

## Christmas Nativity

### **Sing: *Oh Come, All Ye Faithful***

1 Oh 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 Sing, choirs of angels,  
Sing in exultation,  
Sing all ye citizens of heaven above.  
Glory to God, glory in the highest,

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

(enter the angel Gabriel and the Virgin Mary)

### **Read *Luke 1:26-29, 46-47***

**26** And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth,

**27** To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary.

**28** And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, *thou that art* highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women.

**29** And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be.

**30** And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God.

**31** And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.

**32** He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David:

**33** And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

**34** Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?

**35** And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.

**46** And Mary said, My soul doth magnify the Lord.

**47** And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

(exit Mary. Enter Joseph. Angel Gabriel remains.)

**Read Matthew 1:19-21**

**19** Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily.

**20** But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.

**21** And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

(Exit Joseph and Angel Gabriel)

**Read Matthew 18:22-23**

**22** Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the lord by the prophet, saying,

**23** Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

**SING: Third Verse of *Oh Come All Ye Faithful***

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

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

**Read Luke 2:1, 3-5**

**1** AND it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.

**3** And all went to be taxed, everyone into his own city.

**4** And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:)

**5** To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

(enter donkey, Mary, and Joseph in the stable)

**Read Luke 2:6-7**

**6** And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

**7** And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. (Mary brings out baby Jesus)

**SING *Away in a Manger***

Away in a manger, No crib for His 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 in the hay.

(Enter in away from the stable scene the shepherds, sheep, and angel)

**Read *Luke 2:8-12***

**8** And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

**9** And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

**10** And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

**11** For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

**12** And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

(enter the heavenly host)

**Read *Luke 2:13-14***

**13** And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

**14** Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

**SING: *Angels We Have Heard on High***

1. Angels we have heard on high  
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply  
Echoing their joyous strains.
  - o Gloria in excelsis Deo!
  - Gloria in excelsis Deo!
2. Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be  
Which inspire your heav'nly song?
  - o Gloria in excelsis Deo!
  - Gloria in excelsis Deo!
3. Come to Bethlehem and see  
Him Whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee,  
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
  - o Gloria in excelsis Deo!
  - Gloria in excelsis Deo!
4. See Him in a manger laid,  
Whom the choirs of angel's praise;  
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,  
While our hearts in love we raise.
  - o Gloria in excelsis Deo!
  - Gloria in excelsis Deo!

(exit angel and heavenly host)

**READ** *Luke 2:15*

**15** And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherd said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

(Shepherds and sheep go to manger scene)

**READ** *Luke 2:16-19*

**16** And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

**17** And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

**18** And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

**19** But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

**SING** *Silent 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.

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.

2 Silent night, holy night!  
Shepherds quake at the sight.  
Glories stream from heaven afar  
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia,  
Christ the Savior is born!  
Christ the Savior is born.

The wise men did not come the night Jesus was born as the shepherds did. They saw the star in the east and traveled for many months to see him. There is no account of where exactly they came from, nor exactly how many made the journey. But we do know they recognized the sign in the sky and had been watching for the Savior's birth.

(enter wisemen and camels)

### **SING *With Wondering Awe***

1 With wondering awe the wise men saw  
The star in heaven springing,  
And with delight, in peaceful night,  
They heard the angel singing:  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna to His name!

2 By light of star they traveled far  
To seek the lowly manger,  
A humble bed wherein was laid  
The wondrous little Stranger  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna to His name!

### **READ *Mathew 2:1, 2, 9, 10, 11***

**1** Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem,

**2** Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.

**9** ...and lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was.

**10** When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.

**11** And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.

### **SING *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 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

*The End*