

O Come All Ye Faithful

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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.

O Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing all that hear in heaven God's holy word.
Give to our Father 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.

GOOD NIGHT – A BLESSED CHRISTMAS TO ALL

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DECEMBER 24, 2025: CHRISTMAS EVE

**The Anglican Parish of St. Mark
Qualicum Beach, B.C.
Messy Pageant**

WELCOME TO ST MARK'S "MESSY" CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

PRAYER FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

We praise you, loving God, that in Jesus Christ you have come to speak your word of love and life. Touch us with unearthly joy, like the singing of angels; fill us with wonder, like the eyes of children; teach us to humble ourselves before you. Like the worshipping Magi, may our journey to the manger be only the beginning of a lifetime of service to Jesus. Amen.

PRAYER FOR PARENTS

O God, who brings new life to birth, make your presence known to parents everywhere. Just as you were with Mary and Joseph in Bethlehem may the light of your Christmas star shine on families living in the shadow of violence and poverty. Send your angel choirs to life the hearts of mothers and fathers who raise their children alone. Give gifts, not necessarily of gold or frankincense, but of faith, hope, and love. Bless parents with wisdom to grant their children's reasonable requests, with courage to deny what may harm them, and with the desire to nurture a child's love for you, through Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Silent night! Holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight:
glories stream from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing alleluia,
Christ, the Saviour is born! Christ the Saviour is born!

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 your birth, Jesus, Lord at your birth.

Let us pray together as we say:

Gracious God, tonight you have united heaven and earth in sending your Son to take our human nature. May we who have tasted heavenly things share in the life of His eternal kingdom. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Glory to God, whose power working in us can do more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus forever and ever. Amen.

... and so the story continues...

As a sign of God's love, Jesus shared with his friends' bread and wine as a sign of his love, and when we share bread and wine, we too remember God's love for us. May these gifts of bread and wine be for us a blessing of God's Spirit that we will take them into the world, bringing light and hope, love and peace.

As Jesus taught us let us share a prayer saying:

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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome to receive bread and wine here – or a blessing, for we are all God's beloved children.

As you return from receiving bread and wine (or a blessing) please take a candle with you and after everyone is seated once again the lights will be dimmed as we remain seated and sing together, Silent Night.

Silent Night

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.

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. (Luke 2:1-5)

Let's stand together and sing a carol about the Little town of Bethlehem...

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

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.

How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is given
as love imparts to human hearts the blessings of God's 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.

(Enter Mary and Joseph and Baby Jesus)

While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn

*son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger,
because there was no place for them in the inn. (Luke 2:6-7)*

"Away in a Manger"

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay
close by me for ever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in your tender care,
and fit us for heaven to live with you there.

*In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping
watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood
before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they
were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for
see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to
you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the
Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child
wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' And suddenly
there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising
God and saying,
'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among
those whom he favours!' (Luke 2:8-14)
(Angels from the congregation enter and go meet Jesus)*

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Son of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings
Ris'n with healing in His wings
Mild He lays His glory by
Born that we no more may die
Born to raise the child of earth
Born to give them second birth

Hark! The herald angels sing "Glory to the newborn King!"

*Thank you all of our angels and shepherds and Wise Ones for helping
us tell the story of the birth of Jesus. Let's return to our seats and
hear more about when Jesus was older and sat at a table with his
friends.*

Let us share a prayer together saying:

***Source of light and gladness, accept all we offer on this
joyous night. May we grow up in Him who unites our lives to
yours; for Jesus is Lord now and forever. Amen.***

*We give you thanks and praise, loving God, because in sending Jesus
to us you sent a new sign of love and peace for the whole world.
Jesus showed us the way to overcome cruelty with compassion and
forgiveness.*

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh,
come peasant, king, to own him.
the King of kings salvation brings;
let loving hearts enthrone him.

**This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary!**

*After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and
he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was
conceived in the womb. (Luke 2:21)*

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Hark the herald angels sing
"Glory to the newborn King!
Peace on earth and mercy mild
God and sinners reconciled"
Joyful, all ye nations rise
Join the triumph of the skies
With the angelic host proclaim:
"Christ is born in Bethlehem"

**Hark! The herald angels sing
"Glory to the newborn King!"**

"Angels We have Heard on High"

Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Come to Bethlehem and see Christ whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn
King.

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

*When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds
said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing
that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So
they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying
in the manger. When the shepherds saw this, they made known
what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were
amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all
these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds
returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen,
as it had been told them. (Luke 2:17-20)*

(The Shepherds from the congregation all come to seek Jesus)

While Shepherds watched their Flocks

While shepherds watched their flocks by night,
all seated on the ground,
an angel of the Lord came down,
and glory shone around.

"Fear not," said he for mighty dread
had seized their troubled mind
"glad tidings of great joy I bring
to you and all mankind.

"All glory be to God on high,
and to the earth be peace;
to those on whom his favor rests
goodwill shall never cease."

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was.

(The Wise Ones come to seek the newborn king)

We Three Kings

We three kings of orient are
Bearing gifts we traverse afar
Field and fountain
Moor and mountain
Following yonder star

**O star of wonder, star of night
Star with royal beauty bright
Westward leading, still proceeding
Guide us to thy perfect light**

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Born a King on Bethlehem's plain
Gold I bring to crown Him again
King for ever, ceasing never
Over us all to reign

**O star of wonder, star of night
Star with royal beauty bright
Westward leading, still proceeding
Guide us to thy perfect light**

When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. (Matthew 2:7-11)

"What Child is this"

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, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary!**

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