

**January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 Epiphany Sunday**  
Worship Link: <https://youtu.be/QNL0j2DOZss>

**EPIPHANY CAROL SING:**

♪ #146 *Angels from the Realms (vs 3)*

by James Montgomery

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.***

♪ #144 *'Twas in the moon (vs 3)*

Huron: Jean de Brebeuf

The earliest moon of wintertime is not so round and fair  
As was the ring of glory on the helpless infant there.  
The chiefs from far before him knelt with gifts of fox & beaverpelt.  
***Jesus your King is born, Jesus is born, in excelsis gloria.***

♪ #161 *What child is this (vs 3)*

William Chatterton Dix

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, peasant, king, to own him.  
The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him.  
Raise, raise the song on high; the virgin sings her lullaby.  
Joy, joy for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary.

♪ #136 *The First Nowell (vs 3 & 5)*

English Traditional 17<sup>th</sup> century

And by the light of that same star three wise men came from country far;  
to search for a king was their intent, and to follow the star wherever it went.  
***Refrain: Noel, noel, noel, noel! Born is the king of Israel.***

Then entered in those wise men three full reverently upon their knee,  
And offered there in his presence their gold and myrrh and frankincense.  
***Refrain: Noel, noel, noel, noel! Born is the king of Israel.***

**CHILDREN'S TIME:**

**SCRIPTURE:** Matthew 2:1-18 (children's bible)

This is the word of the Lord! **Thanks be to God.**

**PRAYER:** Refrain: #173 *We three kings (chorus)*

John H Hopkins

♪ *O, star of wonder, star of light, Star of royal beauty bright  
Westward leading, STILL proceeding, Guide us to thy perfect light.*

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**SERMON:** *A Different Road*

**NEW YEAR'S CAROL:** #811 *Standing at the portal* by Frances Ridley Havergal

♪ Standing at the portal of the opening year,  
Words of comfort meet us, hushing every fear;  
Spoken through the silence by God's loving voice,  
Tender, strong and faithful, making us rejoice.

***Refrain: Onward, then, and fear not, children of the day;  
For God's word shall never, never pass away.***

I, the Lord, am with thee, do not be afraid;  
I will help and strengthen, do not be dismayed.  
For I will uphold you with my own right hand;  
You are called and chosen in my sight to stand. ***Refrain:***

God will not forsake us and will never fail  
God's eternal covenant ever will prevail  
Resting on this promise - what have we to fear?  
God is all-sufficient for the coming year. ***Refrain:***

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** *Auld Lang Syne* (revised words)

***Auld Lang Syne*** *The phrase translates to "old long since," and essentially means, "days gone by." The phrase is written in the Scots language and another translation is "for the sake of old times." The phrase became popular based on Robert Burns's poem titled, "Auld Lang Syne." The lyrics are commonly sung to an old folk tune.*

Should old acquaintance be forgot, and never brought to mind?  
Should old acquaintance be forgot, and Auld Lang Syne?

[Chorus:]

***For Auld Lang Syne, my dear, for Auld Lang Syne,  
We'll take a cup of kindness yet, for Auld Lang Syne.***

And here's a hand - my trusty friend!  
And give a hand in mine!  
We'll take a cup of kindness yet, For ...Auld... Lang... Syne.