

Wallington and St Andrew's URCs
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Mr Phil Hyde

Call to worship

♪ Born in the night, Mary's Child,
a long way from your home;
coming in need, Mary's Child,
born in a borrowed room.

Clear shining light, Mary's Child,
your face lights up our way;
light of the world, Mary's Child,
dawn on our darkened day.

Truth of our life, Mary's Child,
you tell us God is good;
yes, it is true, Mary's Child,
shown on your cross of wood.

Hope of the world, Mary's Child,
you're coming soon to reign;
King of the earth, Mary's Child,
walk in our streets again.

*Words and music: Geoffrey Ainger © 1964 Stainer
& Bell Ltd. Performance: Choir of First-Plymouth
Church, Lincoln, Nebraska, USA.*

Prayers and the 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 that trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation but
deliver us from evil. For thine is the
kingdom, the power and the glory, forever
and ever. Amen.

For all the family – Gifts for a baby

♪ Brightest and best of the sons of the
morning,
Dawn on our darkness, and lend us
thine aid;
Star of the East, the horizon adorning,
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

Cold on His cradle the dew-drops
are shining;
Low lies His head with the beasts of
the stall;
Angels adore Him in slumber reclining,
Maker, and Monarch, and Saviour of all.

Say, shall we yield Him, in costly devotion,
Odours of Edom, and offerings divine,
Gems of the mountain and pearls of
the ocean,
Myrrh from the forest or gold from
the mine?

Vainly we offer each ample oblation;
Vainly with gifts would His favour secure;
Richer by far is the heart's adoration;
Dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.

Brightest and best of the sons of
the morning,
Dawn on our darkness, and lend us
thine aid;
Star of the East the horizon adorning,
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

Words: Reginald Heber, music: J F Trupp.
Performance: Choir of York Minster
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Psalm 71:1-7, 10-14 –
The Lord is my refuge
Matthew 2:1-12 –
The Magi visit the Messiah

Sermon

Prayers of intercession

♪ 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
Evermore 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 thy glory hide.

In the heavenly country bright
Need they no created light;
Thou its light, its joy, its crown,
Thou its sun which goes not down;
There for ever may we sing
Hallelujahs to our King.

*Words; William Dix, music: Conrad Kocher.
Performance: St Michael's Singers of Coventry
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Holy Communion

♪ O Worship the Lord in the beauty of
holiness,
Bow down before Him, His glory proclaim;
With gold of obedience and incense of
lowliness,
Bring and adore Him - the Lord is His
Name.

Low at His feet lay Thy burden of
carefulness,
High on His heart He will bear it for thee;
Comfort thy sorrows and answer thy
prayerfulness,
Guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.

Fear not to enter His courts in the
slenderness
Of the poor wealth thou wouldst reckon as
thine;
Truth in its beauty, and love in its
tenderness,
These are the offerings to bring to His
shrine.

O Worship the Lord in the beauty of
holiness,
Bow down before Him, His glory proclaim;
With gold of obedience and incense of
lowliness,
Bring and adore Him - the Lord is His
Name.

*Words: John Monsell, music: Johann Reinhardt.
Performance: St Martin's Church, Stamford, BBC
Songs of Praise.*

Blessing

Closing music: from *The four seasons* by Antonio
Vivaldi: final movement of *Winter* performed by
Philharmonia Virtuosi, Paul Peabody violin,
Richard Kapp conductor.

*For all the family is by Sheila Cruchley, the Bible
passages are read by Chris Jackson and Maggie
Macdonald and our prayers of intercession are led
by Alan Cruchley.*