

# THE NATIVITY



*But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. Luke 2:19 ESV*

## **Song: 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.

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

Glory to God in highest heaven,  
Who unto us His Son hath given!  
While angels sing with pious mirth  
A glad new year to all the earth.

**Leader:** So the shepherds hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger.

**All:** When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. *Luke 2:16-18 ESV*

**Leader:** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him was not any thing made that was made.

**All:** In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

*John 1:1-5 ESV*

**Song: O Little Town of Bethlehem** - *Philips Brooks*

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.

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 all the earth.

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.

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  
Oh, come to us, abide with us, Our Lord, Immanuel.

**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: Angels We Have Heard On High - *French Carol*

Angels we have heard on high,  
Sweetly singing over the plains,  
And the mountains in reply,  
Echoing their joyous strains,  
Glo-ria in excelsis Deo; Glo-ria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be,  
Which inspire your heavenly song?  
Glo-ria in excelsis Deo; Glo-ria in excelsis Deo.

Come to Bethlehem and see  
Him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee,  
Christ the Lord, the newborn king.  
Glo-ria in excelsis Deo; Glo-ria in excelsis Deo.

## 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 - *Tomas 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.