

Christmas Day Worship

A Guide for Worship at Home

God's Call to Worship

By the tender mercy of our God,

the dawn from on high will break upon us,

To give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.

Jesus is the Light of the world!

The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

A Poem-Prayer for Christmas Morning by Elizabeth Rooney

Dear child, sweet child, Sleeping in the straw,

We who come to worship you Kneel now in awe.

Dear child, sweet child, Sheltered in a stable,

Each of us would bring you Gifts, as we are able.

Dear child, sweet child, Lighted by a star,

Help our hearts to find you No matter where we are.

Dear child, sweet child, Willing to be man,

Teach us how to love you. No one else can.

Carol - O Come, All Ye Faithful

O, come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant,

O, come ye, O, come ye to Bethlehem!

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.

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, Born this happy morning,

Jesus, to thee be all glory given!

Word of the Father, Now in flesh appearing!

Chorus

Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation!

Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!

Glory to God, all Glory in the highest!

Chorus

Read the Christmas Story: Luke 2:1-7 from your Bible

A Christmas Poem-"Like Every Newborn"

"The Lord is King, and hath put on glorious apparel; The Lord hath put on his apparel, and girded himself with strength." Psalm 93:1

Like every newborn, he has come from very far.

His eyes are closed against the brilliance of the star.

So glorious is he, he goes to this immoderate length

To show his love for us, discarding power and strength.

Girded for war, humility his mighty dress,

He moves into battle wholly weaponless.

Madeleine L'Engle

Pause to reflect on how very far this newborn, Jesus, has come to demonstrate his love you this Christmas. What do you want to say to him in response?

Carol - 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 earth! the savior reigns;
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

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.

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.

A Christmas Blessing by Wilda English

God grant you the light of Christmas,
which is faith;
the warmth of Christmas,
which is purity;
the righteousness of Christmas,
which is justice;
the belief in Christmas,
which is truth;
the all of Christmas,
which is Christ.