

## Luke 2:1-20 (KJV)

<sup>1</sup> **AND IT CAME TO PASS** in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed.

<sup>2</sup> (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) <sup>3</sup> And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

<sup>4</sup> 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:)

<sup>5</sup> To be taxed with *Mary his espoused wife*, being great with child. <sup>6</sup> And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. <sup>7</sup> 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. <sup>8</sup> And there were in the same country *shepherds* abiding in the field, **KEEPING WATCH OVER THEIR FLOCK** by night.

<sup>9</sup> 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.

<sup>10</sup> And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. <sup>11</sup> *For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.* <sup>12</sup> And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. <sup>13</sup> And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, <sup>14</sup> **GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST, AND ON EARTH PEACE, GOOD WILL TOWARD MEN.** <sup>15</sup> And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds 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. <sup>16</sup> And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and **THE BABE LYING IN A MANGER.** <sup>17</sup> And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

<sup>18</sup> And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. <sup>19</sup> *But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.* <sup>20</sup> And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising **GOD** for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

# Christmas Eve

December 24, 2014 at 6:00 pm

The Gathering

Celtic Advent Carol  
The Birthday of a King  
O Holy Night  
A Christmas Song

Quartet/Flute  
Ray Campbell  
Gwyneth Thomas  
Amanda McLain  
& Jacob Dixon

Welcome

Michelle Anderson

Singing of the Carols

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.

O 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!

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old.  
From angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold.

"Peace on the earth, good will to men," from heaven's all  
Gracious King.

The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.

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.

Reading of the Christmas Story

Luke 2:1-20

Lighting of the Christ Candle

The Leonard Family

Experiencing the Light of Christ

Interpretive Movement

O Holy Night

Meditation

"Inconspicuous Truth"

Mike Eddinger

Isaiah 9:2-7; Luke 2:1-20; 1 Corinthians 1:26-28

*Sharing of the Lord's Supper*

The Bread and The Cup

Mary Did You Know  
Joseph's Lullaby  
Carols of Christmas

Jody Hutto

Steve Carraway  
& John Lombardi

Sharing the Light of Christ

Congregation

Silent night, holy night, all is come, all is bright.  
Round yon virgin, mother and child!  
Holy infant so tender and mild.  
Sleep in heavenly peace. Sleep in heavenly peace.

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.

Silent night, holy night, wondrous star, lend thy light,  
With the angels let us sing Alleluias to our King;  
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.

Tolling of the bells to usher in Christmas...

Keith Minster

*Merry Christmas Everyone!*

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