

AS WITH GLADNESS MEN OF OLD - (G) 358; all 5

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 Lord, may we evermore Your splendor see.

As with joyful steps they sped to that lowly infant bed,
there to bend the knee before Christ, whom heaven and earth adore;
so may we with willing feet ever seek Your mercy seat.

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

Holy Jesus, every day keep us in the narrow way,
and when mortal things are past, bring our ransomed lives at last
where they need no star to guide, where no clouds Your glory hide.

In that glorious city bright none shall need created light;
You its light, its joy, its crown, You its sun which goes not down;
there forever may we sing alleluias to our King!

Text: William C. Dix Tune: Conrad Kocher. Church CCLI License #133103

FOREVER REIGN

You are good, You are good, when there's nothing good in me.
You are love, You are love, on display for all to see.
You are light, You are light, when the darkness closes in.
You are hope, You are hope, You have covered all my sin.

You are peace, You are peace, when my fear is crippling.
You are true, You are true, even in my wandering.
You are joy, You are joy, You're the reason that I sing.
You are life, You are life, in You death has lost its sting.

Chorus: Oh, I'm running to Your arms, I'm running to Your arms,
the riches of Your love will always be enough.
Nothing compares to Your embrace. Light of the world, forever reign.

You are more, You are more than my words will ever say.
You are Lord, You are Lord, all creation will proclaim.
You are here, You are here, in Your presence I'm made whole.
You are God, You are God, of all else I'm letting go. **Chorus**

My heart will sing no other name. Jesus, Jesus.
My heart will sing no other name. Jesus, Jesus. **Repeat**
Chorus 2x

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LORD, I NEED YOU

Lord, I come, I confess bowing here I find my rest.
Without You I fall apart, You're the One that guides my heart.

Chorus: Lord, I need You, oh I need You.
Ev'ry hour I need You.
My One defense, my righteousness,
oh God, how I need You.

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more.
Where grace is found, is where You are.
Where You are, Lord, I am free. Holiness is Christ in me. **Chorus**

So teach my song to rise to You when temptation comes my way.
When I cannot stand I'll fall on You; Jesus, You're my hope and stay.
Chorus

You're my One defense, my righteousness, oh God, how I need You.
My One defense, my righteousness, oh God, how I need You.

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O WORD OF GOD INCARNATE - (G) 279; all 3

O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky:
we praise You for the radiance that from the Scripture's page,
a lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age.

The church from You, dear Master, received this gift divine;
and still that light is lifted o'er all the earth to shine.
It is the chart and compass that all life's voyage through,
mid mists and rocks and quick-sands, still guides, O Christ, to You.

O make Your church, dear Savior, a lamp of burnished gold
to bear before the nations Your true light as of old.
O teach Your traveling pilgrims by this their path to trace
till clouds and darkness ended, we see You face to face.

Text: William How, 1867 Tune: Neu-vermehrtes Gesangbuch. Church CCLI License #133103

YOUR HAND, O GOD, HAS GUIDED - (G) 509; all 3

**Sung to the tune of (G) 555 – Lead On, O King Eternal*

Your hand, O God, has guided your flock from age to age;
Your faithfulness is written on history's open page.
Our parents knew your goodness, and we their deeds record;
and both to this bear witness: One church, one faith, one Lord!

Your heralds brought the gospel to greatest and to least;
they summoned men and women to share the great King's feast.
And this was all their teaching in every deed and word,
to all alike proclaiming: One church, one faith, one Lord!

Your mercy will not fail us nor leave your work undone;
with your right hand to help us the vict'ry shall be won.
And then by earth and heaven your name shall be adored;
and this shall be our anthem: One church, one faith, one Lord!

Text: Edward H. Plumptre Tune: Henry T. Smart. Church CCLI License #133103

ALL GLORY BE TO CHRIST

Should nothing of our efforts stand, no legacy survive;
unless the Lord does raise the house, in vain its builders strive.
To you who boast tomorrow's gain, tell me what is your life?
A mist that vanishes at dawn; all glory be to Christ.

Chorus: All glory be to Christ our King! All glory be to Christ!
His rule and reign we'll ever sing, all glory be to Christ!

His will be done, His kingdom come, on earth as is above,
who is Himself our daily bread; praise Him, the Lord of love.
Let living water satisfy the thirsty without price;
we'll take a cup of kindness yet; all glory be to Christ. **Chorus**

When on the day the great I AM, the faithful and the true,
the Lamb who was for sinners slain, is making all things new.
Behold, our God shall live with us and be our steadfast light.
And we shall e'er His people be; all glory be to Christ. **Chorus 2x**

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Welcome to Our Morning Worship Service

Sunday, December 31st, 2023

10:00 AM

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

*Opening Song of Praise

"As with Gladness, Men of Old" (G) 358; all 5

*God's Greeting/We Greet One Another

*Song of Praise and Adoration

"Forever Reign"

Responsive Reading of the Law: As a Rule of Gratitude (G) 1017

Song of Response

"Lord, I Need You"

(Children may come forward for Little Lambs and Children in Worship)

Children's Message

Pastoral Prayer

Offering: Stockton Gospel Mission

*Song of Preparation

"O Word of God Incarnate" (G) 179; all 3

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture: Deuteronomy 4:1-14 (p. 175)

Sermon: **"Auld Lang Syne"**

Prayer of Application

*Song of Application

"Your Hand, O God, Has Guided" (G) 509; all 3

Sung to the tune of (G) 555

WE LEAVE TO SERVE

*Benediction

*Closing Song

"All Glory Be to Christ"

*Postlude

Preaching: Pastor Dave Vander Meulen

Organ: Wilma Nieuwenhuis **Piano:** Florene Hilarides

***Please stand if able (G) denotes gray hymnal in pew racks
(B) blue hymnal under pews**