

Hymns for the morning service (December 26th, 2021)

Welcome to our service today!

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Quote of the week

“Christmas is based on an exchange of gifts, the gift of God to man - His unspeakable gift of His Son, and the gift of man to God - when we present our bodies a living sacrifice.”

(Vance Hayner)



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- 1. 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 be led to Thee.
 2. As with joyful steps they sped,
Saviour, to Thy lowly bed,
there to bend the knee before
Thee, whom heaven and earth adore –
so may we with willing feet
ever seek the mercy-seat.
 3. As they offered gifts most rare
at Thy cradle rough and bare –
so may we with holy joy,
pure, and free from sin's alloy,
all our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to Thee, our heavenly King.
 4. Holy Jesus, every day
keep us in the narrow way;
and, when earthly things are past,
bring our ransomed souls at last
where they need no star to guide,
where no clouds Thy glory hide.
 5. In the heavenly country bright
need they no created light;
Thou its light, its joy, its crown,
Thou its sun which goes not down;
there for ever may we sing
hallelujahs to our King.
- 1. Let earth and heaven combine,**
angels and men agree,
to praise in songs divine,
the incarnate Deity,
our God contracted to a span,
incomprehensibly made man.
 2. He laid His glory by,
he wrapped Him in our clay;
unmarked by human eye,
the latent Godhead lay;
infant of days He here became,
and bore the mild Immanuel's name.
 3. Unsearchable the love
that has the Saviour brought;
the grace is far above
or man or angel's thought:
suffice for us that God, we know,
our God, is manifest below.
 4. Made perfect by His love,
and sanctified by grace,
we shall from earth remove,
and see His glorious face:
then shall His love be fully showed,
and man shall then be lost in God.

(Charles Wesley)

(William Chatterton Dix)

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1. **See He lies there in the manger**
who once made the earth and sky.
Down from heaven He's come, a stranger;
newly born, yet born to die.
Hands almighty, now lie helpless
round His mother's finger curled;
lips so gracious, now yet speechless,
soon will speak to all the world.
2. Shepherds hasten to adore Him,
wise men offer gifts so rare.
See the lowly maiden rocks Him
gently, with a mother's care.
Made a man for man's salvation,
yet eternal God is He;
born to save from every nation,
from their chains to set men free.
3. Now they worship and adore Him
as they hear the baby's cries;
but the crowds will mock and scorn Him
as He helpless hangs and dies.
Christ incarnate, come to save us,
rid our hearts of wretched pride;
reign alone as Sovereign o'er us –
You are worthy! You have died!
4. Well might angels sing in wonder
as they herald forth His birth;
even they can scarcely ponder
why God's Son came down to earth.
See Him now, enthroned in glory,
earth awaiting His return.
While our hearts recount His story
may these hearts within us burn.

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1. **Joy to the world! the Lord is come!**
let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare Him room,
and heaven and nature sing.
2. Joy to the earth! the Saviour reigns!
let men their songs employ;
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and
plains,
repeat the sounding joy.
3. No more let sins and sorrows grow,
nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
far as the curse is found.
4. He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of His righteousness,
the wonders of His love.

(Isaac Watts)

1. **Thou who wast rich beyond all
splendour,**
all for love's sake becamest poor;
thrones for a manger didst surrender,
sapphire-paved courts for stable floor.
Thou who wast rich beyond all splendour,
all for love's sake becamest poor.
2. Thou who art God beyond all praising,
all for love's sake becamest man;
stooping so low, but sinners raising
heavenwards by Thine eternal plan.
Thou who art God beyond all praising,
all for love's sake becamest man.
3. Thou who art love beyond all telling,
Saviour and King, we worship Thee.
Immanuel, within us dwelling,
make us what Thou wouldst have us be.
Thou who art love beyond all telling,
Saviour and King, we worship Thee.

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