

January 7, 2024 Hymns

## 173. As with Gladness

1 As with gladness sages bold  
did the guiding star behold;  
as with joy they hailed its light,  
leading onward, beaming bright,  
so, true Morning Star, may we  
evermore your splendor see.

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

3 As they offered gifts most rare  
at that manger plain and bare,  
so may we with holy joy,  
pure and free from sin's alloy,  
all our costliest treasures bring,  
Christ, to you from whom they spring.

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

## 176. Sing of God Made Manifest

1 Sing of God made manifest  
in a child robust and blest,  
to whose home in Bethlehem  
where a star had guided them,  
Magi came and gifts unbound,  
signs mysterious and profound:  
myrrh and frankincense and gold  
grave and God and King foretold.

2 Sing of God made manifest  
when at Jordan John confessed,  
"I should be baptized by you,  
but your bidding I will do."  
Then from heaven a double sign--  
dove-like Spirit, voice divine--  
hailed the true Anointed One:  
"This is my beloved Son."

3 Sing of God made manifest  
when Christ came as wedding-guest  
and at Cana gave a sign,  
turning water into wine;  
further still was love revealed  
as he taught, forgave, and healed,  
bringing light and life to all  
who would listen to God's call.

4 Sing of God made manifest  
on the cloud-capped mountain's crest,  
where the law and prophets waned  
so that Christ alone remained:  
glimpse of glory, pledge of grace,  
given as Jesus set his face  
towards the waiting cross and grave,  
sign of hope that God would save.

## 172. We Three Kings of Orient Are

1 We three kings of Orient are,  
bearing gifts we traverse afar  
field and fountain, moor and mountain,  
following yonder star.

[Refrain (after 1 & 5 only)]  
O star of wonder, star of night,  
star with royal beauty bright,  
westward leading, still proceeding,  
guide us to thy perfect light.

2 Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,  
gold I bring to crown him again  
King forever, ceasing never,  
over us all to reign.

3 Frankincense to offer have I,  
incense owns a Deity nigh;  
prayer and praising, gladly raising,  
worshiping God on high.

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

5 Glorious now behold him arise,  
Christ and God and sacrifice:  
alleluia, alleluia,  
sounds through the earth and skies. (Refrain)