

### ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY - (G) 346; vv. 1, 2, 4, & 5

Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,  
where a mother laid her Baby in a manger for His bed:  
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little Child.

He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all,  
and His shelter was a stable, and His cradle was a stall:  
with the poor, and meek, and lowly lived on earth, our Savior holy.

And our eyes at last shall see Him through His own redeeming love;  
for that Child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heaven above:  
and He leads His children on to the place where He has gone.

Not in that poor lowly stable with the oxen standing by,  
we shall see Him, but in heaven, set at God's right hand on high:  
there His children gather round bright like stars, with glory crowned.

Text: Cecil F. Alexander, 1848 Tune: Henry J. Gauntlett, 1849. Church CCLI License #133103

### I WONDER AS I WANDER (CAN YOU IMAGINE)

I wonder as I wander up under the sky,  
how Jesus the Savior did come for to die  
for poor orn'ry people like you and like I?  
I wonder as I wander out under the sky.

When Mary birthed Jesus 'twas in a cow's stall  
with wisemen and famers and shepherds and all.  
But high from God's heaven a star's light did fall  
and the promise of the ages, it then did recall.

**Chorus:** Can you imagine on that night how His glory filled the heavens?  
How the stars lip up the sky? Men fell down in adoration.  
What a gift! Perfect love in the form of a baby.  
God's own Son, endless life. He gave it all.

If Jesus had wanted for any wee thing,  
a star in the sky or a bird on the wing,  
or all of the angels in heaven to sing,  
He surely could have it for He was the King. **Chorus 2x**

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### GOD WITH US

Oh, You've come to bring peace, to be Love, to be nearer to us.  
Oh, You've come to bring life, to be Light, to shine brighter in us.  
Oh, Emmanuel, God with us.

**Chorus:** Our Deliverer, You are Savior.  
In Your presence, we find our strength  
over ev'rything, our Redemption, God with us. You are God with us.

Oh, You've come to be hope to this world, for Your honor and name.  
And You've come to take sin, to bear shame, and to conquer the grave.  
Oh, Emmanuel, God with us. **Chorus**

You are here. You are holy. We are standing in Your glory. **Repeat**  
You are here. You are holy. We are standing in Your glory, Lord.

### **Chorus 2x**

You are God with us. You are God with us.

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### WHAT CHILD IS THIS? - (B) 137; all 3

What Child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,  
while shepherds watch are keeping?

**Refrain:** This, this is Christ the King,  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:  
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary.

Why lies He in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading. **Refrain**

So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh, come, peasant, king, to own Him;  
the King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone Him. **Refrain**

Text: William C. Dix Tune: Traditional English melody. Church CCLI License #133103

**HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING** - (G) 345; all 3  
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies;  
with the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

Christ, by highest heaven adored: Christ, the everlasting Lord!  
Late in time behold Him come, offspring of the Virgin's womb:  
Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail the incarnate Deity,  
pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.  
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings, risen with healing in His wings,  
mild He lays His glory by, born that man no more may die,  
born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth.  
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

Text: Charles Wesley, 1739 Tune: Feliz Mendelssohn, 1840. Church CCLI License #133103

### **YOUR NAME (Christmas version)**

Humbly to the earth You came, born into this world to save.  
God with us, Emmanuel, now we adore Your name.

**Chorus:** Your name is a strong and mighty tower;  
Your name is a shelter like no other.  
Your name, let the nations sing it louder  
'cause nothing has the power to save but Your name.

Jesus, in Your name we pray,  
come and fill our hearts today.  
Lord, give us strength to live for You  
and glorify Your name. **Chorus 2x**

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## *Welcome to Our Morning Worship Service* *Sunday, December 24th, 2023* *10:00 AM*

### **WE GATHER TO WORSHIP**

Prelude  
Welcome & Announcements  
Call to Worship  
Opening Prayer  
\*Opening Song of Praise  
    *"Once in Royal David's City"* (G) 346; vv. 1, 2, 4, & 5  
\*God's Greeting/We Greet One Another  
\*Song of Praise and Adoration  
    *"I Wonder as I Wander"*  
Lighting of the Advent Candles: *LOVE* – Isla Leusink,  
Audrey Van Houten, & Gabby Vander Schaaf  
Song of Advent

*"God with Us"*

Special Music: *"Light of the World"* – PreK-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Students  
(*Children may come forward for Little Lambs and Children in Worship*)

Children's Message  
Pastoral Prayer  
Offering: Elim Christian Services  
Offertory: *"We Have a Savior"* – Rick, Trevor, & Tyler Van Vliet  
\*Song of Preparation  
    *"What Child Is This?"* (B) 137; all 3

### **WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

Scripture: Mark 9:2-10 (p. 1004)  
Sermon: **"A Glimpse of His True Glory"**  
Prayer of Application  
\*Song of Application  
    *"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"* (G) 345; all 3

### **WE LEAVE TO SERVE**

\*Benediction  
\*Closing Song  
    *"Your Name (Christmas version)"*  
\*Postlude

**Preaching:** Pastor Dave Vander Meulen  
**Organ:** Margaret Van Vliet **Piano:** Laura Koolhaas  
**\*Please stand if able (G) denotes gray hymnal in pew racks  
(B) blue hymnal under pews**