

**THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS  
LESSONS AND CAROLS  
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**WELCOME**

**PRELUDE**

Jesus, the bright Morning Star, shines light in the world.

**By day and night he shines for all to see.**

Jesus was born in the midst of injustice and poverty

**that the world may see the justice and richness of God.**

God so loved the world that God sent Jesus,

**so that all who believe in him may not perish but have eternal life.**

Jesus is the light of the world.

**Jesus is the light of our lives.**

Sing to God a new song!

**A song of hope, joy, and peace around the world.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray. Gracious God of heaven and earth,  
you have thrown a lifeline to us in our darkness—  
a beam of light that shines through Jesus.

Though born in a manger, he is the firstborn of all creation.

Though crucified on a cross, he is the Lord of life.

Fill us with the wonder and joy of his presence in the world  
and in our hearts. **Amen.**

**FIRST READING: GENESIS 1:1-5, 14-18**

**HYMN: I WONDER AS I WANDER vs.1, 2**

**SECOND READING: MICAH 5:2-5A**

**HYMN: O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM vs. 1,4**

**THIRD READING: LUKE 1:26-35, 38**

**HYMN: THE ANGEL GABRIEL FROM HEAVEN CAME**

**FOURTH READING: MATTHEW 1:18-25**

**HYMN: O COME, O COME EMMANUEL**

**FIFTH READING: LUKE 2:8-20**

**HYMN: ANGELS, FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY vs. 1-2**

**SIXTH READING: MATTHEW 2:1-11**

**HYMN: NEAL IN THE BLEAK MIDWINTER**

**SEVENTH READING: JOHN 1:1-14**

**HYMN: OF THE FATHER'S LOVE BEGOTTEN**

**OFFERING:**

**WHAT CHILD IS THIS**

**RESPONSIVE PRAYER**

It is you, loving God, who lights our path with truth.

**Your Word, Jesus, is truth.**

In his light, draw all to the manger

**to gather in wonder with the shepherds.**

In his light, draw all to the manger

**to kneel in reverence with the wise ones.**

In his light, draw all to the manger

**to sing for joy with the angels.**

In the brightness of his life

**cast away the darkness of injustice, poverty, and hunger in the world.**

It is you, loving God, who meets us on our way.

**In the light of Jesus, show the world the way of life. Amen.**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

### **BLESSING**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!

**Praise God, all creatures here below!**

You are the shepherds telling the story.

**We tell it in the streets and across the land.**

You are the wise ones worshiping with thanksgiving.

**We worship with gifts of song and service, talents and treasures.**

You are the angels announcing peace.

**We live with joy and go now in peace.**

Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**