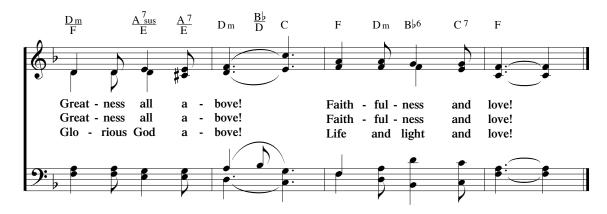
(Topics, Lead-in, and Lead-in Devotional Reading below)

Star Hymn



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TOPICS: Christmas; Epiphany

LEAD-IN: "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him." (Matthew 2:2, NASB)

LEAD-IN DEVOTIONAL READING:

The Star

God made the stars to bring light to the darkness. To us, their physical light may seem small. But the enlightenment they bring is beyond expressing. These distant, burning suns eloquently, constantly remind us of a God who is limitless, loving, changeless, and magnificent, beyond our imagination. So when His Son came to earth, our Creator God prepared a special star for this special revelation of Himself. That star silently announced that our Magnificent God was now living among us, and we could know Him face-to-face. The star began to gather all nations to worship their King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Now this Christ is Himself our Bright Morning Star. He Himself is God's special revelation of His faithfulness and love.

He is the star that rises in the east just before sunrise, when the night seems blackest, announcing that our long wait is almost over, and a new, eternal day is about to dawn.

Praise to You, Bright Morning Star! O come to us, Lord Jesus!

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