



# REDEEMER REDMOND

## CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

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TRANSFORMING REDMOND.



*This evening's service is based on the Service of Lessons and Carols, which was first drawn up by E.W. Benson, later Bishop of Canterbury, for use in the Cathedral at Truro. It was adapted from ancient sources as a Christmas Eve service and was first celebrated at 10 pm on Christmas Eve 1880. It was later modified for use at King's College in Cambridge, in 1918, by its then Dean, Reverend Eric Milner-White. The service joins scripture texts from the whole breadth of God's word that speak of the coming of the Christ-child, with carols that highlight the themes found in those texts. This service has been and continues to be used with some variation all over the world.*

### **Narrator**

The Bible tells the story of God's love for the broken, fallen world in sending His Son to be Savior. It is not merely a story of God's love for the whole world in general, but of His very personal love for you: the particular, broken person you are.

Tonight we hear the Bible's story of God's love for the world – and for you. If you are a Christian, we hope that tonight's story will thrill your heart anew like it did when you first believed. And if you are hearing it for the first time, we hope that your heart will open up to receive the life changing love of God in the gift of His Son, Jesus Christ.

Our story starts where the Bible starts: God's creation of the world.

## **LESSON 1**

### **The Creation of the World and Mankind in God's Image Genesis 1**

#### **Narrator**

This is the account of how God created our world and how God created mankind in his image, to uniquely reflect and represent Him in the world.

#### **Reader**

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.

Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth."... And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

## **LESSON 2**

### **The Fall and the Victorious Savior Genesis 3:9-15, Hebrews 2:14-16**

#### **Narrator**

This is how God's beautiful and pure creation became bent, polluted, alienated and destructive, and how God Himself promised to avenge and restore it.

#### **Reader**

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?" And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the

### **"Hark the Herald Angels Sing"**

*Hark! the herald angels sing,  
Glory to the newborn King,  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconcile.  
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 newborn 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 Godhead see;  
Hail, the incarnate deity,  
Pleased as Man with to dwell,  
Jesus, our Emmanuel!  
Hark! the herald angels sing,  
Glory to the newborn 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 suns of earth,  
Born to give them second birth.  
Hark! the herald angels sing,  
Glory to the newborn King.*

### **"Go Tell It On the Mountain"**

*Go tell it on the mountain,  
over the hills and everywhere;  
Go tell it on the mountain  
that Jesus Christ is born.*

*While shepherds kept their watching  
o'er silent flocks by night,  
Behold throughout the heavens  
there shone a Holy Light.*

*The shepherds feared and trembled  
when lo above the earth,  
Rang out the angel chorus  
that hailed our Saviour's birth.*

*Down in a lowly manger  
the humble Christ was born  
And brought us God's salvation  
that blessed Christmas morn!*

## LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

### Carol: “Silent Night, Holy 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.*

## BENEDICTION

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.” (John 3:16)

Join us for a dessert party across the street at Riverpark Apartments. We will sing carols as we walk to Riverpark.

Please consider joining us for our Christmas Morning service. We will meet from 11 am—noon on Christmas Day at Redmond Middle School. It will be an intimate time of carols, hearing the Christmas story, & communion.

Our regular worship service meets at 10:30 am each Sunday at:  
Redmond Middle School  
10055 166th Ave NE  
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fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, “You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.” But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.

### Carol: “O Savior Rend the Heavens Wide”

*O Savior, rend the heavens wide;  
Come down, come down with mighty stride;  
Unlock the gates, the doors break down,  
Unbar the way to heaven’s crown.*

### Reader

But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.” He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” Then the Lord God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.” The Lord God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.”

### Narrator

The writer of the book of Hebrews — a book written after the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ — testifies that Jesus is the victorious one who crushed the head of the serpent:

### Reader

“Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery.”

### Carol: “O Savior Rend the Heavens Wide”

*O Morning Star, O Radiant Sun,  
When will our hearts behold your dawn?  
O Sun, arise; without your light,  
We grope in gloom and dark of night.*

## LESSON 3

The Savior will be the Promised Offspring of Abraham  
Genesis 22:9-18 & Galatians 3:16

### Narrator

Thousands of years later, the LORD, the true God, tells Abraham to leave the country that he had known for a place that God would show him. The LORD promised him that a whole nation would come from him and that through Abraham and Sarah’s child, God would bless the world. Even though Sarah was barren and past the age of childbearing, Abraham believed God’s promise and his faith was credited to him as righteousness. After decades of waiting, the promised son was born. It is then that God tells Abraham to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice to atone — that means to cover — the sins of Abraham and his family. Believing that the God who had given him this miracle son could also raise him from the dead, Abraham obeyed and made the journey with his

beloved son Isaac to the place God told him to go. This is how it happened:

#### Reader

When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.” And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called the name of that place, “The Lord will provide”; as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided.” And the angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven and said, “By myself I have sworn, declares the Lord, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice.”

#### Narrator

Paul, who had at one time persecuted and killed Christians but was confronted by the resurrected Jesus, becoming a follower of Jesus, declares to the church at Galatia:

#### Reader

Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring. It does not say, “And to offsprings,” referring to many, but referring to one, “And to your offspring,” who is Christ.

#### Narrator

The Apostle Paul says that Jesus is the ultimate offspring promised to Abraham who would bring blessing to the world. But unlike Isaac, who is spared, God does not spare His beloved Son, but gives him up for us. Jesus pays the debt incurred by our sin that every person on this earth owes to a Holy God. Jesus offered himself up as a sacrifice to provide atonement – covering, forgiveness, for the sins of the world.

#### Carol: “O Savior Rend the Heavens Wide”

*Sin’s dreadful doom upon us lies;  
Grim death looms fierce before our eyes.  
O, come, lead us with mighty hand,  
Through exile to the promised land.  
There shall we all our praises bring,  
Ever to you, our Savior King;  
There shall we laud you and adore,  
Forever and forever more.*

## LESSON 4

#### The Savior will be a Prophet Like Moses Deuteronomy 18:15-19 & Acts 3:22-23

#### Narrator

After the LORD delivered his people from their slavery in Egypt, they spent forty years wandering in the desert. When after those forty years of wandering the Israelites were at the Jordan River just about to enter the Promised Land, Moses preached to them what God had spoken to him. In the midst of this sermon, he prophesied these words about a prophet who was to come:

#### Reader

“The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen— just as you desired of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the Lord my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.’ And the Lord said to me, ‘They

And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

## OFFERING OF SONG

#### “The First Noel”

*The first Noel, the angels did say  
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay  
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep  
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.*

*Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel  
Born is the King of Israel*

*They looked up and saw a star  
Shining in the east beyond them far  
And to the earth it gave great light  
And so it continued both day and night.*

*Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel  
Born is the King of Israel*

*The King is born, the King is born, the King is born*

*Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel  
Born is the King of Israel*

## JESUS’ STORYBOOK BIBLE

Children are invited to come forward for this story time.

#### Carol: “Angels We Have Heard on High”

*Angels we have heard on high  
Sweetly singing o’er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply  
Echoing their joyous strains.*

*Gloria, in excelsis Deo!  
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!*

*Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be  
Which inspire your heav’nly song?*

*Come to Bethlehem and see  
Him Whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee,  
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.*

*See Him in a manger laid,  
Whom the choirs of angels praise;  
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,  
While our hearts in love we raise.*

#### 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 world! 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, 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.*

“Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!” But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be registered, each to his own town. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

### Carol: “O Holy Night”

*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 pow’r and glory evermore proclaim!  
His pow’r and glory evermore proclaim!*

## LESSON 8

### The Shepherds and the Angels Luke 2:8-21

#### Narrator

We have seen that Jesus is the fulfillment of the LORD God’s promise that he would send a Savior to rescue us: Jesus is the Savior that crushed the head of Satan and brought hope of eternal life to all who live under the dominion of death; Jesus is the promised Son of Abraham who brought blessing to every family on earth by providing forgiveness for our sins; Jesus is the promised Prophet who speaks God’s Word, God’s Truth to us, the promised priest who brings us into the presence of God, the promised King who rules our hearts and lives with His peace.

This is why the message of the Bible is called the Gospel. Gospel means “good news”, it is the greatest news of all. The Bible tells us how the good news of the birth of the Savior was first announced.

#### Reader

And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”

When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.”

are right in what they have spoken. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him.”

#### Narrator

Forty days after Jesus was resurrected, the Holy Spirit was given to all Christians. The Apostle Peter preaches a famous sermon recorded in the book of Acts. In this sermon he testifies that Jesus fulfilled what Moses had predicted:

#### Reader

“And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago. Moses said, ‘The Lord God will raise up for you a prophet like me from your brothers. You shall listen to him in whatever he tells you. And it shall be that every soul who does not listen to that prophet shall be destroyed from the people.’”

### Carol: “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

*O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here,  
until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice!  
Emmanuel, shall come to thee, O Israel.*

*O come, O come, thou Lord of might,  
Who to thy tribes on Sinai’s height  
In ancient times didst give the law  
In cloud and majesty and awe.  
Rejoice! Rejoice!  
Emmanuel, shall come to thee, O Israel.*

## LESSON 5

### The Savior will be a Priest in the Order of Melchizedek Psalm 110:1-4 & Hebrews 6:19-7:3

#### Narrator

The Bible promised that God’s Savior would not only be a prophet representing God to his people, but also a priest, ministering to the people of God and bringing them into His presence. Hundreds of years before Christ was born, the Holy Spirit spoke through the writer of Psalm 110:

#### Reader

The Lord says to my Lord: “Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool.” The Lord sends forth from Zion your mighty scepter. Rule in the midst of your enemies! Your people will offer themselves freely on the day of your power, in holy garments; From the womb of the morning, the dew of your youth will be yours. The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind, “You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.”

#### Narrator

The writer of Hebrews explains to the early church why Jesus, from the tribe of Judah and not Levi, would be a priest of a different order representing a new covenant with God.

#### Reader

“We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain, where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest forever after the order of Melchizedek. For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him, and to him Abraham apportioned a tenth part of everything. He is first, by translation of his name, king of righteousness, and then he is also king of Salem,

that is, king of peace. He is without father or mother or genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but resembling the Son of God he continues a priest forever.”

### Carol: “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

*O come, thou Day-spring, come and cheer,  
our spirits by thine advent here;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
and death's dark shadows put to flight.  
Rejoice! Rejoice!  
Emmanuel, shall come to thee, O Israel.*

*O come, Desire of Nations, bind,  
in one the hearts of all mankind;  
Bid thou our sad divisions cease,  
and be thyself our King of Peace.  
Rejoice! Rejoice!  
Emmanuel, shall come to thee, O Israel.*

## LESSON 6

### The Savior will be a King in the Line of David 2 Samuel 7:8-13 & John 18:37

#### Narrator

Jesus is the promised son of Abraham, the High Priest, and the Prophet. He also is the promised King from the lineage of David. The greatest of all the Kings of Israel was David. After David had been established as King he had in his heart to build a temple for the LORD. However, when he inquired of the LORD through the prophet Nathan, the LORD sent Nathan back to David and explained to him that he would not be the one to build him a temple. Yet, with this response to David, he also sent a promise of great blessing:

#### Reader

Now, therefore, thus you shall say to my servant David, ‘Thus says the Lord of hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my people Israel. And I have been with you wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies from before you. And I will

make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may dwell in their own place and be disturbed no more. And violent men shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel. And I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

#### Narrator

Over one thousand years later, when Jesus was about to be crucified, Pilate asked him, “Are you a king?” Jesus testified about himself, answering:

#### Reader

“You say correctly that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice.”

### Carol: “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 ass are feeding?  
Good Christians, 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 a song on high;  
The virgin sings her lullaby.  
Joy, joy for Christ is born,  
The babe, the son of Mary.*

## LESSON 7

### The Prophecies and their Fulfillment Isaiah 7:13-14, 9:6-7, Micah 5:2-5, Luke 1:26-38, 2:1-7

#### Narrator

The Prophets who spoke God’s Word to Israel, prophesied of the coming of the Messiah which means “anointed one” from which we get the name Christ. Seven hundred years before Jesus Christ was born, the prophet Isaiah foretold of the sign of the virgin birth and what it would mean for the world. Speaking the words God had given him, he said:

#### Reader

“Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

### Carol: “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 soul 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!  
O night, O holy night, O night divine!*

#### Narrator

Over five hundred years before the birth of Jesus Christ the prophet Micah foresaw Jesus: who he would be and where he would be born when he said:

“But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has given birth; then the rest of his brothers shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth. And he shall be their peace.”

### Carol: “O Holy Night”

*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 Orient land.  
The King of kings lay thus in lowly manger,  
In all our trials, born to be our Friend!  
He knows our need to our weakness is no stranger.  
Behold your King; before him lowly bend!  
Behold your King; before him lowly bend!*

#### Narrator

This is how the prophecies of Isaiah, Micah and the other prophets came to pass.

#### Reader

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin’s name was Mary. And he came to her and said,