

# An Evening of Scripture & Carols in celebration of the birth of our Saviour



“She will give birth to a son, and you shall name Him ‘Jesus’! For He will save His people from their sins” Matthew 1:21

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## OPENING & WELCOME

M: In the name of the Father, and the Son, and Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

Psalm 96

M: Sing to the LORD a new song! Sing to the LORD, all the earth!

**C: Sing to the LORD! Bless His name! Proclaim His salvation from day to day!**

M: Declare His glory among the nations, His marvellous deeds among all the peoples!

**C: For the LORD is great and very worthy of praise. He should be feared above all gods.**

M: For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the LORD has made the heavens.

**C: Splendour and majesty are before Him. Strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.**

M: Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!

**C: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due to His name! Present an offering, and come into His courts!**

M: Worship the LORD in holy splendour! Tremble before Him, all the earth!

**C: Say among the nations: "The LORD reigns. The world also is firmly established. It will not be moved. He will judge the peoples justly!"**

M: Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice! Let the sea and all that fills it roar!

**C: Let the fields and everything in them be jubilant! Then all the trees of the forest will shout with joy before the LORD. For He is coming, for He is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with His truth.**

**M&C: Glory to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for evermore. Amen.**

## WHAT HOPE! AN EDEN PROPHESED

1

What hope! An Eden prophesied  
Where tame live with the wild;  
The lamb and lion side by side,  
Led by a little child!

2

A shoot will sprout from Jesse's stem,  
A branch from David's line,  
A Prince of Peace in Bethlehem:  
The fruit of God's design.

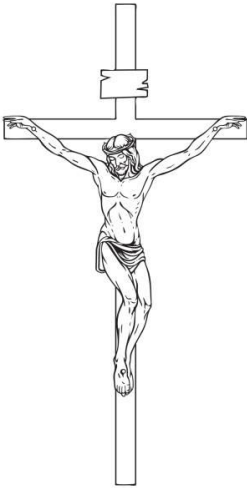


3

As banner of God's love unfurled,  
Christ came to suffer loss,  
That by His death a dying world  
Would rally to the cross.

4

Come, Jesus, come, Messiah Lord,  
Lost Paradise restore;  
Lead past the angel's flaming sword—  
Come, open heaven's door.



## HARK, THE GLAD SOUND! THE SAVIOUR COMES

1

Hark, the glad sound! the Saviour comes,  
The Saviour promised long.  
Let every heart prepare a throne,  
And every voice a song.

2

He comes the prisoners to release  
In Satan's bondage held;  
The gates of brass before Him burst,  
The iron fetters yield.

3

He comes the broken heart to bind,  
The bleeding soul to cure.  
And with the treasures of His grace  
To enrich the humble poor.

4

Our glad hosannas, Prince of peace,  
Thy welcome shall proclaim,  
And heaven's eternal arches ring  
With Thy beloved name.

Genesis 3:8-15

<sup>8</sup> At the time of the day when there was a breeze, the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden, and they hid from the presence of the LORD God among the trees in the garden. <sup>9</sup> Then the LORD God called to the man and asked him, "Where are you?"

<sup>10</sup> The man said, "I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked. So I hid."

<sup>11</sup> He said, "Who has told you that you are naked? Have you eaten fruit from the tree from which I have commanded you not to eat?"

<sup>12</sup> Then the man said, "The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it."

<sup>13</sup> Then the LORD God asked the woman, "What is this that you have done?"

The woman said, "The snake deceived me, and I ate."

14 Then the LORD God told the snake: “Because you have done this, you are cursed, more than every domestic animal and every wild animal. You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life. 15 I shall make you and the woman hostile to each other, and I shall make your descendants and her Descendant hostile to each other. He will crush your head, and you will crush His heel.”

## O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL

1

O come, all ye faithful,  
Joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
Come and behold Him,  
Born the King of angels.

*O come, let us adore Him  
O come, let us adore Him  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the  
Lord!*

2

God of God,  
Light of light,  
Lo, He abhors not the virgin’s womb;  
Very God,  
Begotten, not created:

3

Sing, choirs of angels,  
Sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven  
above:  
Glory to God  
In the highest:

4

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee,  
Born on Christmas morning,  
Jesus, to Thee be glory given,  
Word of the Father,  
Now in flesh appearing;



WHILE SHEPHERDS WATCHED THEIR FLOCKS BY NIGHT

1

While shepherds watched their flocks by night,  
All seated on the ground,  
The angel of the Lord came down,  
And glory shone around.

2

“Fear not,” said he (for mighty dread  
Had seized their troubled mind);  
“Glad tidings of great joy I bring  
To you and all mankind.

3

“To you in David’s town this day  
Is born of David’s line  
A Saviour, who is Christ the Lord;  
And this shall be the sign:

4

“The heavenly babe you there shall find  
To human view displayed,  
All meanly wrapped in swathing bands,  
And in a manger laid.”

5

Thus spake the seraph; and forthwith  
Appeared a shining throng  
Of angels praising God, who thus  
Addressed their joyful song:

6

“All glory be to God on high,  
And to the earth be peace;  
Goodwill henceforth from heaven to men  
Begin and never cease.”

CHOIR: O Come, Holy Saviour

SECOND READING: Matthew 1:18-25a

<sup>18</sup> This is how Jesus Christ was born. His mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph. However, before they came together, she was found to be with child by the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup> Joseph, her husband, was an honourable man and, because he did not want to disgrace her, he intended to divorce her secretly. <sup>20</sup> After Joseph had thought about it, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take your wife Mary home with you! For what has been conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.

<sup>21</sup> She will give birth to a son, and you shall name Him ‘Jesus’! For He will save His people from their sins.”

<sup>22</sup> All this happened to fulfil what the Lord had said through the prophet:

<sup>23</sup> **“Look! The virgin will become pregnant and have a son, and they will name Him ‘Immanuel’”** (which is translated, **“God-With-Us”**).

<sup>24</sup> When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did what the Lord’s angel had commanded him. He took Mary home as his wife, <sup>25</sup> but did not have relations with her until she gave birth to a Son.





O THOU HOLIEST, O THOU HAPPIEST

1

O Thou holiest, O Thou  
happiest.  
Grace-bestowing  
Christmastide!  
Christ in a manger  
Saves from all danger:  
O rejoice, ye Christians far  
and wide!

2

O Thou holiest, O Thou  
happiest,  
Peace-proclaiming  
Christmastide!  
Christ's light is beaming,  
Mankind redeeming;  
O rejoice, ye Christians far  
and wide!

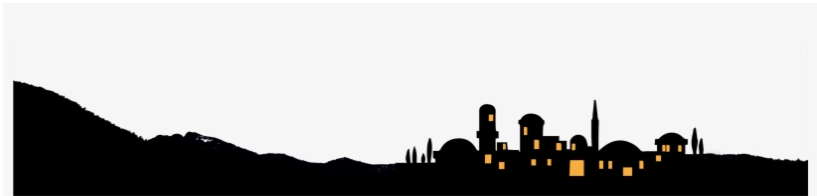
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O Thou holiest, O Thou happiest,  
Life imparting Christmastide!  
Angels from glory  
Chant the great story  
O rejoice, ye Christians far and wide!

O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

1

O little town of Bethlehem,  
How still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
The silent stars go by;  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth  
The everlasting Light;  
The hopes and fears of all the years  
Are met in thee tonight.



2

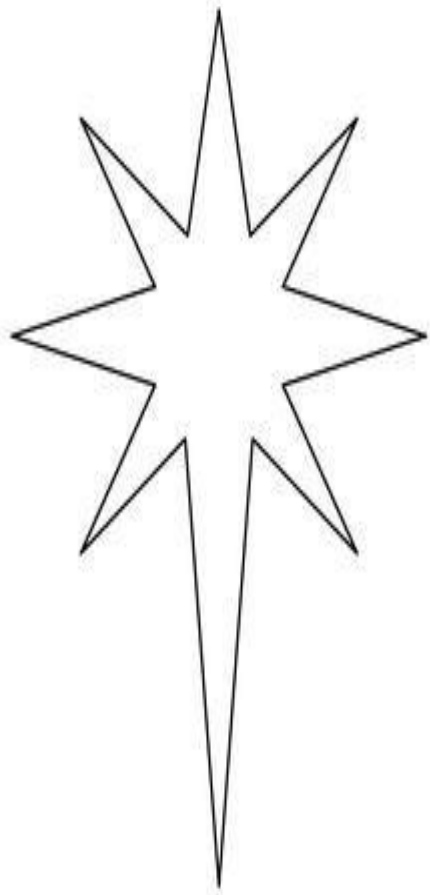
For Christ is born of Mary;  
And, gathered all above,  
While mortals sleep, the  
angels keep  
Their watch of wondering love.  
O morning stars, together  
Proclaim the holy birth,  
And praises sing to God the  
King,  
And peace to men on earth.

3

How silently, how silently,  
The wondrous gift is given!  
So God imparts to human  
hearts  
The blessings of His heaven.  
No ear may hear His coming;  
But in this world of sin,  
Where meek souls will receive  
Him, still  
The dear Christ enters in.

4

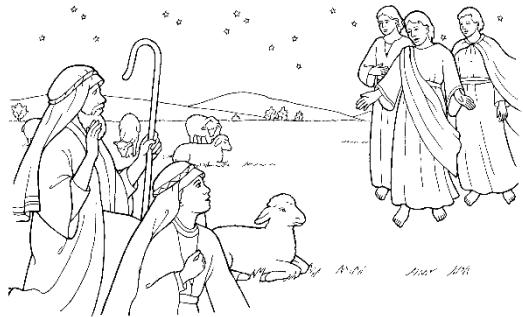
O holy child of Bethlehem,  
Descend to us, we pray;  
Cast out our sin, and enter in,  
Be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels  
The great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us,  
Our Lord Immanuel!



### THIRD READING: Luke 2:1-12

<sup>1</sup> In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the whole world. <sup>2</sup> This was the first census, which took place while Quirinius was the governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup> Everyone went to be registered, each to his own city. <sup>4</sup> Joseph also went up from the city of Nazareth in Galilee to the city of David in Judea, which is called Bethlehem, because he belonged to the house and line of David, <sup>5</sup> to register himself with Mary, who was betrothed to him, and who was expecting a child. <sup>6</sup> While they were there, the time came for her to have her Baby, <sup>7</sup> and she gave birth to her firstborn Son. She wrapped Him in swaddling cloths and placed Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

<sup>8</sup> There were shepherds in the same district, staying out in the fields, watching over their flocks by night. <sup>9</sup> An angel of the Lord appeared to them, the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were very afraid. <sup>10</sup> The angel said to them, “Stop being afraid! For look! I



am bringing you Good News of great joy, which will be for all the people, <sup>11</sup> because a Saviour, who is Christ, the Lord, has been born for you today, in the city of David. <sup>12</sup> This will also be the sign to you: you will find an Infant wrapped in swaddling cloths, and lying in a manger.”

## ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY

CHOIR: 1

Once in royal David's city  
Stood a lowly cattle shed,  
Where a mother laid her baby  
In a manger for His bed;  
Mary was that mother mild,  
Jesus Christ her little child.

MEN: 2

He came down to earth from  
heaven  
Who is God and Lord of all,  
And His shelter was a stable,  
And His cradle was a stall;  
With the poor and mean and lowly  
Lived on earth our Saviour holy.

LADIES: 3

And our eyes at last shall see Him,  
Through His own redeeming love,  
For that child so dear and gentle  
Is our Lord in heaven above;  
And He leads His children on  
To the place where He is gone.

ALL: 4

Not in that poor lowly stable,  
With the oxen standing by,  
We shall see Him; but in heaven,  
Set at God's right hand on high;  
Where like stars his children crowned  
All in white shall wait around.



HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING

1

Hark! the herald angels sing  
Glory to the new-born King;  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled.  
Joyful, all you nations, rise,  
Join the triumph of the skies;  
With the angelic host proclaim:  
Christ is born in Bethlehem.

*Hark! the herald angels sing  
glory to the new-born King.*

2

Christ, by highest heaven adored,  
Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
Late in time behold Him come,  
Offspring of a virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;  
Hail, the incarnate Deity,  
Pleased as man with us to dwell,  
Jesus our Immanuel:

3

Hail, the heaven-born Prince of peace!  
Hail, the Sun of righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings,  
Risen with healing in His wings.  
Mild He lays His glory by,  
Born that we no more may die,  
Born to raise the sons of earth,  
Born to give them second birth:

FOURTH READING: Luke 2:13-20

<sup>13</sup> Suddenly there was with the angel a great company of the heavenly host, who were praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup> “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people whom He favours!”

<sup>15</sup> When the angels had gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us!” <sup>16</sup> Then they came quickly and found Mary and Joseph, and the Infant, who was lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup> When they had seen Him, they declared to others the Word that had been told them about this Child. <sup>18</sup> All those who heard it were astonished at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup> Mary kept treasuring up all

*Glory  
to  
God in the  
Highest*



these things and pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup> The shepherds went back, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen. They were just as they had been told to them.

## GENTLE MARY LAID HER CHILD



1

Gentle Mary laid her child  
Lowly in a manger;  
There He lay, the Undefined,  
To the world a stranger.  
Such a babe in such a place,  
Can He be the Saviour?  
Ask the saved of all the race  
Who have found His favour.

2

Angels sang about His birth,  
Wise Men sought and found  
Him;  
Heaven's star shone brightly  
forth  
Glory all around Him.  
Shepherds saw the wondrous  
sight,  
Heard the angels singing;  
All the plains were lit that  
night,  
All the hills were ringing.

3

Gentle Mary laid her child  
Lowly in a manger;  
He is still the Undefined  
But no more a stranger.  
Son of God of humble birth,  
Beautiful the story;  
Praise His name in all the earth;  
Hail the King of glory!



## CHOIR: Away in a Manger

### FIFTH READING:

In truth, our readings for tonight foreshadow the reason why Jesus came into this world. Even as He was born outside the inn with the animals, so He would be crucified outside the city with common beastly criminals. Even as He was wrapped in swaddling cloths and placed in a manger, so later He would be wrapped in cloths and placed in a tomb. Even as the shepherds came to worship Him, so it is that Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. The wood of the manger would later be traded for the wood of the cross. We must never forget that our Lord took on flesh and blood so that He might sacrifice His flesh and shed His blood to cleanse us and make us holy, His own special people. He was born to die for us that we might be reborn to live in Him eternally.

The place of Jesus' birth was Bethlehem, which means literally, "house of bread." Even as He was laid in a feeding trough, so He is given to be holy food for us, the bread of life, of which one may eat and live forever.

To all of you, whoever you are, wherever you come from, whatever you've done, know this: Christ Jesus came into the world to save



sinner. In Him, you are forgiven, you are put right with God. All is well. "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:11). Merry Christmas!



## SILENT NIGHT, HOLY NIGHT

1

Silent night, holy night!  
All is calm, all is bright  
Round yon virgin mother and  
child.  
Holy infant, so tender and  
mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace,  
Sleep in heavenly peace.

2

Silent night, holy night!  
Shepherds quake at the  
sight,  
Glory streams from heaven  
afar,  
Heavenly hosts sing:  
Hallelujah!  
Christ the Saviour is born,  
Christ the Saviour is born.

3

Silent night, holy night!  
Son of God, love's pure light  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,  
With the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth,  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

## CLOSING PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

### JOY TO THE WORLD

1

Joy to the world! The Lord is come;  
Let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare Him room,  
And heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.



2

Joy to the world! The Saviour reigns;  
Let men their songs employ,  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

3

No more let sins and sorrows grow,  
Nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make His blessings flow  
Far as the curse is found,  
Far as the curse is found,  
Far as, far as the curse is found.

4

He rules the world with truth and grace,  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness,  
And wonders of His love,  
And wonders of His love,  
And wonders, wonders of His love.

*Merry Christmas*