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

COME THOU FOUNT, COME THOU KING

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace. Streams of mercy, never ceasing call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above. Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it, mount of Thy redeeming love.

I was lost in utter darkness 'til You came and rescued me.
I was bound by all my sin when Your love came and set me free.
Now my soul can sing a new song, now my heart has found a home.
Now Your grace is always with me, and I'll never be alone.

Chorus: Come, Thou Fount, come, Thou King; come, Thou precious Prince of Peace.
Hear Your bride, to You we sing, come, Thou Fount of our blessing.
Come, Thou Fount, come, Thou King;
Come, Thou precious Prince of Peace.
Hear Your bride, to You we sing, come, Thou Fount of our blessing.

Oh, to grace, how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be. Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love. Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it. Seal it for Thy courts above. **Chorus**

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GOODNESS OF GOD

I love you, Lord, oh Your mercy never fails me.
All my days I've been held in Your hands.
From the moment that I wake up until I lay my head,
I will sing of the goodness of God.

Chorus: All my life You have been faithful. All my life You have been so, so good. With every breath that I am able I will sing of the goodness of God.

I love Your voice, You have led me through the fire. In darkest night You are close like no other. I've known You as a father, I've known You as a friend. I have lived in the goodness of God. *Chorus*

Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.
With my life laid down I'm surrendered now, I give you everything.
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me. *Repeat Chorus 2x*

I will sing of the goodness of God.

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O GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST - (G) 170; vv. 1-4 & 6 O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

Under the shadow of Your throne Your saints have dwelt secure; sufficient is Your arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood or earth received its frame, from everlasting You are God, to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in Your sight are like an evening gone, short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, still be our guard while troubles last, and our eternal home! Text: Psalm 90 Tune: William Croft, 1708. Church CCLI License #133103

HE LEADETH ME - (G) 452; all 4 He leadeth me! O blessed thought! O words with heavenly comfort fraught! Whate'er I do where'er I be, Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me!

Refrain: He leadeth me, He leadeth me, by His own hand He leadeth me: His faithful follower I would be, for by His hand He leadeth me.

Sometimes mid scenes of deepest gloom, sometimes where Eden's flowers bloom, by waters calm, o'er troubled sea, still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me! *Refrain*

Lord, I would clasp Thy hand in mine, nor ever murmur nor repine, content, whatever lot I see, since 'tis my God that leadeth me! *Refrain*

And when my task on earth is done, when, by Thy grace, the victory's won, e'en death's cold wave I will not flee, since God thru Jordan leadeth me! *Refrain*Text: Joseph H. Gilmore Tune: William B. Bradbury UBP 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*Words and Arrangement by Dustin Kensrue. Music: Traditional Scottish Folk Tune. CCLI Song #7008232. © 2012 We Are Younger We Are Faster Music. Church CCLI License #133103

Welcome to Our Morning Worship Service Sunday, January 1st, 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

"Come Thou Fount, Come Thou King"

Responsive Reading: Prayer for the New Year

*Song of Response

"Goodness of God"

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

Children's Message

Pastoral Prayer

Offering: Sierra Salem

*Song of Preparation

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past" (G) 170; vv. 1-4 & 6

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture: Esther 4 (p. 486)

Sermon: "For Such a Time as This"

Prayer of Application *Song of Application

"He Leadeth Me" (G) 452; all 4

WE LEAVE TO SERVE

*Benediction

*Doxology

"All Glory Be to Christ"

*Postlude

Preaching: Pastor Brent Pennings
Organ: Kevin Tazelaar Piano: Laura Koolhaas
*Please stand if able (G) denotes gray hymnal in pew racks
(B) blue songbooks under pews