

The King's Sharers

WORSHIP HIM CHRIST THE LORD

"GOD IN A MANGER"

HIS HANDS, FACE AND FEET

Royce reads Luke 2:8-11

FIRST NOEL--Hymn #136 vs. 1 & 3

Royce reads Mt. 2:10-11

FIRST NOEL--vs. 5 & 6

Royce reads Lk 12: 13-14

HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING--Hymn #133 vs. 1 & 3

Hymn #147 SILENT NIGHT w/Becky playing flute. vs. 1 & 3

Jim and Becky Duet--BREATH OF HEAVEN

LADIES TRIO

Christmas Package of Praise--starts out with Leann's short solo, What Child is this?,

Isn't He, O Come All Ye Faithful,

Ladies Rejoice--He Still Came

JOHN BARNETT'S MESSAGE

Remember tonight how the Shepherds and the Magi were willing to follow God's way anywhere in order to find the Promised King and Savior? They believed!

- The theologians of Herod's court did not believe God's Word. They were fools.
- King Herod believed God's Word, but disobeyed. He was a madman.
- Those simple shepherds and the majestic magi believed God's Word—that this infant was The Savior--and it was counted to them as righteousness.
- Tonight we believe God's Word. That is why we have come to also worship Him. May we follow in their train¹ as we fall before Him at this Table of Communion and Worship!
- **Come to Him Yourself:** Remember the lesson of the way they worshipped? They didn't send their gifts by another's hand, they came and brought them personally to Jesus. God wants you, in person, to come to Him.
 - **Have you come personally to Jesus in prayer, worship, and adoration today? Have you given yourself to Jesus this Christmas? That is the first gift. Remember how Paul commended the saints that "first gave themselves" (II Corinthians 8:5)?**
- **Sacrifice your time, freedom, and comfort for Him:** They walked and rode across hot and arid deserts, through rivers, and across cold and dangerous mountain passes to get to Christ's birthplace from the regions of Babylon, Persia or Media. Even today this journey is very difficult and dangerous.

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- **What are you sacrificing giving to Jesus this Christmas that costs you something?**
- **Present what you have to Him:** They brought what they had in their lives. And that is what God wanted, that is why He chose them. When God chose you it was not to bring their gifts but yours. Remember how the Lord accents the gifts of each individual. None are the same; all are precious to Him.
 - **Present what you have to Him this evening. Give Him your mind—let Him fill it. Give Him your hands—let Him guide and use them. Give Him your future—let Him plan and direct your life. Give Him your treasures—He can store them and invest them in safe places that bring everlasting rewards.**
- **Personally Worship Him:** But more than the coming and giving there is the greatest moment of all--they came, they bowed, they opened their treasures and presented them to Him...but before all of that—they fell down and worshipped Him! Worship is a rare and easily lost atmosphere of devotion, adoration, sacrifice, and communion. Those Shepherds and Wisemen were overwhelmed at the sight of the One they came so far to see; the One they had waited so long to honor; the One they had paid so much to sacrifice their gifts upon—and when at last they saw Him they fell down and worshipped Him.
 - **This Christmas why don't you consider William Temple's definition of worship. And while you are off the busy highway of life--measure your personal worship temperature. Here is what he said:**
 - "[Worship is] to quicken the conscience by the holiness of God,
 - "[Worship is] to feed the mind with the truth of God,
 - "[Worship is] to purge the imagination by the beauty of God,
 - "[Worship is] to open up the heart to the love of God,
 - "[Worship is] to devote the will to the purpose of God."

148 O Holy Night

1 O holy night! the stars are brightly shining—
 It is the night of the dear Savior's birth!
 Long lay the world in sin and darkness pining—
 Till He appeared, gift of infinite worth!
 Behold the Babe in yonder manger lowly—
 'Tis God's own Son come down in human form:
 Fall on your knees before the Lord most holy!

2 With humble hearts we bow in adoration
 Before this Child, gift of God's matchless love,
 Sent from on high to purchase our salvation—
 That we might dwell with Him ever above.
 What grace untold—to leave the bliss of glory
 And die for sinners guilty and forlorn:
 Fall on your knees! repeat the wondrous story!

3 O day of joy, when in eternal splendor
 He shall return in His glory to reign,

When ev'ry tongue due praise to Him shall render,
His pow'r and might to all nations proclaim!
A thrill of hope our longing hearts rejoices,
For soon shall dawn that glad eternal morn:
Fall on your knees! with joy lift up your voices!
O night divine—O night when Christ was born!
O night divine—O night, O night divine!

Let Us Behold And Adore your Hands of Love. Have You Pondered The Hands of Baby Jesus?

The stars knew those Hands. Jesus was greeted by worshippers that night of His birth, as He lay under the blazing canopy of stars that glistened like a tapestry of brilliant diamonds quietly reflecting God's glory. Each of those stars is known by name to that tiny infant who lays sleeping in that manger bed. For each star knew that He was their Creator. Each star knew those tiny hands had once rolled out the Universe like the unfolding of a tent.

Colossians 1:15-17 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16 For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. 17 And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.

Psalm 147:4 He counts the number of the stars; He calls them all by name.

The mountains and hills knew those Hands. The hills that the shepherds and Wisemen crossed were made by Him. Now tiny and soft and still—but the hills and mountains had been brought forth and formed by His Hands.

Psalm 90:2 Before the mountains were brought forth, Or ever You had formed the earth and the world, Even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God. (NKJV).

Even the bodies of the Shepherds and Wisemen knew those Hands. Long before this night the Hands of Jesus had scooped up handfuls of Eden's dust, shaping it into the highest of all Earth's creatures. Then those Hands embraced that dirt and kissing that lifeless shell with the breath of life—brought forth Adam and all his descendents. Those hands are now still in the folds of the swaddling clothes, but those Hands were busy once, and will soon be busy again.

Genesis 2:7 And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being. (NKJV)

TONIGHT WORSHIP HIM.

- Remember those hands that touched lepers with the touch of acceptance, love and healing are now extended to each of us here this evening. Repeat with me this prayer to Him:
 I worship you my Forgiving Lamb of God,
 You came to me,
 in my pit of sin,
 and rescued me.
- Remember those hands that gave sight to blind and sightless eyes are now extended toward each of us here this evening. Repeat with me this prayer to Him:
 I worship you my Sight giving Savior,
 You opened my eyes,
 that I may see You.
 I love you Lord,
 I worship you Jesus.
- Remember those hands that touched cold and lifeless corpses and brought them to life, are now extended toward each of us here this evening. Repeat with me this prayer to Him:
 I worship you my Life Giving Redeemer,
 You touched my lifeless heart,
 quickening me by Your grace,
 so I could become,
 Your son and daughter.

Let Us Behold And Adore Your Face Of Glory. Have You Pondered The Face of Baby Jesus?

As they gazed upon that sleeping baby's face they looked at the One that countless angels adore, the One that all of creation worships, the One that someday all the earth will dread.

Daniel 7:9-10 And the Ancient of Days was seated; His garment was white as snow, And the hair of His head was like pure wool. His throne was a fiery flame, Its wheels a burning fire; A fiery stream issued And came forth from before Him. A thousand thousands ministered to Him; Ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him. (NKJV)

That sweet Face resting close to the warmth of His mother, would soon know the dirt of the dusty hillsides of Galilee and the sweat of tirelessly crossing them. That Face would feel the adoring gazes of grateful ones healed and fed. That Face would be pierced by the deceitful looks of betrayers, and the hateful eyes of enemies. That Face would reflect the looks of wonder from worshipping disciples. But most of all, that Face would be turned upward in loving devotion and prayers to His Father in Heaven.

Tonight let us worship Him. That Face that would so soon be marred.

- HIS FACE WAS SAVAGED BY SINNERS--more than any human ever was. Isaiah 52:14 *Just as many were astonished at you, So His visage was marred more than any man, And His form more than the sons of men;* (NKJV).
- HIS FACED WAS STREAKED BY TEARS—as He saw the destiny of His rejecters. Matthew 23:37-38 *"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing! 38 See! Your house is left to you desolate.* (NKJV).
- HIS FACE WILL BLAZE WITH GLORY—that Baby was and always is the Lord of Glory! Revelation 1:14-18 *His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire;15 His feet were like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace, and His voice as the sound of many waters;16 He had in His right hand seven stars, out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword, and His countenance was like the sun shining in its strength.17 And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, "Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last.18 "I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death.* (NKJV)

Bread

Passing of Bread-Becky & Ann with flute-O Come, O Come Emmanuel.

Let Us Behold and Adore Your Feet of Peace. Have You Pondered The Feet Of Baby Jesus?

Those tiny soft Feet wrapped so warmly now would soon get dirtied by the dust of the Earth He created. The dirt knew Him as He walked, even though the dust He had breathed the breath of life into did not!

Those tiny Feet had once walked the quiet paths of Eden looking for the lost creatures now hiding in their sin. Soon those Feet would cross the Land again seeking to save those who were lost. Then those tired and dusty Feet would kneel in a Garden, walk to a dungeon, get pierced and splattered with blood on a Cross, and be washed and wrapped by loving hands—and placed in a Tomb.

Those Feet that had walked the dawn of the earth, rode the chariots of thunder clouds, had to leave the streets of heaven to be nailed to a cross of wood by carpenters tools. Jesus was spiked to a tree He had made by a person He came to rescue.

10 O Worship the King

O Worship the King, all glorious above,
 And gratefully sing His wonderful love;
 Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
 Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

O tell of His might, O Sing of His grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space!
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail:
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend

TONIGHT LET US WORSHIP HIM

- His FEET AT WHICH WE SHALL STAND. 2 Corinthians 5:10 *For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.* **Stand before Him now!**
- His FEET AT WHICH WE SHALL BOW. Philippians 2:10 *that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,* (NIV) **Bow before Him now!**
- His FEET AT WHICH WE SHALL PRAY. Revelation 5:8 *And when he had taken it, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp and they were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.* (NIV) **Pray to Him now!**
- His FEET AT WHICH WE SHALL SING. Revelation 15:3 and sang the song of Moses the servant of God and the song of the Lamb: "Great and marvelous are your deeds, Lord God Almighty. Just and true are your ways, King of the ages. (NIV) **Sing to Him now!**

Cup

Passing of Cup-Pastor leads w/ Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne, #127

Cup Collection-Pastor leads w/ It Came Upon a Midnight Clear #128

LIGHTING OF CANDLES--Worthy is the Lamb-ACAPPELLA

LEAVE REJOICING!!!