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**THE WISEMEN BRING THE ULTIMATE GIFT, AS THE SHEPHERDS
RECEIVE THE ULTIMATE MESSAGE**

Angels

WE HAVE HEARD

on high

#238 UMH

**Angels we have heard on high
sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply
echoing their joyous strains.**

Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

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**Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
which inspire your heavenly
song?**

Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

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**Come to Bethlehem and see
Christ whose birth the angels
sing;
come, adore on bended knee,
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.**

Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

**See him in a manger laid,
whom the choirs of angels praise;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,
while our hearts in love we raise.**

Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

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The background of the image is a dark blue night sky. At the top center, there is a bright, multi-pointed starburst. Below the starburst, the title "A CALL TO WORSHIP" is written in a large, blue, serif font. At the bottom of the image, there are silhouettes of three figures: a man on the left, a woman on the right, and a child in the center, all appearing to be in a state of prayer or worship. The overall mood is serene and spiritual.

A CALL TO WORSHIP

PSALM 98:1-6

#818 UMH

- L: O sing to the Lord a new song, for the Lord has done marvelous things! God's right hand and holy arm have gotten the victory.
- C: The Lord has declared victory, and has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.

- L: The Lord has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.
- C: All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

- L: Make a joyful noise to the Lord,
all the earth;
- C: break forth into joyous song
and sing praises!

- L: Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody!
- C: With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the Ruler, the Lord!



Advent Song – #2090 TFWS Verse 4

Light the Advent candle four

Think of Joy forever more

Christ child in a stable born

Gift of love that Christmas morn.

Candle, candle burning bright
Shining in the cold winter night
Candle, candle burning bright
Fill our hearts with Christmas light.

This Week's

a n n o u n c e m e n t s

A person wearing a white, flowing robe stands waist-deep in a body of water, with their arms raised in a gesture of praise or joy. The water splashes around them, creating a dynamic and energetic scene. In the clear blue sky above, a white dove is seen in flight, symbolizing peace and the Holy Spirit. The overall atmosphere is one of spiritual joy and freedom.

Joys & Concerns

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE



THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in Heaven
hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.

Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power
and the glory, for ever and ever.

Amen

TITHES & OFFERINGS

ALL I HAVE IS YOURS



Praise God from whom all
blessings flow

Praise Him, all creatures here
below

Praise Him above ye heavenly
hosts

Praise Father, Son, and Holy
Ghost. Amen.



*It Came Upon A Midnight
Clear*

UMH #218



It came upon the midnight clear,
that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth
to touch their harps of gold:

"Peace on the earth, good will to
men,
from heaven's all-gracious King."
The world in solemn stillness lay,
to hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they
come

with peaceful wings unfurled,
and still their heavenly music floats
o'er all the weary world;

above its sad and lowly plains,
they bend on hovering wing,
and ever o'er its Babel sounds
the blessed angels sing.

And ye, beneath life's crushing
load,
whose forms are bending low,
who toil along the climbing way
with painful steps and slow,

look now! for glad and golden
hours

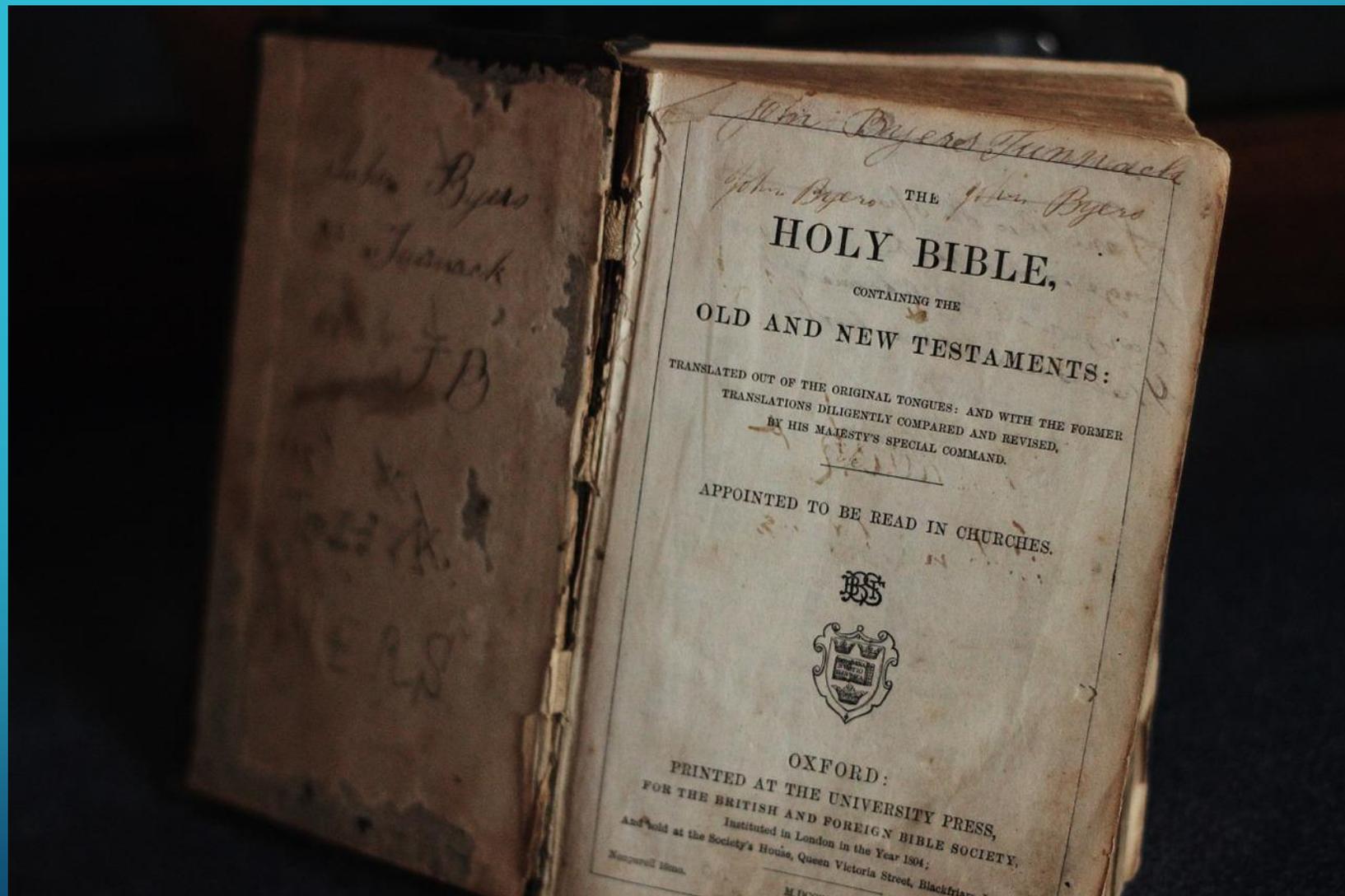
come swiftly on the wing.

O rest beside the weary road,
and hear the angels sing!

For lo! the days are hastening on,
by prophet seen of old,
when with the ever-circling years
shall come the time foretold

when peace shall over all the earth
its ancient splendors fling,
and the whole world send back the
song
which now the angels sing.

OLD
TESTAMENT:
2 SAMUEL
7:1-17



THE
NEW TESTAMENT
OF
OUR LORD AND SAVIOUR
JESUS CHRIST,
TRANSLATED OUT OF THE ORIGINAL GREEK: AND WITH THE
TRANSLATIONS DILIGENTLY COMPARED AND REVISED, BY
MAJESTY'S SPECIAL COMMAND.

Appointed to be read in Churches.

NEW
TESTAMENT
LUKE
2:1-21

Today's Message

The Christmas Season Message Series

Part V:

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Advent Song – #2090 TFWS Verse 5

Light the Christmas candles now
Sing of Donkey, Sheep and cow
Birthday candles for the king
Let the Alleluias ring.

Candle, candle burning bright
Shining in the cold winter night
Candle, candle burning bright
Fill our hearts with Christmas light.

A stylized illustration of a nativity scene at night. A bright yellow star with a long tail shines from the sky, casting a beam of light down onto a small, glowing stable. The background is a dark blue night sky filled with white stars and constellations. In the foreground, there are silhouettes of palm trees, a camel, and a person. The overall style is simple and illustrative.

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

UMH #240

**Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new born King,
peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!"**

**Joyful, all ye nations rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
with th' angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"**

**Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new born King!"**

Christ, by highest heaven adored;

Christ, the everlasting Lord;

late in time behold him come,

offspring of a virgin's womb.

**Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
hail th' incarnate Deity,
pleased with us in flesh to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.**

**Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new born King!"**

**Hail the heaven-born Prince of
Peace!**

**Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
risen with healing in his wings.**

**Mild he lays his glory by,
born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth,
born to give us second birth.**

**Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new born King!"**

Glory TO *God*



