

THE BIRTH OF CHRIST



*And she gave birth to her firstborn Son and wrapped
Him in swaddling cloths and laid Him in a manger.
Luke 2:7 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, O 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, O 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, O Israel.

Oh, come, Thou 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, O Israel.

Leader: Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign.

All: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel. *Isaiah 7:14 ESV*

Leader: For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given;
and the government shall be upon His shoulder.

All: And His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty
God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. *Isaiah 9:6 ESV*

Song: Gentle Mary Laid Her Child - *Joseph Simpson Cook*

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 Savior?
Ask the saved in all the race,
Who have found His favor.

Angels sang about His birth,
Wise Man 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.

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!

Christmas 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

Song: Away In a Manger - *Author Unknown, John T. McFarland*

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.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes.
I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

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 take us to heaven to live with Thee there.

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.