

## Living in God's Time - Day 2 - Christmas Worship

### Gathering

Leader: The people who walk in darkness have seen a great light.

Assistant: Glory to God in the highest...

People: **And peace to God's people on earth.**

L: For unto us a Child has been given.

A: Glory to God in the highest...

P: **And peace to God's people on earth.**

L: He is the Prince of Peace. He is the king of kings.

A: Glory to God in the highest...

P: **And peace to God's people on earth.**

L: He is the Son of God. He is the savior of the universe.

A: Glory to God in the highest...

P: **And peace to God's people on earth.**

L: I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all people. For today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. Let us give glory to God for this amazing gift that has been given to us! Lutherlyn raise your voices in joy!

### Song: 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

Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be  
Which inspire your heavenly song?

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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### Song: O Come All ye Faithful

1. Oh, come, all ye faithful,  
Joyful and triumphant!  
Oh, come ye, oh come ye to Bethlehem.  
Come and behold him,  
Born the King of angels;

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

Oh, come, let us adore him;  
Oh, come, let us adore him;  
Oh, come, let us adore him,  
Christ, the Lord.

3. Yea, Lord, we greet thee,  
Born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n.  
Son of the Father,  
Now in flesh appearing;

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**Word: Luke 2:1-20**

**Message/Song: 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.	For Christ is born of Mary and gathered all above. While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love. O morning stars together, proclaim the holy birth. And praises sing to God the King and Peace to all on earth.	How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is given. So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of 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.
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**Prayers and Praise**

L: God-with-us, we give you thanks for making us a community. We may be physically apart in this time, but we know that you hold us together in love. Prince of Peace.

P: **Grant us Peace.**

L: God-with-us, you are not just with us as humans, but with all of your creatures. You are with the big Chapel rock, the suffering chestnuts, mayfly nymphs, and deer of these woods. And you are with all parts of creation. Help us to listen to the groaning of creation, where you already are, so that we may deliver healing. Prince of Peace.

P: **Grant us Peace.**

L: God-with-us, we ask you to be with all those who are sick, lonely, or feel a chasm between the joy we experience at Christmas and their own life. Be with them, support them, heal them. We name them before you now. (silence) Prince of Peace.

P: **Grant us Peace.**

L: God-with-us, help us. We do not always know the best way to spread the good news like the shepherds did. Inspire us to tell others about your love and grace in new and honest ways. Prince of Peace.

P: **Grant us Peace.**

L: We hand all of our joys and concerns to you O God, through Jesus Christ who is born to us this day in the manger of our hearts.

P: **Amen.**

**Song: 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.	Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight! Glories stream from heaven afar; heavenly hosts sing Al-le-lu-ia! Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior 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 Thy birth. Jesus, Lord at Thy birth.
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**Dismissal**

L: Go in peace and Joy, Christ is with us.

C: **Thanks be to God**