RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD IN SONG "Blessed Be Your Name"

Blessed Be Your Name In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow, Blessed be Your name.
Blessed Be Your name When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness, Blessed Be Your name.
Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise.
When the darkness closes in Lord, Still I will say

(Refrain) Blessed be the name of the Lord Blessed be Your name. Blessed be the name of the Lord Blessed be Your glorious name.

Blessed be Your name When the sun's shining down on me When the world's 'all as it should be, Blessed be Your name. Blessed be Your name On the road marked with suffering Though there's pain in the offering, Blessed be Your name. Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise. When the darkness closes in Lord, Still I will say (R)

You give and take away You give and take away My heart will choose to say, Lord blessed be Your name (x2) (Refrain x 2)

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COMMISSION AND BLESSING

SUNG RESPONSE

"Say He Will Come"

Say He will come, pray He will come to a sin filled world with love. Chosen one, sent from our God above.

Say He will come, pray He will come and bring peace to all who believe. Chosen one, sent from our God in love.

Say He will come, pray He will come and bring joy to all who believe. Holy One, sent to bring peace and love.

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POSTLUDE: "Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne" - Richard Irwin

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PRELUDE: "O Come All Ye Faithful" - Richard Irwin

GREETINGS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/OPENING PRAYER

FIRST THOUGHTS Isaiah 35:1-10 p. 1,111 "Casting a Vision"

PRAISING OUR GOD IN SONG

Angels From The Realms of Glory #22

Angels from the realms of glory, Wing your flight o'er all the earth; Ye who sang creation's story Now proclaim Messiah's birth.

Come and worship, come and worship,

Worship Christ, the newborn King!

Shepherds, in the field abiding, Watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing; Yonder shines the infant light:
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King!

Sages, leave your contemplations, Brighter visions beam afar; Seek the great Desire of nations; Ye have seen His natal star. Come and worship, come and worship, Worship Christ, the newborn King!

All creation, join in praising God, the Father, Spirit, Son, Evermore your voices raising To the eternal Three in One.

Come and worship, come and worship,

Worship Christ, the newborn King!

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PASSING OF THE PEACE
(L) The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all
(R) And also with you.

PROFESSING OUR FAITH (Nicene Creed, second part)

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. Amen.

FURTHER THOUGHTS Matthew 11:1-10 p. 1,512

(L) The word of the Lord. (R) Thanks be to God.

"Bearing Witness"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD IN SONG "In Bethlehem a Babe Was Born" #34

In Bethlehem a Babe was born With Love enough for all.
While kingdoms slept, the Lord came down To grace a manger stall.
And with a glorious light Angels appeared that night,
Signing, "Come, come Christ is Born! Come, come world forlorn.
The Child of peace and sacrifice is waiting to be found."

Royalty and shepherds came To worship from a far, Guided through the long cold night By one persistent star. As each beheld the Son, Strangers became as one, Signing, "Come, come Christ is Born! Come, come world forlorn. The Child of peace and sacrifice is waiting to be found."

The mystery of Bethlehem Was long ago they say,
But, miracle of miracles, The Baby lives today
In each new heart that hears Love coming through the years,
Signing, "Come, come Christ is Born! Come, come world forlorn.
The Child of peace and sacrifice is waiting to be found."

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PRAYER OF REPENTANCE

God of grace and glory, we thank you that through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ we have been forgiven our sins; past, present, and future. We rejoice in knowing that through the gift of faith we are a new creation in Christ! We admit however, that we have not lived fully into who you have created and redeemed us to be. We do not always love you with our whole heart, mind, and strength. We can find it difficult to treat our neighbors and ourselves with the same forgiveness, mercy, and grace which you shower upon us. We ask that by the power of your Spirit, we would be transformed, so we may fully delight in your will and walk in your light, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

SUNG RESPONSE

"God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen" (vs. 1)

God rest ye merry gentlemen, let nothing you dismay.
Remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas day.
To save us all from Satan's pow'r when we were gone astray.
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy;
O tidings of comfort and joy.

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OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD-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 debts as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

FINAL THOUGHTS James 5:7-11 p. 1,885 "Being Patient"