



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

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH (please stand)

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!
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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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HOPE CANDLE

Scripture Reading: John 1:1–18

AWAY IN A MANGER
(please remain seated)

Verse 1
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.

Verse 2
The cattle are lowing, the Baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes;
I love Thee, Lord Jesus! look down from the sky,
And stay by my cradle 'til morning is nigh.

Verse 3
Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever, and love me, I pray;
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,
And fit us for heaven to live with Thee there.

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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

WHAT CHILD IS THIS?
(please remain standing)

Verse 1
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?

Chorus
This, this is Christ, the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:

Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary!

Verse 2
Why lies He in such mean estate,
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading.

Verse 3
So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh,
Come, peasant, king to own Him.
The King of kings salvation brings,
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.

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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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GO, TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN
(please remain standing)

Chorus
Go, tell it on the mountain,
Over the hills and ev'rywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born!

Verse 1
While shepherds kept their watching
O'er silent flocks by night,
Behold throughout the heavens
There shone a holy light.

Verse 2
The shepherds feared and trembled
When lo! above the earth,
Rang out the angel chorus
That hailed our Savior's birth.

Verse 3
Down in a lowly manger
The humble Christ was born,
And God sent us salvation
That blessed Christmas morn.

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