

Waupun United Methodist Church, Waupun, WI  
Worship Music and Bible Reading – 1/8/2023

**We Three Kings**

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

**O star of wonder, star of light, 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 for ever, ceasing never, over us all to reign.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**60** “Arise, Jerusalem! Let your light shine for all to see.

For the glory of the LORD rises to shine on you.

<sup>2</sup> Darkness as black as night covers all the nations of the earth,  
but the glory of the LORD rises and appears over you.

<sup>3</sup> All nations will come to your light;  
mighty kings will come to see your radiance.

<sup>4</sup> “Look and see, for everyone is coming home!  
Your sons are coming from distant lands;  
your little daughters will be carried home.

<sup>5</sup> Your eyes will shine,  
and your heart will thrill with joy,  
for merchants from around the world will come to you.  
They will bring you the wealth of many lands.

<sup>6</sup> Vast caravans of camels will converge on you,  
the camels of Midian and Ephah.

The people of Sheba will bring gold and frankincense  
and will come worshiping the LORD.

New Living Translation (NLT)

#### Bible Reading

Matthew 2:1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem,<sup>2</sup> asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.”<sup>3</sup> When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup> and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. <sup>5</sup> They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:  
<sup>6</sup> ‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for from you shall come a ruler  
who is to shepherd my people Israel.’”

<sup>7</sup> Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared.<sup>8</sup> Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.”<sup>9</sup> When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup> When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. <sup>11</sup> On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. <sup>12</sup> And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

#### From a Distant Home

**From a distant home the Savior we come seeking,**

using as our guide the star so brightly beaming.  
 Lovely eastern star that tells us of God's morning,  
 heaven's wondrous light, O never cease thy shining!  
 Glory in the highest to the Son of Heaven,  
 and upon the earth be peace and love to all.

Glowing gold I bring the newborn babe so holy,  
 token of his power to reign above in glory.  
 Lovely eastern star that tells us of God's morning,  
 heaven's wondrous light, O never cease thy shining!  
 Glory in the highest to the Son of Heaven,  
 and upon the earth be peace and love to all.

Frankincense I bring the child of God's own choosing,  
 token of our prayers to heaven ever rising.  
 Lovely eastern star that tells us of God's morning,  
 heaven's wondrous light, O never cease thy shining!  
 Glory in the highest to the Son of Heaven,  
 and upon the earth be peace and love to all.

Bitter myrrh have I to give the infant Jesus,  
 token of the pain that he will bear to save us.  
 Lovely eastern star that tells us of God's morning,  
 heaven's wondrous light, O never cease thy shining!  
 Glory in the highest to the Son of Heaven,  
 and upon the earth be peace and love to all.

### The First Noel

Song of Thanksgiving - Red No. 245 (verse 5)

Then entered in those Wise Men three, full reverently upon the knee,  
 and offered there, in his presence, their gold and myrrh and frankincense.  
 Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

### Shine, Jesus, Shine

Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory,  
 blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire;  
 flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy,

**send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.**

**Lord, the light of your love is shining in the midst of the darkness shining;  
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us,  
set us free by the truth you now bring us.  
Shine on me, shine on me.**

**Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory,  
blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire;  
flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy,  
send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.**

**Lord, I come to your awesome presence from the shadows into your radiance;  
by the blood I may enter your brightness,  
search me, try me, consume all my darkness.  
Shine on me, shine on me.**

**Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory,  
blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire;  
flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy,  
send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.**

**As we gaze on your kingly brightness, so our faces display your likeness;  
ever changing from glory to glory, mirrored here may our lives tell your story.  
Shine on me, shine on me.**

**Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory,  
blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire;  
flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy,  
send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.**