

## WE THREE KINGS OF ORIENT ARE

(B 66 VERSES 1-5)

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

### *Chorus*

O star of wonder, star of night,  
star with royal beauty bright;  
Westward leading, still proceeding,  
guide us to thy perfect light!

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

Frankincense to offer have I: Incense owns a Deity nigh:  
Prayer and praising we are raising, worshipping God Most High.

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

Glorious now behold Him arise, King and God and Sacrifice;  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Sounds through the earth and skies.

## CONFESSING OUR SINS

LEADER: Gracious Lord, we come with joy, remembering the  
Joy of Christmas, to worship you.

**CHURCH:** Forgive our sins that this joy may be pure. Receive our  
praise and adoration that You may be blessed by our  
worship. Speak to us through Your Word, that we may  
hear Your guidance for our lives.

*Please pause for a time of silent confession, as you confess to the Lord what he already  
knows about you, yet what he wants you to acknowledge, confess and repent of.*

LEADER: The Lord our God is gracious; He surrounds us with  
His love, gives light to our eyes and freedom from our  
sins. He shows us kindness and grants us new life; in  
Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

## BEAUTIFUL ONE

HUGHES

Wonderful so wonderful is Your unfailing love  
Your cross has spoken mercy over me  
No eye has seen no ear has heard  
No heart could fully know  
How glorious how beautiful You are

### *Chorus*

Beautiful One I love  
Beautiful One I adore  
Beautiful One my soul must sing

Powerful so powerful Your glory fills the skies  
Your mighty works displayed for all to see  
The beauty of Your majesty awakes my heart to sing  
How marvelous how wonderful You are *(Chorus)*

### *Bridge*

You opened my eyes to Your wonders anew  
You captured my heart with this love  
'Cause nothing on earth is as beautiful as You *(Repeat)*

## GOD OF WONDERS

BYRD / HINDALONG

Lord of all creation of water, earth and sky  
The heavens are Your tabernacle, glory to the Lord on high

### *Chorus*

God of wonders beyond our galaxy  
You are holy, holy  
The universe declares Your Majesty  
You are holy, holy  
Lord of Heaven and Earth  
Lord of Heaven and Earth

Early in the morning I will celebrate the light  
When I stumble in the darkness I will call Your name by night *(Chorus)*

Hallelujah to the Lord of Heaven and Earth  
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## SHARING OF THE PEACE

LEADER: The Peace of the Lord be with you.

**CHURCH:** **And also with you.**

LEADER: Please share the peace of the Lord with one another.

## CHILDRENS MESSAGE

*Children are welcome to come forward to hear the message. After the message, children  
up to age 6 can be dismissed to the Nursery.*

## OFFERING

**OFFERTORY** CANON IN D *Thompson*  
*Tanner Roark, Guitar*

**DOXOLOGY** Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## THE WORD

**MESSAGE** FOLLOWING THE LIGHT

**SCRIPTURE** Matthew 2:1-12

**SERIES** *Epiphany 2010*

## THE LORD'S SUPPER

### INVITATION

### CELEBRATION

**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 debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead  
us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For  
Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory,  
forever. Amen.

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.

As they offered gifts most rare at thy manger rude and bare,  
 So may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy,  
 All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to Thee the heav'nly King.

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.

SENDING OUT

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**            ALL GLORY BE TO GOD ON HIGH            *Merkel*

**WELCOME TO ESCALON PRESBYTERIAN**

**This Morning**            Please sign the Attendance Booklet at the end of each pew  
**Office Hours**            Tuesday - Friday 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Closed on Mondays  
**Contact Info**            1612 First Street, Escalon, CA 95320 • 209-838-2798  
    E-mail - escalonpres@gmail.com / Web - escalonpres.org

TODAY

**Sunday School**            Adult SS – 9:00 am / Youth SS - 9:15 / *On Break*  
**Morning Worship**        10:30 am  
**Fellowship**                Following Worship / *Faith Center*  
**College Age Class**        6:30 pm / Nickerson's Home / *On Break*

THIS WEEK

**Monday**                    S.I.S. 6:30 pm / *Faith Center*  
**Tuesday**                   Church Office Closed  
    Youth Ministries 9:00 am / *EPC Nursery*  
    Church Life Meet 5:30 pm / *Cancun Restaurant*  
    Trustees Meet 7:00 pm / *EPC*  
**Wednesday**              Youth Group 6:30 pm / *Youth Room*

COMING UP

**Jan 9**                        Scott Mayfield's New Study Begins 9:00 am / *Faith Center*  
    Children's Sunday School Resumes 9:15 am / *EPC*  
**Jan 12**                        Annual Reports Due  
**Jan 30**                        Annual Church Meeting



SUNDAY – JANUARY 2, 2011

**FOLLOWING THE LIGHT**

REFLECTION

*Man is fond of counting his troubles, but he does not count his joys. If he counted them up as he ought to, he would see that every lot has enough happiness provided for it.*

~ Fyodor Dostoevsky

PREPARATION

**PRELUDE**                    ALL GLORY BE TO GOD ON HIGH            *Pachelbel*  
**WELCOME**

CALL TO WORSHIP

**LEADER:**                    O sing to God a new song; sing to God, all the earth.

**CHURCH:**                    We sing of light that reduces shadows, and joy that comes with promises fulfilled.

**LEADER:**                    Declare the marvelous works of God among all people; worship God in the beauty of the sanctuary.

**CHURCH:**                    Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice, for our hopes find fulfillment beyond the manger.

**LEADER:**                    Here we know Christ's presence among us, and commit ourselves anew to living the good news.