

Sunday Worship Music

December 29, 2024

Introit

He Came Down

Cameroon song

*He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love;
he came down that we may have love; hallelujah, forevermore.
. . . that we may have light
. . . that we may have peace
. . . that we may have joy*

Hymn 140

Once in Royal David's City

text by C.F. Alexander, 1848
music by H.J. Gauntlett, 1849

*Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed.
Mary was that mother mild; Jesus Christ, her little child.*

*He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all,
and his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall;
with the poor and meek and lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.*

*Jesus is our childhood's pattern; day by day like us he grew;
he was little, weak and helpless; tears and smiles like us he knew;
and he feels for all our sadness, and he shares in all our gladness.*

*And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming love;
for that child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heaven above;
and he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.*

Anthem

Who Would Think That What Was Needed

John Bell

*Who would think that what was needed to transform and save the earth
might not be a plan or army, proud in purpose, proved in worth?
Who would think, despite derision, that a child should lead the way?
God surprises earth with heaven, coming here on Christmas Day.*

*Shepherds watch and wise men wonder; monarchs scorn and angels sing;
such a place as none would reckon hosts a holy helpless thing.
Stable beasts and bypassed strangers watch a baby laid in hay;
God surprises earth with heaven, coming here on Christmas Day.*

*Centuries of skill and science span the past from which we move,
yet, experience questions whether, with such progress, we improve.
While the human lot we ponder, lest our hope and humor fray,
God surprises earth with heaven, coming here on Christmas Day.*

Hymn 139

That Boy-Child of Mary

text by Tom Colvin, 1967
Malawi melody

*(Refrain) That boy-child of Mary was born in a stable,
a manger his cradle in Bethlehem.*

*What shall we call him, child of the manger?
What name is given in Bethlehem? (Refrain)*

*His name is Jesus, God ever with us,
God given for us in Bethlehem. (Refrain)*

*How can he save us, how can he help us,
Born here among us in Bethlehem? (Refrain)*

*Gift of the Father, to human mother,
makes him our brother of Bethlehem. (Refrain)*

*One with the Father, he is our Savior,
heaven-sent helper of Bethlehem. (Refrain)*

*Gladly we praise him, love and adore him,
give ourselves to him of Bethlehem. (Refrain)*