

- Infinite, eternal sun who became most finite, a baby who one day would die for my sins on a cross, we'll praise him in the heavens, praise him in the stable, praise him in my heart. Amen. (organ music) ("Come and Worship") ♪ Angels from the ♪ Realms of Glory ♪ Wing your flight o'er the Earth ♪ Ye who sang creation's story ♪ Now proclaim the Messiah's birth ♪ Come and worship ♪ Come and worship ♪ Worship Christ the newborn King ♪ Shepherds in the fields abiding ♪ Watching o'er the flocks by night ♪ God with man is now residing ♪ Yonder shines the infant light ♪ Come and worship ♪ Come and worship ♪ Worship Christ the newborn King ♪ Sages, leave your contemplations ♪ Brighter visions beam afar ♪ Seek the great desire of nations ♪ Ye have seen his natal star ♪ Come and worship ♪ Come and worship ♪ Worship Christ the newborn King ♪ Saints before the altar bending ♪ Watching long in hope and fear ♪ Suddenly the Lord descending ♪ In his temple shall appear ♪ Come and worship ♪ Come and worship ♪ Worship Christ the newborn King ♪

- The lord be with you.

- And also with you.

- Let us pray. Gracious and ever-loving God. Who has declared your love to all people by the birth of the holy child at Bethlehem. Help us to welcome him with gladness. And so to make room for him on our more common days, that we might live at peace with one another, and that we might take upon ourselves the cares and burdens of others, even as he has taken our cares and burdens upon himself. And to that end we now pray. For peace among the nations, for social justice, that the barriers which divide us may crumble and suspicions disappear, hatred cease. And that with our divisions healed we might live in justice and peace, through your son the Prince of Peace. We pray also for those who this day are sick or suffering from any affliction. We pray, O God, that you would have mercy on all your children who live in physical or mental distress. Restore them to strength of mind and cheerfulness of spirit and give them health and peace. We pray through the one who healed those in distress of body or soul. O holy God, look with pity on the sorrows of those who are bereaved, particularly for those whom this holiday season is a reminder of loved ones no longer with them. Comfort them in the memory of your goodness, and let your presence shine upon those who grieve for those who have died. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, the giver of life. O blessed Jesus, you minister to all who came to you. Look with compassion on all through addiction, have lost health and freedom. Restore to them the assurance of your unfailing mercy, remove the fears that attack them and strengthen them in the work of their recovery. And to those who care for them, give patient understanding and persevering love. For your mercy's sake. Almighty God, you set the solitary in families and we commend to your care all the homes where your people live. Give them we pray, freedom from bitterness, from the thirst for personal victory, and from pride in self. Make them places of knowledge, moderation, patience and godliness. Knit together in affection those who have become one in marriage. And let children and parents have full respect for one another. And light the fire of kindness among us all. O God, you set your only begotten son within a human family. And thus redeemed every aspect of human life. Knowing therefore

your care for every aspect of our lives, we are bold to lift up our needs and the needs of others in their daily lives. And may all of us in our cares and sorrows take heart, that you desired to come and live among us, so that you might show forth the glory of God among us. Amen. And now let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God. (organ music) ("Il Est Ne, Le Divin Enfant") (choir singing in foreign language) (organ music) ("In the Bleak Midwinter") ♪ In the bleak midwinter ♪ Frosty wind made moan ♪ Earth stood hard as iron ♪ Water like a stone ♪ Snow had fallen ♪ Snow on snow ♪ Snow on snow ♪ In the bleak midwinter ♪ Long ago ♪ Our God, heaven cannot hold him ♪ Nor earth sustain ♪ Heaven and earth shall flee away ♪ When he comes to reign ♪ In the bleak midwinter ♪ A stable place sufficed ♪ The Lord God almighty ♪ Jesus Christ ♪ Angels and archangels ♪ May have gathered there ♪ Cherubim and seraphim ♪ Thronged the air ♪ But his mother only ♪ In her maiden bliss ♪ Worshiped the beloved ♪ With a kiss ♪ What can I give him ♪ Poor as I am ♪ If I were a shepherd ♪ I would bring a lamb ♪ If I were a wise man ♪ I would do my part ♪ Yet what I can I give him ♪ Give my heart ♪ (organ music) ("Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow") ♪ Praise God, from whom all blessings flow ♪ Praise Him, all creatures here below ♪ Hallelujah, hallelujah ♪ Praise him above, ye heav'nly host ♪ Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! ♪ Hallelujah, hallelujah ♪ Hallelujah, hallelujah ♪ Hallelujah, hallelujah ♪ Hallelujah ♪

- We could not come to you O God. And so you most graciously came to us. We had so little to offer you and so you surprised us with the greatest gift of all. In the spirit of the shepherds who rejoiced at the manger, the magi who offered their gifts and bowed before the babe at Bethlehem, we now offer ourselves and our gifts to you. Use them and us according to your will, so that we might be part of the increase of your light into all the world. Thus we pray in the name of Jesus who taught us.

- 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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen. (organ music) ("Great God, We Sing Your Guiding Hand") ♪ Great God, we sing that mighty hand ♪ By which supported still we stand ♪ The opening year thy mercy shows ♪ That mercy crowns it till it close ♪ By day, by night, at home, abroad ♪ Still are we guarded by our God ♪ By his incessant bounty fed ♪ By his unerring counsel led ♪ With grateful hearts the past we own ♪ The future, all to us unknown ♪ We to thy guardian care commit ♪ And peaceful leave before thy feet ♪ In scenes exalted or depressed ♪ Thou art our joy, and thou our rest ♪ Thy goodness all our hopes shall raise ♪ Adored through all our changing days ♪ When death shall interrupt our songs ♪ And seal in silence mortal tongues ♪ Our helper God, in whom we trust ♪ Shall keep our souls and guard our dust ♪

- Go forth now into the new year. And may the God of grace and peace go with you. Amen. (jubilant organ music) (intriguing organ music)