

ANGELS FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY - (B) 131; all 4
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:

Refrain: Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn King!

Shepherds in the fields abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with man is now residing; yonder shines the infant Light: **Refrain**

Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great Desire of nations, ye have seen His natal star: **Refrain**

Saints before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear,
suddenly the Lord, descending, in His temple shall appear: **Refrain**

Text: James Montgomery, 1816 Tune: Henry Smart, 1867. Church CCLI License #133103

HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty;
let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.
He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide,
and trembles at His voice, and trembles at His voice.

Chorus: How great is our God! Sing with me: how great is our God!
And all will see how great, how great is our God!

And age to age He stands, and time is in His hands;
Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End.
The God-head, three in one: Father, Spirit, Son,
the Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb. **Chorus**

Name above all names, worthy of all praise,
my heart will sing: how great is our God! **Repeat**

Then sings my soul, my Savior, God to Thee!
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior, God to Thee!
How great Thou art, how great Thou art! **Chorus**

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KING OF KINGS

In the darkness, we were waiting without hope, without light.
'Til from heaven, You came running. There was mercy in Your eyes.
To fulfill the law and prophets, to a virgin came the Word.
From a throne of endless glory to a cradle in the dirt.

Chorus: Praise the Father, praise the Son.
Praise the Spirit, Three in One.
God of glory, majesty. Praise forever to the King of kings.

To reveal the kingdom coming, and to reconcile the lost,
to redeem the whole creation, You did not despise the cross.
Oh, for even in Your suffering, You saw to the other side.
Knowing this was our salvation, Jesus, for our sake, You died. **Chorus**

And the morning that You rose, all of heaven held its breath
'til that stone was moved for good, for the Lamb had conquered death.
And the dead rose from their tombs, and the angels stood in awe,
for the souls of all who's come to the Father are restored.

And the church of Christ was born. Then the Spirit lit the flame.
Now this gospel truth of old shall not kneel, shall not faint.
By His blood and in His name, in His freedom, I am free.
For the love of Jesus Christ, who has resurrected me. **Chorus 2x**

We praise forever to the King of kings.

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THE FIRST NOEL - (B) 136; vv. 1, 2, 4 & 6

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.

Refrain: Noel, noel, noel, noel! Born is the King of Israel.

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. **Refrain**

This star drew nigh to the northwest, o'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
and there it did both stop and stay,
right over the place where Jesus lay. **Refrain**

Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our heav'nly Lord,
that hath made heav'n and earth of naught,
and with His blood mankind hath brought. **Refrain**

Text: Traditional English carol. Tune: W. Sandys' Christmas Carols, 1833; arr. by John Stainer. Church CCLI License #133103

GOOD CHRISTIAN FRIENDS, REJOICE - (G) 355; all 3
Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today,
Ox and ass before Him bow, and He is in the manger now.
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this!
He has opened heaven's door, and we are blest forevermore.
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all to gain His everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Text: German/Latin tr. John M. Neale Tune: German 14th Cent. Church CCLI License #133103

GO, TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN - (G) 356; all 3
Refrain: Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. **Refrain**

The shepherds feared and trembled when, lo! above the earth
rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth. **Refrain**

Down in a lowly stable the humble Christ was born,
and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. **Refrain**

Text & Tune: Afro-American spiritual; arr. Hale Smith, 1977, alt. Church CCLI License #133103

Welcome to Our Morning Worship Service
Sunday, December 26th, 2021
10:00 AM

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude
Welcome & Announcements
Call to Worship
Special Music: Randy De Ruiter – “O Holy Night”
Please join in singing on the 3rd verse and chorus
Opening Prayer
*Song of Praise
“Angels from the Realms of Glory” (B) 131; all 4
*God’s Greeting/We Greet One Another
*Song of Praise and Adoration
“How Great Is Our God”
Responsive Reading: Profession of Our Faith
Song of Response
“King of Kings”
(Children may come forward)
Children’s Message
Special Music: Rick, Tyler, & Trevor Van Vliet – “Hope Has a Name”
Pastoral Prayer
Offering: California Wildfires
*Song of Preparation
“The First Noel” (B) 136; vv. 1, 2, 4, & 6

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

Text: Matthew 14:1-12 (p. 974)
Sermon: “**An Unwelcome Prophet**”
Prayer of Application
*Song of Application
“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice” (B) 355; all 3

WE LEAVE TO SERVE

*Benediction
*Closing Song
“Go, Tell It on the Mountain” (G) 356; all 3
*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 songbooks under pews**