

### Call to Worship

We gather wondering, 'Where will we find the Babe born in Bethlehem?'

**We will find the Babe in the laughter of children, in the wisdom of grandparents.**

We gather asking, 'where will we find the Child of Christmas?'

**We will find the Child where the needy are gifted with hope, where the oppressed are set free.**

We gather wanting to know, 'where will we find the Christ who has come for us?'

**We will find our Hope where fear is overwhelmed by grace, where hatred is overwhelmed by love, where all people are overwhelmed by joy.**

### Opening Prayer

God of all time, we praise and adore you for breaking into the darkness of this world with the glorious light of your presence.

A light which made your love for the world visible in the babe born in Bethlehem—  
Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.

A light which guided those gift-bearing travelers from afar to find and worship the Christ-child.

A light which leads us to you, now revealed in Jesus Christ.

We pray that you will accept our worship for it arises from hearts and minds in awe over the enormity of your gift to us of pure love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

### Offering Prayer:

Loving God, We offer you our gold:  
The morning on the wing  
The glow on the faces of children at play  
The shining moments that brighten our lives.

We offer you our frankincense:  
The quiet reassurance of familiar things  
The grace of care and friendship  
The blessing of bread and our heart's yearning in prayer.

We offer you our myrrh:  
The ashes of our dreams  
The bitter taste of our failures  
The shadows through which we stumble.  
Transform our inadequate gifts, that they may be an acceptable sacrifice of praise, and transform our lives to reflect more deeply your justice and joy in the life of the world.

### Closing Prayer

Now may God bless you and keep you,  
May the very face of God shine upon you, and be gracious to you, May God's presence embrace you and give you eternal peace.

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

### What Gift Can We Bring

1. **What gift can we bring, what present, what token?  
What words can convey it, the joy of this day?  
When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing, what song can we offer in honor and praise?**
2. **Give thanks for the past, for those who had vision, who planted and watered so dreams could come true.  
Give thanks for the now, for study, for worship, for mission that bids us turn prayer into deed.**
3. **Give thanks for tomorrow, full of surprises, for knowing whatever tomorrow may bring, the Word is our promise always, forever; we rest in God's keeping and live in God's love.**
4. **This gift we now bring, this present, this token, these words can convey it, the joy of this day!  
When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing, this song we now offer in honor and praise!**

### Open Our Eyes

1. **Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus, to reach out and touch him, and say that we love him.**
2. **Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen. Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.**

## Scriptures

Micah 5: 1-6

Matthew 2: 1-12

### We Three Kings

1. We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar, field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.

[Refrain]

O star of wonder, star of light,  
star with royal beauty bright,  
westward leading, still proceeding,  
guide us to thy perfect light.

2. Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown him again, King forever, ceasing never, over us all to reign.

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3. Frankincense to offer have I; incense owns a Deity nigh; prayer and praising, voices raising, worshiping God on high.

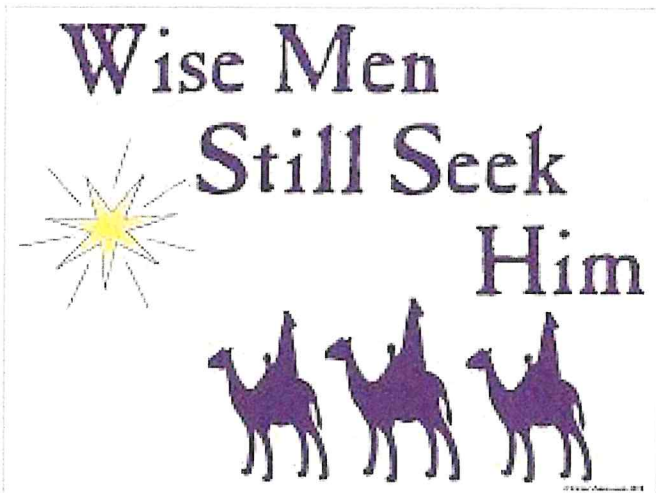
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4. Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom; sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb.

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5. Glorious now behold him arise; King and God and sacrifice: Alleluia, Alleluia, sounds through the earth and skies.

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## Let Us Break Bread Together

1. Let us break bread together on our knees,  
(on our knees)  
Let us break bread together on our knees.  
(on our knees)  
When I fall on my knees with my face to  
the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.  
(on me)
2. Let us drink wine together on our knees,  
(on our knees)  
let us drink wine together on our knees.  
(on our knees)  
When I fall on my knees with my face to  
the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on  
me. (on me)
3. Let us praise God together on our knees,  
(on our knees)  
let us praise God together on our knees.  
(on our knees)  
When I fall on my knees with my face to  
the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on  
me. (on me)
4. Let us praise God together on our knees,  
(on our knees)  
let us praise God together on our knees.  
(on our knees)  
When I fall on my knees with my face to  
the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy if you  
please. (if you please)

## Spirit Song

1. Oh let the Son of God enfold you with His  
Spirit and His love let Him fill your heart and  
satisfy your soul.  
Oh let Him have those things that hold you  
and His Spirit like a dove will descend upon  
your life and make you whole.  
Jesus oh Jesus Come and fill Your lambs  
Jesus oh Jesus Come and fill Your lambs.
2. Oh come and sing the song of gladness  
as your hearts are filled with joy lift your  
hands in sweet surrender to His name.  
Oh give Him all your tears and sadness give  
Him all your years of pain and you'll enter  
into life in Jesus' name.  
Jesus oh Jesus Come and fill Your lambs  
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