

# Caradoc Presbyterian Church

Order of Worship - Sunday January 2, 2021

*The Inn: Clinging to the LIGHT*

## WE GATHER

*Prelude*

*Welcome*

We Open the Door (Threshold Moment)

### **Advent Song: Hope waits for us at Advent**

Love comes to us at Christmas

Love comes to heal our souls.

Love brings an invitation  
that our hearts might be made whole.

As we gather at the stable  
in the darkness, glad and grateful

for the sacred in our midst,

for wonder and delight,

Christ is born in us this night.

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The Peace

### **Carol# 173 We three Kings**

We three kings of Orient are;

bearing gifts we traverse afar,

field and fountain, moor and mountain,

following yonder star.

**Refrain:** *O star of wonder, star of light,  
star of 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 forever, ceasing never,  
over us all to reign. **Refrain:**

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

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

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

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## WE PROCLAIM

**First Reading:** Luke 2: 1-12

Time of All Ages - *The gifts we bring*

**Second Reading:** John 1:1-9, 10-18

Sermon - *The Inn: Clinging to the LIGHT of HOME*

## WE RESPOND

Special Music Carol: "We Fall Down" by Chris Tomlin  
- Maureen Tomchick & Penny McComb

Prayer of the people

## WE VENTURE FORTH

### Closing Carol #172 As with gladness

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  
ever more be led to thee.

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

As they offered gifts most rare  
at thy cradle 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.

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

In that heavenly country bright  
need they no created light:  
thou its light, its joy, its crown,  
thou its sun which goes not down;  
there forever may we sing  
hallelujahs to our King.

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Benediction

### Advent Choral Response: Make of my heart a stable

Make of my heart a stable, a house for the holy,  
a warm and sturdy place for **light** to live and grow.

Make of my life a stable, a house for the holy,  
a warm and sturdy place for **light** to live and grow.

Make of our church a stable, a house for the holy,  
a warm and sturdy place for **light** to live and grow.

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*Postlude*

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