



## WHAT CHILD IS THIS

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  
*This this is Christ the King  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing  
Haste haste to bring Him laud  
The Babe the Son of Mary*

Why lies He in such mean estate  
Where ox and lamb are feeding  
Good Christian fear for sinners here  
The silent Word is pleading  
*Nails spear shall pierce Him through  
The cross be borne for me for you  
Hail hail the Word made flesh  
The Babe the Son of Mary*

So bring Him incense gold and myrrh  
Come peasant king to own Him  
The King of kings salvation brings  
Let loving hearts enthrone Him  
*Raise raise the song on high  
The Virgin sings her lullaby  
Joy joy for Christ is born  
The Babe the Son of Mary*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*With eyes wide open  
and our ears on edge,  
**we look for shepherds  
and listen for the songs of angels.**  
In the light of winter's moon,  
with the bright stars lighting the way...*

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**we gather outside the door of a mystery,  
wondering if we dare go enter.**

*With folks and friends we love,  
with strangers we have just met,*

**we gather, becoming the holy family  
for this time and in this place.**

## **THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE**

Isaiah 52:7-10

## **COME LIGHT OUR HEARTS**

*For You O Lord our souls in stillness wait [2x]*

*Truly our hope is in You [2x]*

O Lord of life our only hope  
Your radiance shines on all who look  
To You in the dark, Emmanuel come  
Come light our hearts

O joy above all other loves  
In You we find more than enough  
We come as we are O heal and restore  
Come light our hearts

## **O HOLY NIGHT**

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  
Till 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 (2x)

Led by the light of faith serenely beaming  
With glowing hearts by His cradle we stand  
So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming  
Here came the wise men from far distant land  
The King of kings lay thus in lowly manger  
In all our trials born to be our Friend

He knows our need, our weakness is no stranger  
Behold your King, before Him lowly bend (2x)

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 (2x)

## **THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE**

Luke 2:1-7

### **BABY SON**

We thought You'd come with a crown of gold  
A string of pearls and a cashmere robe  
We thought You'd clench an iron fist  
And rain like fire on the politics

*But without a sword no armored guard  
But common born in mother's arms  
The government now rests upon  
The shoulders of this Baby Son*

Have you no room inside your heart  
The inn is full the out is dark  
But upon profane shines sacred sun  
Not ashamed to be one of us

Gloria, Allelu, Christ the Lord we've longed for You

## O LITTLE CHILD 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 men on earth

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 Emmanuel

## THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE

Luke 2:8-14

### JOY TO THE WORLD

Joy to the world the Lord is come  
Let earth receive her King  
Let every heart prepare Him room  
And heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven and heaven and nature sing

Joy to the World the Savior reigns  
Let all their songs employ  
While fields and floods  
Rocks hills and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat repeat the sounding joy

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

*Joyful joyful we adore Thee  
God of glory Lord of love  
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee  
Opening to the sun above*

### CHORAL ARRANGEMENT

*Angels Was a Shoutin' on Christmas Morn'*

## THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE

Luke 2:15-20

### AWAY IN A MANGER (FOREVER AMEN)

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed  
The little Lord Jesus lay down His sweet head  
The stars in the sky look down where He lay  
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes  
The dawn of salvation beginning to break  
I love thee, Lord Jesus, oh, gift from above  
The King of the heavens forever with us

I worship You, Jesus, for all of my days  
The highest of praises be unto Your name  
My God and my Savior, my King and my friend  
Yours is the glory forever amen  
Yours is the glory forever amen  
Yours is the glory forever amen

### HOMILY

#### ***Be Not Afraid***

Pastor Matt Tinken

## CONFESSION

*Moment of Silence*

*This was going to be the year, God of silent nights, when we were going to give away more than we spent, but we didn't. This was going to be the season when we spent more time with others, but we filled our calendars with meetings. This was going to be the Christmas when we wrote personal letters to friends and family, but spent too much energy filling out our to-do lists. This was going to be a truly holy season, but it just got too harried and hurried.*

**Forgive us, Love Giver, and draw us closer  
to the Baby born not into wealth and power,  
but into poverty and weakness;  
to the One who loves unconditionally  
and welcomes all;  
to the Child who gathers other children to him,  
to bless them and serve them;  
to the One who drew near to us,  
so we might be drawn to your heart – Jesus Christ,  
our Brother, our Lord.**

*Moment of Silence*

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Into the valleys of our death, Jesus comes with life;  
into the shadows of our world, Jesus brings light;  
into the brokenness of our lives,  
Jesus brings forgiveness and peace.

**Thanks be to God for the gift of the Baby of Bethlehem, who  
brings joy and peace to us  
in these moments of forgiveness  
and in all the days to come. Amen.**



## COMMUNION

*May the God of silent nights be with you!*

**May the God of herald angels be with you!**

*Open your hearts to the One  
born in the little town of Bethlehem.*

**May Emmanuel come to abide in our hearts.**

*Join all believers in singing of our joy this night.*

**May our voices blend with those of the angels and  
shepherds.**

You crept into chaos so long ago, Star-shaper,  
so creation might be born:

sheep gathering on hillsides,  
stars glittering in the night skies,  
sea horses frolicking in warm waters.

Silently, you gathered up the dust,  
shaping us in your image  
as the Spirit breathed life into us.

All the gifts of your heart were for us,  
but we slammed the door of our hearts,  
saying there was no room for you in our lives.

Prophets came time and again,  
scattering your clues throughout the Story,  
but we were too busy enjoying  
the sleights of hand done by sin and death.

When you saw we could not understand the Mystery on our  
own, you sent Jesus, to reveal everything to us.

**We will not be afraid,  
for great joy is ours this night;  
we will look for the signs of your presence,  
grace swaddled in hope,  
love wrapped around broken hearts.**

**Glory to you, God in the highest heavens!  
May peace fill the lives of all your children!**

Leaving your side, God of holiness,  
your Child came to walk with us  
through the cold streets of our lives.

Born in poverty's shadows,  
he is the light which illumines  
your heart for us.

Unwrapped from glory's embrace,  
he gathers us from all the corners  
of our confused choices to make us one with you.

Placed in a rude feeding trough  
layered with our fears and doubts,  
he breathes in your hopes  
and lives your will, until  
he is placed in death's cold embrace,  
waiting in the silence,  
where he breathes in resurrection's breath,  
and brings forth life for all who follow.

On this night, when we sing of the baby in the manger,  
as the shadow of the cross is cast by the stars,  
we proclaim that mystery called incarnation:

**Christ is our light,  
and we will join the angels in singing the good news;  
Christ is our life,  
and we will join the disciples in telling the Story;  
Christ is our promise,  
and we wait for the joy of his return.**

## O COME ALL YE UNFAITHFUL

O come, all you unfaithful,  
Come, weak and unstable,  
Come, know you are not alone

O come, barren and waiting ones,  
Weary of praying,  
Come, see what your God has done

*Christ is born, Christ is born, Christ is born for you*

O come, bitter and broken,  
Come with fears unspoken,  
Come, taste of His perfect love

O come, guilty and hiding ones  
There is no need to run  
See what your God has done

He's the Lamb who was given,  
slain for our pardon,  
His promise is peace  
for those who believe.

So come, though you have nothing,  
Come, He is the offering,  
Come, see what your God has done

*O come let us adore Him [3x] Christ the Lord  
For He alone is worthy [3x] Christ the Lord  
We give You all the glory [3x] Christ the Lord  
We praise Your name forever [3x] Christ the Lord*

## THE CHRIST CANDLE

John 8:12

## 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  
Heav'nly hosts sing alleluia  
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

Silent night holy night  
Wondrous star lend thy light  
With the angels let us sing  
Alleluia to our King  
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born

## BENEDICTION

*Let us go to be the gift another needs,  
**sharing God's blessings of love and grace,  
running to tell the Story we heard from the shepherds.***  
*Let us go to be the comfort which can swaddle others,  
**sharing Jesus' compassion with the poor and needy,  
welcoming the holiness offered  
by the most vulnerable we meet.***  
*Let us go to enkindle the lives around us,  
**sharing the Spirit's peace with all the broken,  
learning the language of hope  
from the children in our midst.***

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