

Largs Church of the Nazarene

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Matthew 2 (NRSV)

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men (*magoi*) from the East came to Jerusalem, 2 asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' 3 When

King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; 4 and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. 5 They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

6 "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel."

7 Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. 8 Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' 9 When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. 10 When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. 11 On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. 12 And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Hope has a name*

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Breaking through the silence
With glory in the highest
The hope of all creation
Resting in his mother's arms

A song on the horizon
Ringing through the heavens
The long-awaited Saviour
Come to set the captives free
Come to set the captives free
Come set us free

(Refrain) Hope has a name, Emmanuel
The Light of the World
Who broke through the darkness
All hail the King, Emmanuel
The Light of the World
The Glory of Heaven

We didn't see it coming
The story of redemption
What started in a manger
Ended in an empty grave
Oh I know that (Refrain)

Come if you're broken
Come if you're searching
If you need healing
He's where you find it
Lay down your burdens
And breathe in forgiveness
If you need freedom
Yeah He's where you find it
Oh if you need freedom
Yeah He's where you find it

Leaning on the everlasting arms

E. A Hoffman

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms,
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

Chorus: Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms,
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
Leaning on the everlasting arms,
Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
Leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

Come to Jesus: 5 Steps to an Epiphany (Matt 2)

- **Introduction: Epiphany and the magi**
 - **Come to Jesus**

- **The magi came from afar.**

- **The magi looked up.**

- **The magi didn't send somebody else.**

- **The magi knelt down and gave Jesus their gifts.**

- **The magi went back a different way.**
 - **Prevenient grace**

Doxology

Thomas Ken

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

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