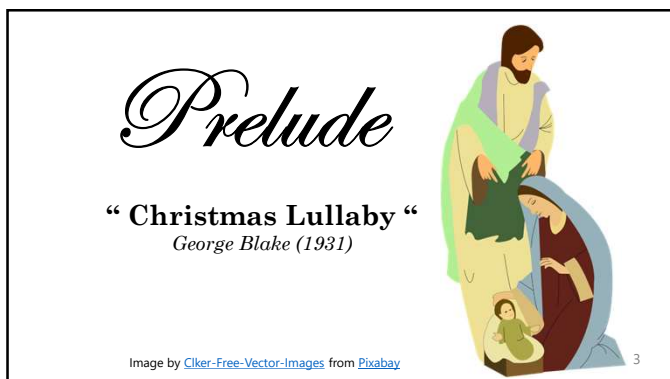


Come, Child of peace,
come to a world that is longing for peace.
come, Child of peace,
come to a world that is lost in despair,
lost in its darkness and hopelessness;
Where is the child who will come,
come to lead, child of peace?

5



The lion will lie with the lamb;
together their young will be feeding.
No harm will come on the Lord's holy mountain
while he is leading

6

Come, Child of peace,
 Promise of ages and Ruler of all;
 Light of eternity, You will be that little Child
 who will come, come to lead,
 Child of peace.

7

You made your witness,
 not with devices of intimidation and
 coercion, but through an instrument of
 suffering and scorn.

10

Welcoming Prayer (in unison)

Loving God,
 you have come to us,
 not with great signs and wonders,
 but with a babe who became
 a humble carpenter.

8

For your foolishness is wiser than
 human thought, and your weakness is stronger
 than all human powers.
 Grant that we may hear and respond
 to your wisdom. Amen.

11

You took on human form,
 not with trappings of power and might,
 but among folk who fasted and
 prayed, and gave thanks
 in the midst of their poverty.

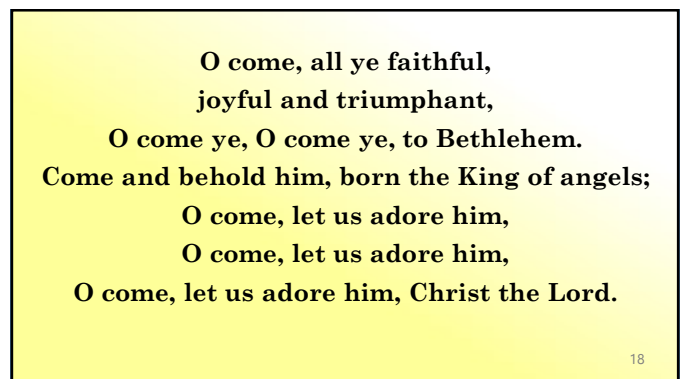
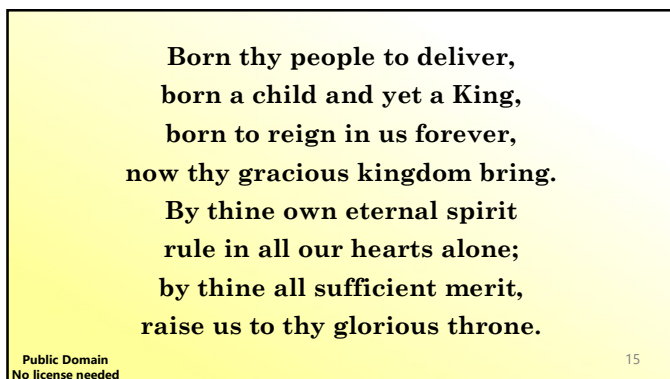
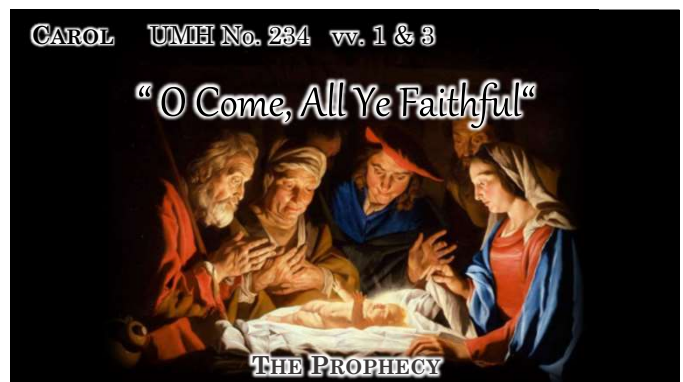
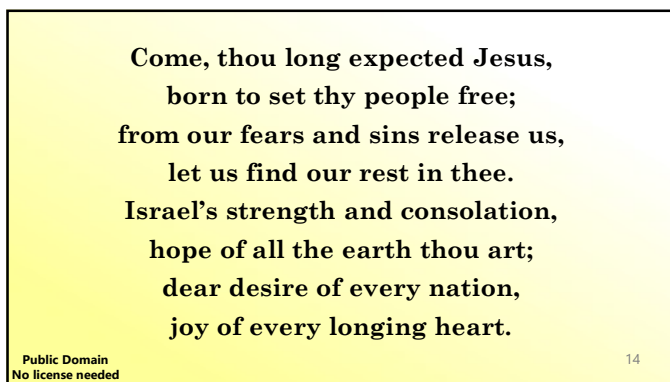
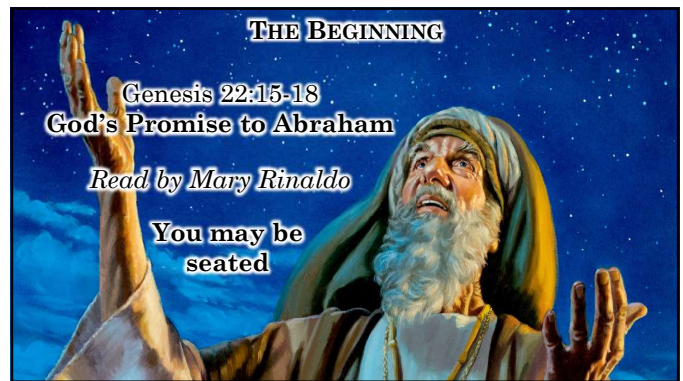
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The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy name.
 Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done
 on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread.
 And forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those who trespass against us.
 Lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom, and the power
 and the glory forever. Amen. [CHIMES]



12



Sing, choirs of angels,
sing in exultation;
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

19

L: Tonight we gather to remember with the prophet Isaiah:

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders, and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Great will be his authority, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this (Isaiah 9:6-7)

THE PROPHECY

Isaiah 9:2-7
The Prophet's Announcement

Read by Jack Harrington



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All: We gather to once again back in the glory that visited a stable and a manger, shepherds watching their flocks, and a young couple cradling the newborn Messiah.

L: We light the Christ candle as a sign of the glory that came among us in unexpected places and to unexpected people, that we may be people who seek and follow the glory of the Christ child here and now.

Advent Candle
Lighting
The Lyons Family



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ADVENT SONG

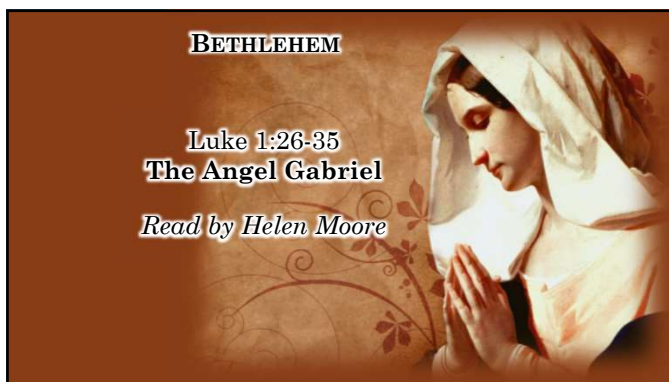


“Light the Advent Candle”
Verse 5
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Light the Advent candles, now:
sing of donkey, sheep, and cow;
birthday candles for the King,
let the alleluias ring.

Candle, candle, burning bright,
shining in the cold winter night;
candle, candle, burning bright,
fill our hearts with Christmas light.

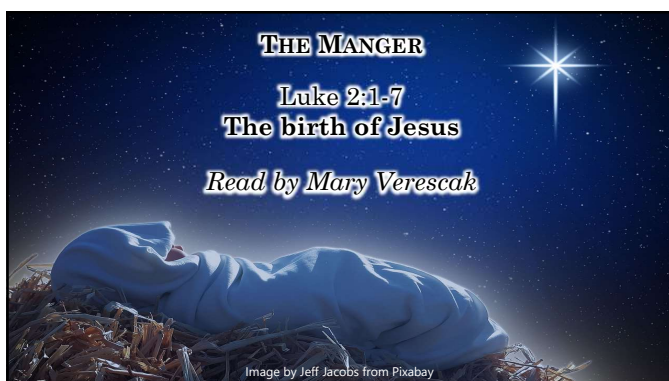


CAROL (Please stand as you are able)

UMH No. 240



29



**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 th'angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
**Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"**

30

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 Godhead see;
 Hail th'incarnate Deity,
 pleased with us in flesh to dwell,
 Jesus, our Emmanuel.
 Hark! the herald angels sing,
 "Glory to the newborn King!"

31

CAROL

"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"
 UMH No. 218

34

~~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 we no more may die,
 born to raise us from the earth,
 born to give us second birth.
 Hark! the herald angels sing,
 "Glory to the newborn King!"

32

It came upon the midnight clear,
 that glorious song of old,
 from angels bending near the earth,
 to touch their harps of gold:
 "Peace on the earth, good will to men,"
 From heaven's all gracious king."
 The world in solemn stillness lay,
 to hear the angels sing.

35



THE SHEPHERDS

Luke 2:15-20
 The Shepherds
 go to the manger

Read by Barbara Fleming

Still through the cloven skies they came
 with peaceful wings unfurled,
 and still their heavenly music floats
 o'er all the weary world;
 above its sad and lowly plains,
 they bend on hovering wing,
 and ever o'er its Babel sounds
 the blessed angels sing.

36

And ye, beneath life's crushing load,
 whose forms are bending low,
 who toil along the climbing way
 with painful steps and slow,
 look now! for glad and golden hours
 come swiftly on the wing.
 O rest beside the weary road,
 and hear the angels sing!

37

SERVICE OF THE CANDLE LIGHTING

"Silent Night,
 Holy Night"

UMH No. 239



For lo! The days are hastening on,
 by prophet seen of old,
 when with the ever circling years
 shall come the time foretold
 when peace shall over all the earth
 its ancient splendors fling,
 and the whole world send back the song
 which now the angels sing.

38

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.

41

THE WISE MEN

Matthew 2:1-11

The Wise Men follow the star

Read by Jerry Orton



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Silent night, holy night,
 shepherds quake at the sight;
 glories stream from heaven afar,
 Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!
 Christ the Savior is born,
 Christ the Savior is born.

42

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.

43

CAROL (Please stand as you are able)

"Joy to the World"

UMH No. 246

Let Earth receive her King



46

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!

44

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.

47

Unison Prayer

Holy God, we thank you for
 the light of your Son, Jesus Christ.
 On this Christmas night,
 we rejoice in Christ our Savior.
 Help us to keep that light alive
 in our hearts and to spread HIS joy
 to all we meet this Christmas season.
 In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

45

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.

48

No more let sins and sorrows grow,
nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow
far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found,
far as, far as the curse is found.

49

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.

50

