



WE EXIST TO... GROW IN
CHRIST, LOVE LIKE CHRIST,
LIVE FOR CHRIST

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

O HOLY NIGHT (please stand)

Verse 1
O holy night! the stars are brightly shining;
It is the night of the dear Savior's birth.
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,
'Til He appeared and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope—the weary world rejoices,
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn!
Fall on your knees! O hear the angel voices!
O night divine, O night when Christ was born!
O night, O holy night, O night divine!

Verse 2
Truly He taught us to love one another;
His law is love and His gospel is peace.
Chains shall He break, for the slave is our
brother,
And in His name all oppression shall cease.
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we;
Let all within us praise His holy name.
Christ is the Lord! O praise His name forever!
His power and glory evermore proclaim!
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HOPE CANDLE

Scripture Reading: John 1:1–18

WHILE SHEPHERDS WATCHED THEIR FLOCKS (please remain seated)

Verse 1
While shepherds watched
Their flocks by night,
All seated on the ground,
The angel of the Lord came down,
And glory shone around,
And glory shone around.

Verse 2
To you, in David's town this day
Is born, of David's line,
The Savior, who is Christ the Lord;
And this shall be the sign,
And this shall be the sign.

Verse 3
All glory be to God on high
And to the earth be peace.
Goodwill henceforth
From heaven to men
Begin and never cease,
Begin and never cease!

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FAITH CANDLE

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:1–7

O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL (please stand)

Verse 1
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!

Chorus
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord!

Verse 2
Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation;
O sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest!

Verse 3
Yea, Lord, we greet Thee,
Born this happy morning;
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n;
Word of the Father,
Now in flesh appearing!

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JOY CANDLE

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:8–20

ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH (please remain standing)

Verse 1
Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o'er the plains;
And the mountains in reply,
Echo back their joyous strains.

Chorus
Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Verse 2
Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
Say what may the tidings be
Which inspire your heav'nly song?

Verse 3
Come to Bethlehem, and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

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PEACE CANDLE

Scripture Reading: Micah 5:1–5a

O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
(please be seated)

Verse 1
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.

Verse 2
How silently, how silently
The wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts

The blessings of His heav'n.
No ear may hear His coming,
But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him still,
The dear Christ enters in.

Verse 3
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;
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord, Emmanuel!

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CHRIST CANDLE

Devotional

SILENT NIGHT (CANDLE LIGHTING)
(please stand)

Verse 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.

Verse 2
Silent night! holy night,
Shepherds quake at the sight.
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heav'nly hosts sing: "Alleluia!"
Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the Savior is born."

Verse 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.

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JOY TO THE WORLD!
(please remain standing)

Verse 1
Joy to the world! the Lord is come;
Let earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Verse 2
He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders of His love.

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