

HYMN TEXT – JANUARY 1, 2023

JESUS CAME TO DWELL AMONG US

1 Jesus came to dwell among us, full of
truth and full of grace; sent with gifts of love and
mercy for a wayward human race.

Refrain

Alleluia, praise the Baby, praise the life He came to live!
Alleluia, praise the Father, praise the gift He chose to give!

2 Costly gifts of gold and incense offered
for the Baby's birth were a dust beside the
treasure which the Father sent to earth. *Refrain*

3 Wondrous thought, that this small Baby held the
promise of God's love, bringing mortals hope and
healing from God's treasure house above.

4 Jesus came to dwell among us, full of
truth and full of grace; joyful tidings stirred the
heartstrings of a waiting human race.

AS WITH GLADNESS MEN OF OLD

1 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.

2 As with joyful steps they sped to that lowly manger bed,
there to bend the knee before Christ whom heaven and earth adore,
so may we with willing feet, ever seek the mercy seat.

3 As they offered gifts most rare at the 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, our heavenly King.

4 Holy Jesus, every day keep us in the narrow way;
and when earthly things are past, bring our ransomed soul at last
where they need no star to guide, where no clouds Thy glory hide.

SING WE NOW OF CHRISTMAS

1 Sing we now of Christmas, Noel, sing we here!
Hear our grateful praises to the Babe so dear.

Refrain

Sing we Noel, the King is born, Noel!
Sing we now of Christmas, sing we now Noel!

2 Angels called to shepherds, "Leave your flocks at rest;
journey forth to Bethlehem, find the Lambkin blest." ***Refrain***

3 In the stall they found Him; Joseph and Mary mild
seated 'round the manger, watching the holy Child. ***Refrain***

4 From the eastern country came the kings afar,
bearing gifts to Bethlehem, guided by a star. ***Refrain***

5 Gold and myrrh they took there, gifts of greatest price;
there was ne'er a stable so like paradise.

OH, COME, LITTLE CHILDREN

1 Oh, come, little children, o, come, one and all,
to Bethlehem's stable, in Bethlehem's stall,
and see with rejoicing this glorious sight,
our Father in heaven has sent us this night.

2 Oh, see in the manger, in hallowed light
a star throws its beam on this holiest sight.
In clean swaddling clothes lies the heavenly Child,
more lovely than angels, this baby so mild.

3 Oh, there lies the Christ Child, on hay and on straw;
the shepherds are kneeling before Him with awe.
And Mary and Joseph smile on Him with love,
while angels are singing sweet songs from above.

WE THREE KINGS

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.