

Year 11-13 Christmas Retreat
Joy To The World





Introduction [Rev Lisa]

Opening Prayer [Rev David]

Glory to God in the highest

All: Glory to God in the highest

Peace on earth for all people

All: Glory to God in the highest

Today is the day of joyous news

All: Glory to God in the highest

A saviour born, the Messiah, the Lord

All: Glory to God in the highest



Praise

Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth
Sing to the Lord and bless his name;
tell out his salvation from day to day,

All: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised.

Declare his glory among the nations
and his wonder among all peoples.
For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;
he is more to be feared than all gods.

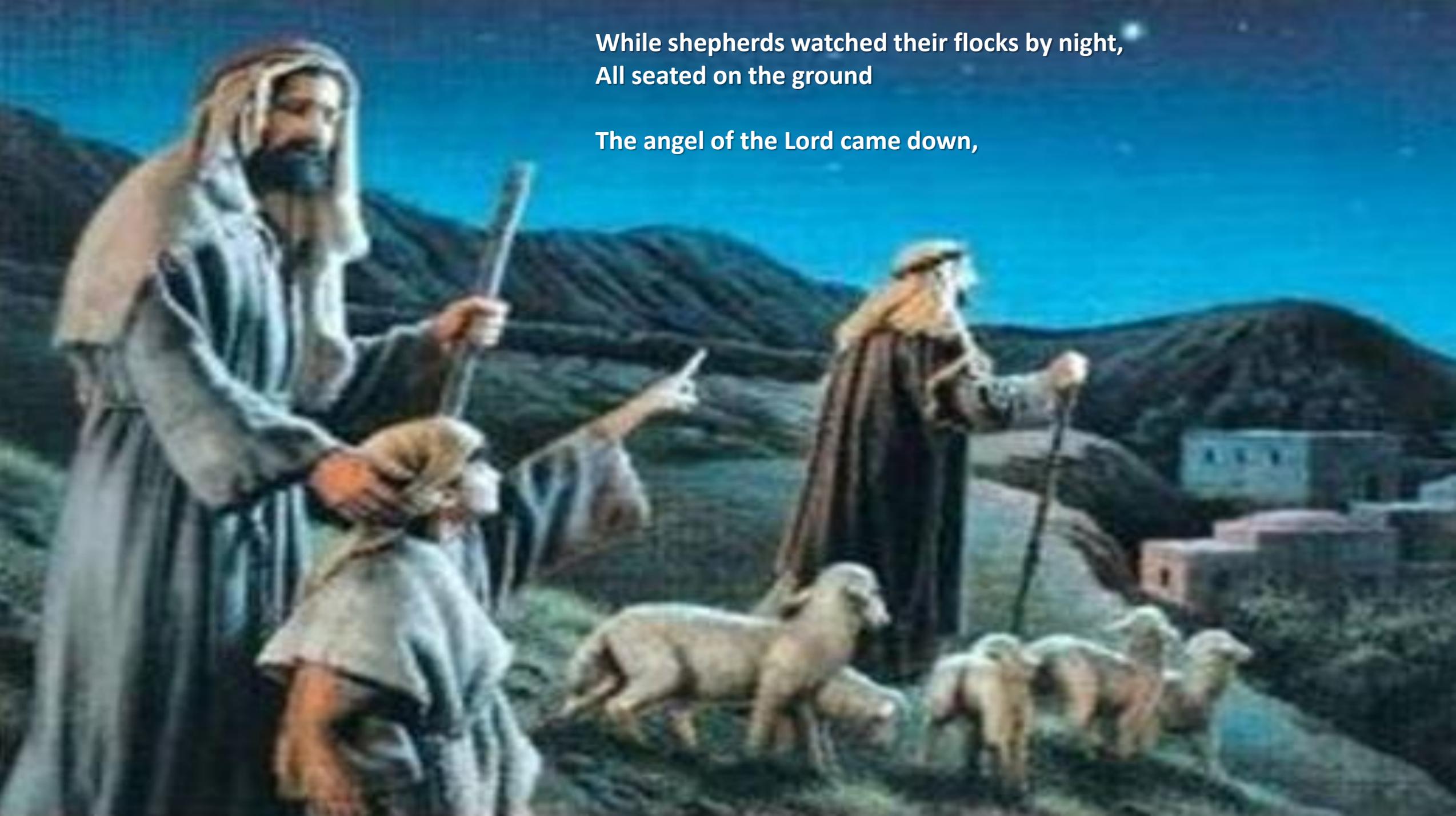
All: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised.

For all the gods of the nations are but idols;
it is the Lord who made the heavens.
Honour and majesty are before him;
power and splendour are in his sanctuary.

All: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised.

While shepherds watched their flocks by night,
All seated on the ground

The angel of the Lord came down,





And glory shone around

**“Fear not,” said he, for mighty dread
Had seized their troubled mind;
“Glad tidings of great joy I bring**



To you and all mankind."



'To you in David's town this day
is born of David's line
a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord.



And this shall be the sign:



The heav'nly Babe you there shall find
To human view displayed,
All meanly wrapped in swathing bands,



and in a manger laid.'



Thus spoke the seraph, and forthwith
appeared a shining throng
of angels praising God, who thus



addressed their joyful song:



'All glory be to God on high,
and to the earth be peace;
goodwill henceforth from highest heaven



begin and never cease!





Confessions [Rev Lisa]

[Period of short reflection]

Through Jesus our Saviour, born in humility

All: We ask for forgiveness.

Through Jesus our Saviour, proclaimed by the angels

All: We ask for forgiveness.

Through Jesus our Saviour, sought by the shepherds

All: We ask for forgiveness.

Through Jesus our Saviour, worshipped by magi

All: We ask for forgiveness.



Absolution

[Rev Lisa]

May God the father in his mercy, through his Son our Saviour and in the power of the spirit, grant you forgiveness for all your sins and the grace to love with love and peace, justice and compassion, now and always.

All: Amen

Collect Prayer

[Rev David]

Heavenly Father, we join with angels in proclaiming the good news of the birth of your Son our Saviour. May the light of his coming shine in our hearts, illumine our path, and fill the earth. In his name we pray.

All: Amen



Reading

[Rev Lisa]

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
who are one of the little clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to rule in Israel,
whose origin is from of old,
from ancient days.

Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labour has brought forth;
then the rest of his kindred shall return
to the people of Israel.

And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the
Lord,
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.
And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth;
and he shall be the one of peace.



Homily / Reflection

[Rev David]

Intercessions

[Rev Lisa]

We give thanks for the angel's message of peace: we pray for the peace of our world, for the leaders of the nations, for peace keepers and peace makers, remembering all whose lives are torn by war and violence.

All: Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer and let our cry come unto you

We give thanks for the angel's message of the Saviour's birth: we pray for all who have never heard the Good News, for all who seek to share the Good News with others, for missionary societies and those who translate the Scriptures, remembering our responsibility to live the Gospel life.

All: Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer and let our cry come unto you



We give thanks for the love of Mary and Joseph: we pray for all parents and carers, for those who bring up children on their own, for those couples who cannot have children, remembering all children and young people who are abused and neglected.

All: Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer and let our cry come unto you

We give thanks for the welcome of the shepherds and the gifts of the wise men: we pray for all asylum seekers and refugees, for all who lack a sense of true worth, for all who have nowhere they can call home, remembering all who are strangers in a strange land.

All: Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer and let our cry come unto you



The Lord's Prayer

All: 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.
And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from
evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for
ever and ever. Amen.

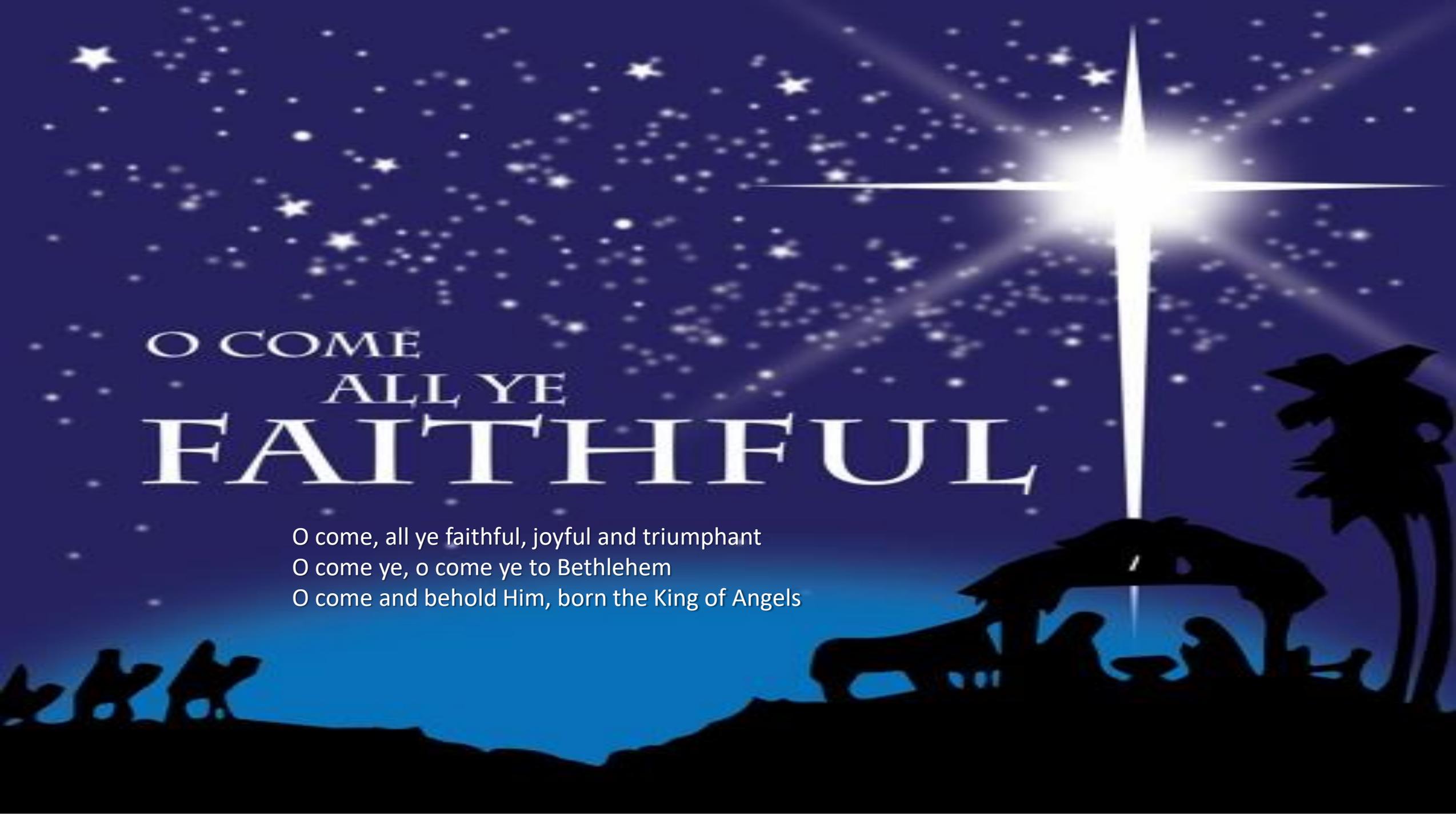


Blessing

[Rev David]

May the humility of the shepherds, the perseverance of the wide men, the joy of the angels, and the peace of the Christ child, be God's gift to you, and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always.

All: Amen



O COME
ALL YE
FAITHFUL

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant
O come ye, o come ye to Bethlehem
O come and behold Him, born the King of Angels

O come, let us adore Him
O come, let us adore Him
O come, let us adore Him
Christ the Lord



God of God, Light of Light
Lo, He abhors not the Virgin's womb
Very God
Begotten, not created



O come, let us adore Him
O come, let us adore Him
O come, let us adore Him
Christ the Lord!





Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation
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!