

Christmas Eve Worship

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**Comfort Rooms:** To help accommodate families with small children and individuals with special needs or medical conditions, a live video feed of the worship service is available in rooms 116, 117/118, 119, 120-125.

# O Come, All Ye Faithful

John Francis Wade

## Verse 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!

## Chorus:

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

## Verse 2:

Sing, choirs of angels,  
sing in exultation;  
O sing, all ye bright hosts of heav'n above!  
Glory to God, all  
glory in the highest!

## Verse 3:

Yea, Lord we greet Thee,  
Born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n;  
Word of the Father,  
Now in flesh appearing!

## Congregational Scripture Reading — Psalm 95:1-8a (ESV)

- <sup>1</sup> Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;  
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
- <sup>2</sup> Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;  
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
- <sup>3</sup> For the LORD is a great God,  
and a great King above all gods.
- <sup>4</sup> In his hand are the depths of the earth;  
the heights of the mountains are his also.
- <sup>5</sup> The sea is his, for he made it,  
and his hands formed the dry land.
- <sup>6</sup> Oh come, let us worship and bow down;  
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!
- <sup>7</sup> For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture,  
and the sheep of his hand.
- Today, if you hear his voice,
- <sup>8</sup> do not harden your hearts

## Prepare Him Room

Rebecca Elliott | David Fournier

### **Verse 1:**

O behold, the mystery now unfolds  
See the star shine on the virgin foretold  
Angels sing and light up the sky  
Hope rings out in a newborn's cry  
Swing wide, you ancient gates  
For Christ is born today!

### **Chorus:**

Prepare Him room  
Prepare Him room  
Let the King of glory enter in

### **Verse 2:**

God with us, the promise has come to be  
This, the one the prophets were longing to see  
In the darkness a blazing light  
To the hungry the words of life  
His kingdom now is near  
For those with ears to hear

### **Verse 3:**

Oh, our hearts, as busy as Bethlehem  
Hear Him knock,  
don't say there's no room in the inn  
Through the cradle, cross, and grave  
See the love of God displayed  
Now He's risen and He reigns  
Praise the Name above all names!

## Responsive Scripture Reading — Isaiah 7:14; 9:6-7 (ESV)

<sup>14</sup> Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

<sup>6</sup> For to us a child is born,  
to us a son is given;  
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,  
and his name shall be called  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

<sup>7</sup> Of the increase of his government and of peace  
there will be no end,  
on the throne of David and over his kingdom,  
to establish it and to uphold it  
with justice and with righteousness  
from this time forth and forevermore.  
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

# O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

John Neale | Steve Cook | Bob Kauflin

## Verse 1:

O come, O come, Emmanuel  
And ransom captive Israel  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee O Israel!

## Verse 2:

O come Thou Dayspring from on high  
And cause Thy light on us to rise.  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night  
And death's dark shadow put to flight.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee O Israel!

## Verse 3:

O come, O come, True prophet of the Lord  
And turn the key to heaven's door  
Be Thou our comforter and guide  
And lead us to the Father's side.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall by His Word our darkness dispel.

## Verse 4:

O come our great High Priest and intercede  
Thy sacrifice our only plea  
The judgment we no longer fear  
Thy precious blood has brought us near.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Has banished every fear of hell.

## Verse 5:

O Come Thou King of nations bring  
An end to all our suffering  
Bid every pain and sorrow cease  
And reign now as our Prince of Peace.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come again with us to dwell

## Verse 6:

O come, O Wisdom from on high,  
Who ordered all things mightily;  
To us the path of knowledge show  
And teach us in its ways to go.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come again with us to dwell

## Scripture Reading — Micah 5:2-5a (ESV)

<sup>2</sup> But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah,  
who are too little to be among the clans  
of Judah,  
from you shall come forth for me  
one who is to be ruler in Israel,  
whose coming forth is from of old,  
from ancient days.

<sup>3</sup> Therefore he shall give them up until the time  
when she who is in labor has given birth;  
then the rest of his brothers shall return  
to the people of Israel.

<sup>4</sup> And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in  
the strength of the LORD,  
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his  
God.  
And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be  
great  
to the ends of the earth.

<sup>5</sup> And he shall be their peace.

# O Little Town of Bethlehem

Phillip Brooks | Lewis Redner

## Verse 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

## Verse 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

## Verse 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

## Verse 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 Emmanuel

## Scripture Reading — Luke 2:1-7 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered.  
<sup>2</sup> This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup> And all went to be registered, each to his own town. <sup>4</sup> And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, <sup>5</sup> to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. <sup>6</sup> And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. <sup>7</sup> And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

## Away in a Manger

Traditional | John Thomas McFarland | James R. Murray

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Verse 1:

Away in a manger,
No crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus
Laid down His sweet head.
The stars in the sky
looked down where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus,
Asleep on the hay.

Verse 2:

Be near me, Lord Jesus,
I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever, and love me, I pray;
Bless all the dear children
in Thy tender care,
And fit us for heaven
to live with Thee there.

Scripture Reading — Luke 2:8-21 (ESV)

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<sup>8</sup> And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup> And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. <sup>10</sup> And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. <sup>11</sup> For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup> And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.” <sup>13</sup> And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

<sup>14</sup> “Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”

<sup>15</sup> When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.” <sup>16</sup> And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. <sup>17</sup> And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. <sup>18</sup> And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup> But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. <sup>20</sup> And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

<sup>21</sup> And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

## Angels We Have Heard on High

Traditional French carol

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Verse 1:

Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o'er the plains
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains

Refrain:

Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Verse 2:

Shepherds why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
Which inspire your heavenly song?

Verse 3:

Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing
Come adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord the newborn King

Verse 4:

See within a manger laid
Jesus, Lord of heav'n and earth!
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid
With us sing our Savior's birth.

Responsive Scripture Reading — John 1:1-4; 14 (ESV)

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<sup>1</sup> In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. <sup>4</sup> In him was life, and the life was the light of men.

<sup>14</sup> And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

## What Child Is This?

William Dix

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Verse 1:

What Child is this who laid to rest
On Mary's lap is sleeping
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
While shepherds watch are keeping
This is Christ the King
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing
Haste, haste to bring Him laud
The Babe the Son of Mary

Verse 2:

Why lies He in such mean estate
Where ox and lamb are feeding
Good Christian fear for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading
Nails, spear shall pierce Him through
The cross be borne for me for you
Hail, hail the Word made flesh
The Babe the Son of Mary

Verse 3:

So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh
Come peasant king to own Him
The King of kings salvation brings
Let loving hearts enthrone Him
Raise, raise a song on high
The Virgin sings her lullaby
Joy, joy for Christ is born
The Babe the Son of Mary

Congregational Scripture Reading — John 20:31 (ESV)

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<sup>31</sup> ...these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

# Joy to the World

George Frederic Handel

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Verse 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

Verse 2:

Joy to the earth the Savior 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

Verse 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

Verse 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

Message :: 2 Corinthians 8:9

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<sup>9</sup> For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich,  
yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

# Silent Night

Joseph Mohr | John Freeman Young | Franz Gruber

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Verse 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

Verse 2:

Silent night, holy night
Shepherds quake at the sight
Glories stream from heaven afar
Heav'nly hosts sing Alleluia!
Christ the Savior is born
Christ the Savior is born

Verse 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

Verse 4:

Silent night, holy night
Wondrous star, lend thy light
With the angels let us sing
Alleluia to our King
Christ the Savior is born
Christ the Savior is born

Merry Christmas!

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