

A Service of Word and Sacrament

GATHERING

Prelude

Greensleeves (What Child is This)
text for meditation GtG #145

arr. Richard Purvis

*Call to Worship

Psalm 67

Leader: May God be gracious to us and bless us

***People:* and may the face of the Lord shine upon us**

Leader: Let the peoples praise you, O God;

***People:* let all the peoples praise you.**

Leader: God, our God, has blessed us.

***People:* let all the ends of the earth revere the Lord.**

Leader: Let us worship God.

*Opening Prayer

*Opening Hymn

We Three Kings of Orient Are

GtG #151

*Call to Confession

*Litany of Confession

Leader: O holy blessed and glorious Trinity,
three persons and one God, have mercy upon us.

***People:* Have mercy upon us.**

Leader: Remember not, Lord our offences.

Spare us good Lord, spare Thy people whom Thou hast redeemed,
and be not angry with us forever.

***People:* Spare us good Lord.**

Leader: From all evil and harm, from the power of sin and from Thy wrath.

***People:* Good Lord, deliver us.**

Leader: From all wickedness of heart, from pride, vanity and hypocrisy,
from envy, hatred and malice and all uncharitableness.

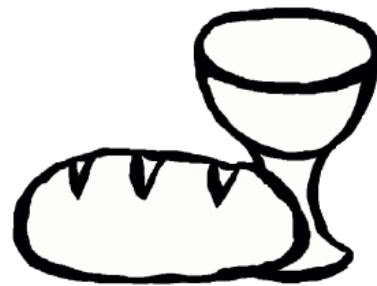
***People:* Good Lord, deliver us.**

*Assurance of Pardon

*The Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

***People:* And also with you.**



THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Matthew 2:1-12

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Song of Response

I Wonder as I Wander



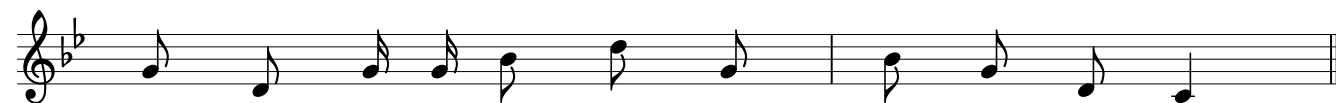
1. I won - der as I wan - der, out un - der the sky, How
2. When Ma - ry birthed Je - sus, 'twas in a cow's stall, With
3. If Je - sus had want - ed for an - y wee thing, A
4. I won - der as I wan - der, out un - der the sky, How



Je - sus the Sav - ior did come for to die For
wise men and farm - ers and shep - herds and all. But
star in the sky or a bird on the wing, Or
Je - sus the Sav - ior did come for to die For



poor ord' - nary peo - ple like you and like I; I
high from God's heav - en a star's light did fall, The
all of God's an - gels in heav'n for to sing, He
poor ord' - nary peo - ple like you and like I; I



won - der as I wan - der, out un - der the sky.
prom - ise of a - ges it then did re - call.
sure - ly could have it, 'cause He was the King.
won - der as I wan - der, out un - der the sky.

Appalachian Carol
Collected by John Jacob Niles

John Jacob Niles
Arr. Donald P. Hustad

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THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

All baptized believers are invited to participate.

The bread is gluten-free so that all may partake of one loaf.

Please come forward as the servers turn toward your section.

SENDING

*Closing Hymn

Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers

GtG #231

*Benediction

Postlude

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!

arr. Roger C. Wilson

O Morning Star, how fair and bright! You shine with God's own truth and light, aglow with grace and mercy!

Of Jacob's line, King David's son, our Lord and Savior, you have won our hearts to serve you only!

Lowly, holy! Great and glorious, all victorious, rich in blessing! Rule and might o'er all possessing!

Almighty Father, in your Son you loved us, when not yet begun was this old earth's foundation!

Your Son has ransomed us in love to live in him here and above: this is your great salvation.

Alleluia! Christ the living, to us giving Life forever, keeps us yours and fail us never!

-Philipp Nicolai

*please rise in body and/or spirit