cent. English

INTROIT                                      Gesher Tzar Me'od  
*Sarah Sherman, soloist*

CALL TO WORSHIP                                      Rev. Strednak Singer

*Please note that today's hymns are included at the end of the bulletin. Thank you!*

HYMN OF PRAISE                                      We Three Kings of Orient Are  
*(verses 1, 2, & 5)*

UNISON PRAYER OF APPROACH AND CONFESSION                                      Liz Pruchnicki

*Holy One,  
We follow so well  
The addictions of our hearts  
The rising and falling of the markets  
Each push notification  
But, still, we struggle to follow You  
To pay attention to where you're going  
To notice where You're missing  
Forgive us, we pray  
Lead us into a new year together  
Turn our hearts and minds and footsteps  
Teach us to treasure Your ways of living,  
The company You keep,  
The simple joys of life together,  
And the good news and second starts we still need  
This day and every day.*

SILENT PRAYER                                      WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader:        Hear the sound of love poured out.  
*(The baptismal font is filled. As Christians, we are united in community through the waters of Baptism. Water is poured as a reminder that God claims, forgives, and renews us to live out God's love as a community of faith.)*

Leader: O Lord, open our lips.

**People:** *And our mouths will declare Your praise.*

Leader: Praise the Lord.

**People:** *The Lord's name be praised.*

GLORIA PATRI

Gloria in Excelsis  
*Gloria in excelsis Deo!*  
*Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Sarah Sherman

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY                      Refugee King

DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

### PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

PRAYER OF DEDICATION & ILLUMINATION

Liz Pruchnicki

*Holy One,  
Just as Your living presence became embodied in Jesus,  
Who lived and learned and grew in Your Way,  
So too your divine love works in and through us.  
Use us and these lives with which You have entrusted us  
To be a blessing to others.  
As we prepare to listen to Your Word read and proclaimed,  
Open our hearts to continue to learn and grow  
So that we might better live in Your Way.  
Bless the preacher now in preaching  
And bless Your word to our hearing.  
Amen.*

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:41-52

SERMON

“Letting Go of Control and Learning To Follow”

Rev. Kluttz

## SEALING OF THE WORD IN COMMUNION

THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Rev. Strednak Singer & Rev. Fulp-Eickstaedt

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*You are invited to share bread and juice or wine in your home. Together we remember that God's table knows no boundaries and that we are connected through this meal to one another and to saints across time and space.*

COMMUNION MUSIC

We Three Kings

J. Hopkins Jr.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Fulp-Eickstaedt

HYMN OF SENDING

As with Gladness Men of Old

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

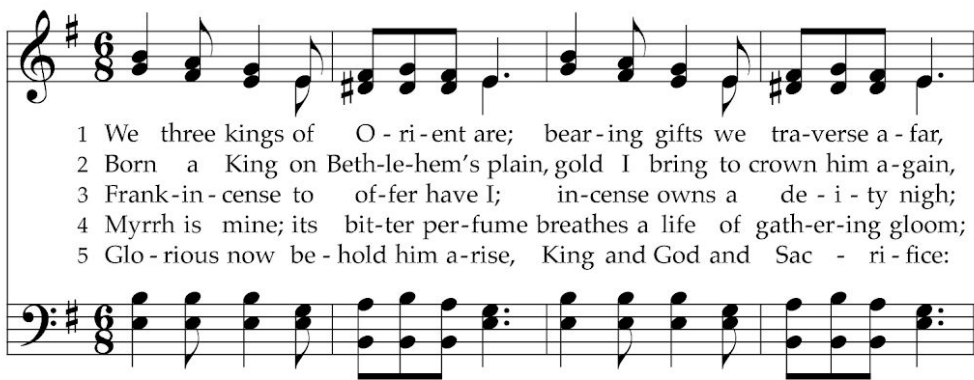
Rev. Kluttz

POSTLUDE

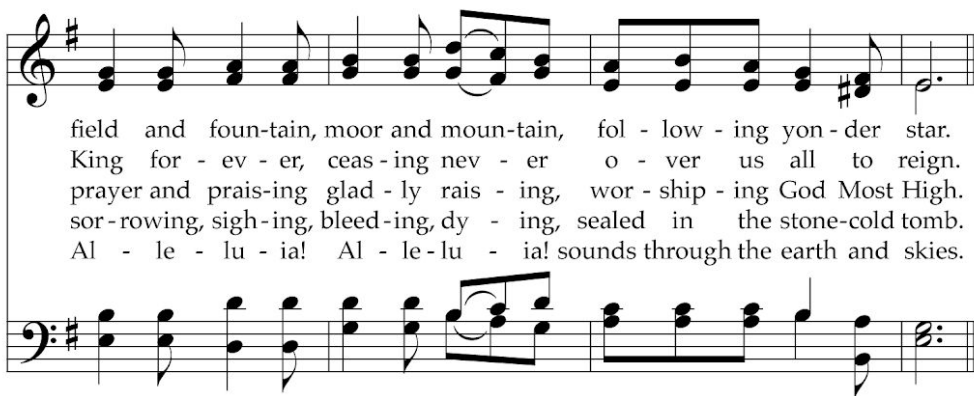
By the Light of That Same Star

English Carol

# 151 We Three Kings of Orient Are



1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are; bear - ing gifts we tra - verse a - far,  
 2 Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I bring to crown him a - gain,  
 3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I; in - cense owns a de - i - ty nigh;  
 4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a life of gath - er - ing gloom;  
 5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and God and Sac - ri - fice:




field and foun - tain, moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.  
 King for - ev - er, ceas - ing nev - er o - ver us all to reign.  
 prayer and prais - ing glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship - ing God Most High.  
 sor - rowing, sigh - ing, bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! sounds through the earth and skies.

## Refrain

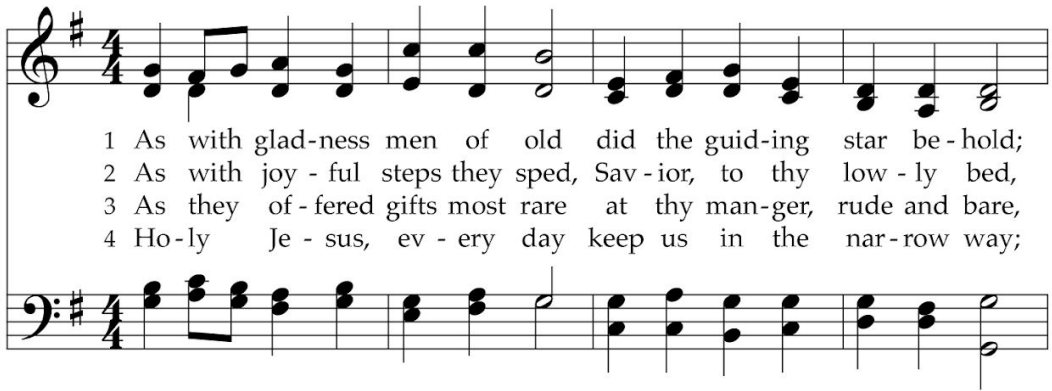


O star of won - der, star of night, star with roy - al beau - ty bright,

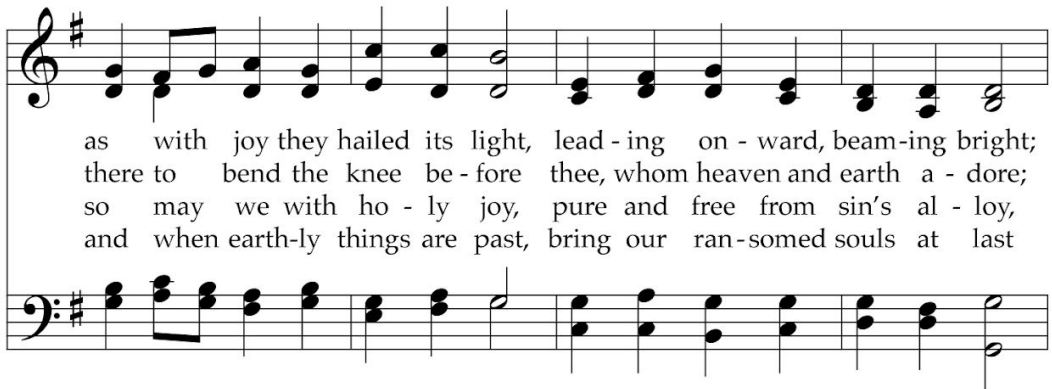


west - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!

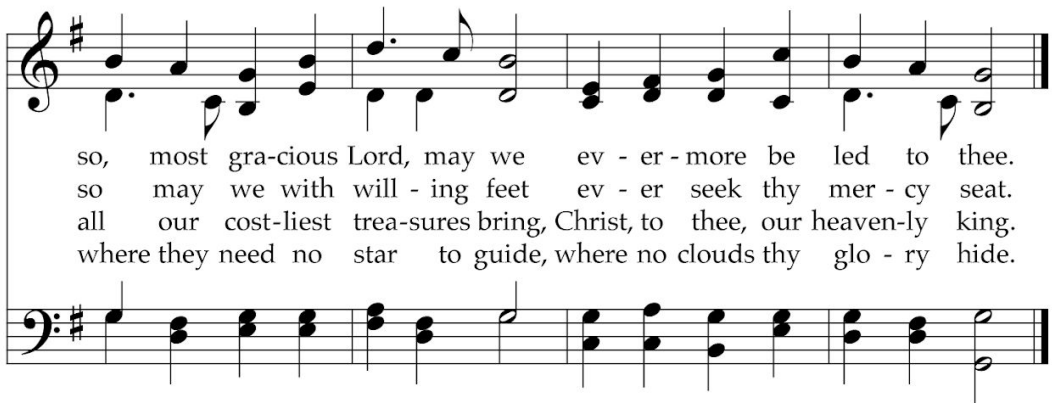
# As with Gladness Men of Old 150



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 man-ger, rude and bare,  
4 Ho-ly Je-sus, ev-ery day keep us in the nar-row way;



as with joy they hailed its light, lead-ing on-ward, beam-ing bright;  
there to bend the knee be-fore thee, whom heaven 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



so, most gra-cious Lord, may we ev-er-more be led to 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 heaven-ly king.  
where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo-ry hide.