



**A SERVICE OF WORSHIP • FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS**  
**December 27, 2020 - 10:00 a.m.**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**WE BECOME AWARE OF GOD'S PRESENCE**

**Call to Worship**

**One:** Praise the Lord! Praise God from the heavens!  
**Many:** **Young men and women alike, old and young together!**  
**One:** Let us praise the name of the Lord,  
whose name alone is exalted above earth and heaven!  
**All:** **Alleluia! Let us praise the Lord!**

**\*Hymn (#145)**

*What Child Is This?*

**WE OPEN OURSELVES TO GOD'S GRACE**

**\*Call to Confession**

**\*Prayer of Confession**

**Merciful God,**

**We confess that we have not lived as your faithful children.**

**We have kept silent in midst of prejudice and hatred.**

**We have been idle in the face of violence and injustice.**

**We have not been a light to the nations,  
and our lives have not revealed your glory.**

**Forgive us, Merciful God.**

**Repair the ugliness of our sin and restore in us your beautiful grace;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**\*Silence for Personal Confession**

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD TO US**

**Sharing Faith with God's Children**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture Lesson**                      Galatians 4:4-7  
*(One: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. Many: Thanks be to God.)*

**Sermon**                                      God Sent His Son                                      Rev. Steve Snipes

**WE RESPOND TO GOD IN FAITH**

**Special Music**

**Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

**Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

**Prayer of Dedication**

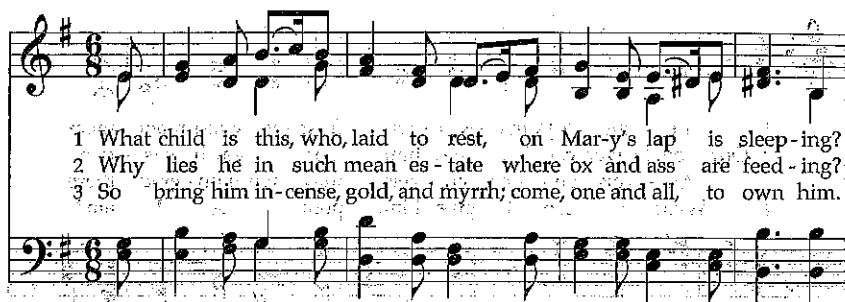
**WE DEPART TO SERVE**

**\*Charge and Benediction**

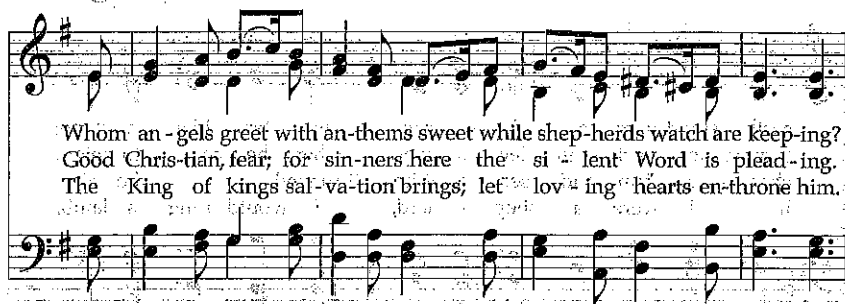
**\*Postlude**

**\*Please rise, in body or spirit.**

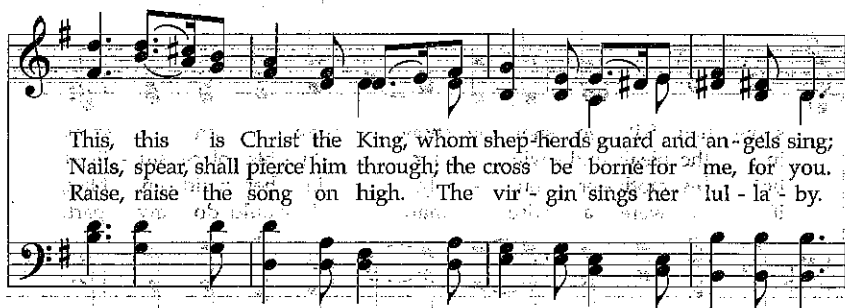
## What Child Is This



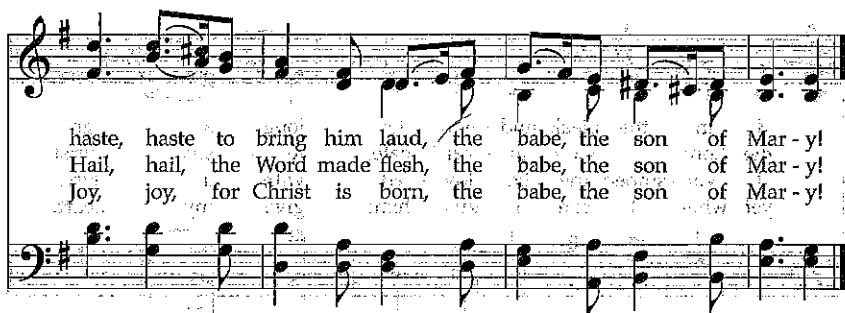
1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar-y's lap is sleep-ing?  
 2 Why lies he in such mean es-tate where ox and ass are feed-ing?  
 3 So bring him in-cense, gold, and myrrh; come, one and all, to own him.



Whom an-gels greet with an-thems sweet while shep-herds watch are keep-ing?  
 Good Chris-tian, fear; for sin-ners here the si-lent Word is plead-ing.  
 The King of kings sal-va-tion brings; let lov-ing hearts en-throne him.



This, this is Christ the King, whom shep-herds guard and an-gels sing;  
 Nails, spear, shall pierce him through; the cross be borne for me, for you.  
 Raise, raise the song on high. The vir-gin sings her lul-la-by.



haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar-y!  
 Hail, hail, the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar-y!  
 Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar-y!

This Victorian text gains scope and power by having the original second halves of stanzas two and three restored. They give a stark forward glimpse of what lies ahead for this "babe, the son of Mary!" The tune is much older, dating from Tudor England.