

# See Amid the Winter's Snow

by Edward Caswell (1814-1878); tune: John Goss (1800-1880)

1 See amid the winter's snow,  
Born for us on earth below,  
See, the gentle Lamb appears,  
Promised from eternal years. Refrain  
ref Hail, O ever-blessèd morn!  
Hail, redemption's happy dawn!  
Sing through all Jerusalem:  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

2 Lo, within a stable lies  
He who built the starry skies,  
He who, throned in height sublime,  
Sits amid the cherubim.  
ref Hail, O ever-blessèd morn!  
Hail, redemption's happy dawn!  
Sing through all Jerusalem:  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

3 Sacred Infant, all divine,  
What a tender love was Thine,  
Thus to come from highest bliss  
Down to such a world as this!  
ref Hail, O ever-blessèd morn!  
Hail, redemption's happy dawn!  
Sing through all Jerusalem:  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

4 Teach, O teach us, holy Child,  
By Thy face so meek and mild,  
Teach us to resemble Thee  
In Thy sweet humility.  
ref Hail, O ever-blessèd morn!  
Hail, redemption's happy dawn!  
Sing through all Jerusalem:  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

## Reflection/Discussion Questions

After each Advent Midweek Worship, Confirmation students join their Lay Coaches for a 15-minute conversation. Confirmation parents huddle up to have their own conversation.



You could also tap a few people around you and ask them to stick around to reflect on tonight's service with you. Pastor will wrap things up in the Sanctuary around 7:30 with a closing prayer.

1. How does it help you to think of worship as a "participation sport"?
2. Where in your life does the theme of humility strike you most? In other words, where in your life do you need God's Word against pride?
3. What line or phrase or stanza from tonight's hymn would be helpful to keep as a reminder of the humility and hope of Christ?
4. Decide before you go home: Will you write out that line/phrase/stanza and post it somewhere to see it each day? Or will you work on memorizing it to keep it with you all week? Or both?
5. **What from these four weeks of reflections on hymns, singing, and worship would you want the entire congregation to hear? (Share your thoughts with Pastor).**



## **O SING OF CHRIST**

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## **Worship is a Participation Sport**

[Contemporary Worship Songwriter and Leader, Louie Gigilio wrote]:  
*Worship* is a verb. Worship is something you do. Worship isn't something you attend, like a movie or concert. Worship is something you enter into with all your might. Worship is a participation sport in a spectator culture.

**Gigilio may be responding to a different type of worship than Bethel, but his insights help us to see what's valuable about how we approach worship in our congregation:**

Worship isn't something you *watch*, contrary to the thinking of many of us who attend church. That may be hard to believe, given that in most churches the rows of seats (or pews) are arranged so that you have the best view of what's happening onstage. If that's not enough, the action is often magnified on the big screens.

**Gigilio also describes worship as our response:**

Worship is our response to God. In other words, we don't initiate worship; God does. He reveals; we respond. He discloses; we respond. He unveils; we respond.

\*\*from *The Air I Breathe: Worship as a Way of Life*



## **Tonight's Encouragement for Worship at Bethel**

Sing ° Speak ° Shake hands ° Stand/Sit ° Share (offering)  
Study...(Meditate, take to heart) ° Stay (talk with others after) ° See & Taste