

A CHILD IS BORN



*And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph,
And the baby lying in a manger.
Luke 2:16-17 ESV*

Song: As Each Happy Christmas - *Johann W. Hey , Harriet R. Spaeth*

**As each happy Christmas, Dawns on earth again,
Comes the holy Christ Child, To the hearts of men.**

**Enters with His blessing, Into every home,
Guides and guards our footsteps, As we go and come.**

**All unknown, beside me, He will ever stand,
And will safely lead me, With His own right hand.**

Leader: In the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. 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. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.”

All: And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom He is pleased!”

Leader: 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.”

All: They went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. *Luke 2:8-19 ESV*

Song: Oh Come, Oh Come, Emmanuel - *Fredrick Oakley*

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

Oh, come, our Wisdom from on high,
Who ordered all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show,
And teach us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel, Shall come to you, Oh Israel.

Oh, come our Dayspring from on high,
And cheer us by Your drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night
And death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel, Shall come to you, Oh Israel.

Oh, come, now Key of David, come
And open wide our heavenly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high
And close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel, Shall come to you, Oh Israel.

Message

Prayers and 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

From Heaven Above - *Martin Luther*

From heaven above to earth I come
To bear good news to every home;
Glad tidings of great joy I bring,
Where-of I now will say and sing:

To you this night is born a child
Of Mary, chosen virgin mild;
This little Child, of lowly birth,
Shall be the joy of all the earth.

This is the Christ, our God and Lord,
Who in all need shall aid afford;
He will Himself your Savior be
From all your sins to set you free.

Give heed, my heart, lift up your eyes!
Who is it in the manger lies?
Who is this Child so young and fair?
The blessed Christ-child sleeping there.

Ah, dearest Jesus, holy Child,
Make Thee a bed, soft, undefiled,
Within my heart, that it may be
A quiet chamber kept for Thee.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace. *Numbers 6:24-26 ESV*

Doxology - *Thomas Ken*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, you heavenly hosts,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.