

Hark the herald angels sing  
glory to the new born king!

Hail the Heaven-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the sun of righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings,  
risen with healing in his wings.  
Mild he lays his glory by,  
born that man no more may die,  
Born to raise the sons of earth,  
born to give them second birth.  
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# Outdoor Carols by Lantern Light



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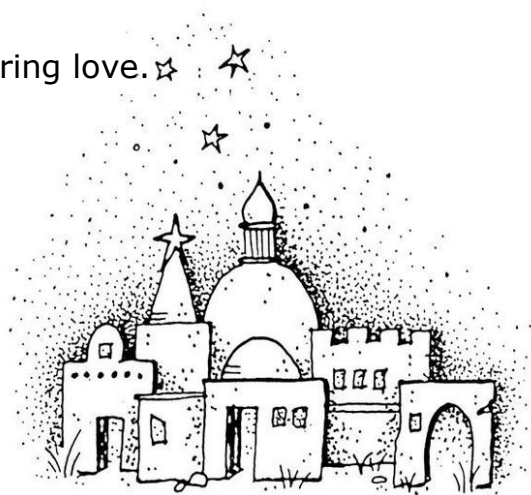
From promise to hope; from hope to joy

## Gathering

### **Carol: 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 the dark streets shineth  
the everlasting light;  
The hopes and fears of all the years  
are met in thee tonight.

O morning stars together  
proclaim the holy birth  
And praises sing to God the King  
and peace to men on earth.  
For Christ is born of Mary;  
and gathered all above  
While mortals sleep,  
the angels keep  
their watch of wond'ring love. ☆ ☆ ☆



## **The fifth reading**

About that time some wise men from eastern lands arrived in Jerusalem, asking "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star as it rose, and we have come to worship him."

The wise men went on their way, and the star they had seen in the east guided them to Bethlehem. It went ahead of them and stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw it they were filled with joy! Matthew 2:1-2, 9-10

## **Blessing and dismissal**

### **Carol: Hark the Herald Angels Sing**

Hark the Herald Angels Sing ~  
glory to the newborn King;  
Peace on earth and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled!  
Joyful, all ye nations rise,  
join the triumph of the skies!  
With the angelic host proclaim  
Christ is born in Bethlehem!  
Hark the herald angels sing  
glory to the new born king!

Christ, by highest heaven adored,  
Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
Late in time behold him come,  
offspring of a virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the God-head see;  
hail the incarnate deity!  
Pleased as man with man to dwell,  
Jesus our Immanuel.



## **Carol: Calypso Carol**

See him lying on a bed  
of straw, a draughty  
stable with an open  
door,  
Mary cradling the babe  
she bore, the Prince of  
Glory is his name.

**Chorus:** *O now  
carry me to*

*Bethlehem to see the Lord appear to men!  
Just as poor as was the stable then,  
the Prince of Glory when he came.*

Star of silver sweep across the skies, show where  
Jesus in the manger lies;  
Shepherds swiftly from your slumber rise to see the  
Saviour of the world!

### **Chorus**

Angels, sing again the song you sang, bring God's  
glory to the heart of man;  
Sing that Bethl'em's little baby can bring salvation  
to the world!

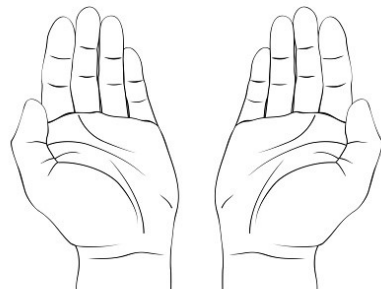
### **Chorus**

Mine are riches from your poverty, from your  
innocence, eternity;  
Mine forgiveness by your death for me, child of  
sorrow for my joy!

### **Chorus**

## **Prayers**

### **The Lord's Prayer**



How silently, how silently  
the wondrous gift is given!  
So God imparts to human hearts  
the blessings of his 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.  
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 Immanuel.



## **The first reading**

God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a village in  
Galilee, to a virgin named Mary. She was engaged to  
be married to a man named Joseph, a descendent of  
King David. Gabriel appeared to her and said,  
“Greetings, favoured woman! The Lord is with you!”  
Mary tried to think what the angel could mean.  
“Don’t be afraid Mary”, the angel said, “for you have  
found favour with God! You will conceive and give  
birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will  
be very great and will be called the Son of the Most  
High.” Luke 1:26b—32a

### **Carol: The virgin Mary had a baby boy**

The virgin Mary had a baby boy (x3)  
And they say that his name was Jesus.

*Chorus: He come from the glory, he come  
from the glorious Kingdom (x2)*

*O yes, believer! (x2)*

*He come from the glory, he come  
from the glorious Kingdom!*

The angels sang when the baby was born (x3)  
And proclaim him the baby Jesus

*Chorus*

The wise men saw where the baby was born (x3)  
And they say that his name was Jesus.

*Chorus*

### **The second reading**

An angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. "Joseph, son of David," the angel said, "do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife. For the child within her was conceived by the Holy Spirit. And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." Matthew 1:20b–21

### **The third reading**

At that time the Roman emperor Augustus, decreed that a census should be taken throughout the land. All returned to their own ancestral towns to register. And because Joseph was a descendant of King David, he had to go to Bethlehem from Nazareth in Galilee, with Mary his fiancée. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born. Mary gave birth to her first child, a son. She wrapped him snugly in strips of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. Luke 2:1-7



### **Carol: Away in a manger**

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
the little Lord Jesus lay down his sweet head;  
The stars in the bright sky  
looked down where he lay,  
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

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 side until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay  
Close by me for ever, and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care  
And fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

### **The fourth reading**

That night there were shepherds in the fields nearby, guarding their flocks of sheep. Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord's glory surrounded them. They were terrified, but the angel reassured them. "Don't be afraid," the angel said. "I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. The saviour, the Lord, has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David. You will recognise him by this sign: you will find the baby wrapped snugly in strips of cloth and lying in a manger." Then the shepherds said to each other, "Let us go to Bethlehem and see this thing which the Lord has told us about." They hurried to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph. And there was the baby, lying in the manger. Luke 2:8 –16