

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! His power and glory evermore proclaim!

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HOPE CANDLE

Scripture Reading: Romans 15:8–13

GOOD CHRISTIAN MEN, REJOICE (please remain seated)

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Verse 1
Good Christian men, rejoice
With heart and soul and voice!
Give ye heed to what we say:
Jesus Christ is born today!
Man and beast before Him bow,
And He is in the manger now:
Christ is born today,
Christ is born today!

Verse 2
Good Christian men, rejoice
With heart and soul and voice!
Now ye hear of endless bliss:
Jesus Christ was born for this!
He has opened heaven's door,
And man is blest forevermore.
Christ was born for this,
Christ was born for this!

Verse 3
Good Christian men, rejoice
With heart and soul and voice!
Now ye need not fear the grave:
Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all
To gain His everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save,
Christ was born to save!

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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

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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PEACE CANDLE

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 9:1–7

AWAY IN A MANGER (please be 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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CHRIST CANDLE

Devotional

SILENT NIGHT (CANDLE LIGHTING) (please stand)

Verse 1 Silent night, holy night, All is calm, all is bright Round you 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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MERRY CHRISTMAS!