

Prayer of Confession for the Christmas Season

By Nathan Nettleton

(Congregation reads parts in **Bold**)

O God, you search us out and know us,
And all that we are is open to you.
We confess that we have sinned.

**In your mercy, Lord,
Forgive us and heal us.**

When we make no room for Christ,
And fail to welcome him into our lives,

**In your mercy, Lord,
Forgive us and heal us.**

When we follow shooting stars
And squander our gifts in Herod's court,

**In your mercy, Lord,
Forgive us and heal us.**

When we seek to cut down those
Who might rise above us,

**In your mercy, Lord,
Forgive us and heal us.**

When we sanitize your birth place
And erase from memory the poor and displaced,

**In your mercy, Lord,
Forgive us and heal us.**

When we sing sweet sentiments over Christ's birth,
And fail to rejoice over his everyday presence,

**In your mercy, Lord,
Forgive us and heal us.**

We turn to you, O Christ,
Perfect union of Spirit and flesh;

**We renounce evil;
We claim your love;
We choose to be made whole.**

(Time for personal and silent confession)

In and through Christ we pray,
Amen

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We Three Kings of Orient Are

Call to Worship

Building the Creche – WISE MEN

Scott & Robin Scott family

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Song *Here I Am to Worship*

Children and Youth Dismissed

Update: Pastor Nominating Committee

Prayer of Intercession / Offering

Special Music *A Strange Way to Save the World*

Scripture *Matthew 1:18-24*

Sermon *Be A Joseph In 2021*

Hymn *Go Tell It on the Mountain*

Benediction

Postlude

Matthew 1:18-24 (ESV)

¹⁸Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. ²⁰But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." ²²All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

²³"Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,

and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us). ²⁴When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife,

WE THREE KINGS OF ORIENT ARE

We three kings of Orient are
Bearing gifts we traverse afar
Field and fountain moor and mountain
Following yonder star

Chorus

O star of wonder star of night
Star with royal beauty bright
Westward leading still proceeding
Guide us to Thy perfect light

Born a King on Bethlehem plain
Gold I bring to crown Him again
King forever ceasing never
Over us all to reign

Frankincense to offer have I
Incense owns a Deity nigh
Prayer and praising gladly raising
Worshipping God on high

Myrrh is mine its bitter perfume
Breathes a life of gathering gloom
Sorrowing sighing bleeding dying
Sealed in the stone cold tomb

Glorious now behold Him arise
King and God and sacrifice
Alleluia alleluia
Sounds through the earth and skies

HERE I AM TO WORSHIP

Light of the world
You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes let me see
Beauty that made
This heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You

Chorus

So here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down

Here I am to say that You're my God
And You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

King of all days
Oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came
To the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor

(Bridge)

And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross
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To see my sin upon that cross

GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

Chorus

Go tell it on the mountain
Over the hills and everywhere
Go tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born

While shepherds kept their watching
Over silent flocks by night
Behold throughout the heavens
There shone a holy light

The shepherds feared and trembled
When lo above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus
That hailed the Savior's birth

Down in a lowly manger
The humble Christ was born
And God sent us salvation
That blessed Christmas morn