Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Luke 2:1-14: And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and *lineage of David*) to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, "Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host **praising God**, and

saying, "<u>Glory to God</u> in the highest, and on earth peace, <u>good will toward men</u>."

• Joy to the world the Lord is come

Luke 2:10-11: I bring you <u>good news</u> of <u>great joy</u> which will be to <u>all people</u>. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a <u>Savior</u>, who is <u>Christ</u> the <u>Lord</u>.

1 Peter 1:8: Joy inexpressible!

2 Corinthians 7:4: Overflowing joy even in suffering.

- Joy to the world the Lord is come
- Let earth <u>receive</u> her King

John 1:11-13: He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. <u>But</u> as many as <u>received</u> Him, to them He gave the right to become <u>children</u> of God, to those who <u>believe</u> in His <u>name</u>: who were <u>born</u>, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but <u>of God</u>.

John 3:3: <u>Most assuredly</u>, I say to you, unless one is <u>born again</u>, he cannot <u>see</u> the <u>kingdom of God</u>.

Ezekiel 36:26-27: I will give you a <u>new heart</u>, and I will put a <u>new spirit</u> in you. I will take out your <u>stony, stubborn</u> heart and give you a <u>tender</u>, <u>responsive</u> heart. I will put <u>My Spirit</u> within you and <u>cause you</u> to <u>walk</u> in My <u>statutes</u>, and you will <u>keep</u> My judgments and <u>do them</u>.

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- Let earth **<u>receive</u>** her King
- Let every heart **prepare** <u>Him</u> <u>room</u>

Luke 2:7: <u>No room</u> for them in the <u>inn</u>.

John 1:29: Behold! The <u>Lamb</u> of God who <u>takes</u> <u>away</u> the <u>sin</u> of the <u>world</u>!

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Matthew 4:16: The people who sat in <u>darkness</u> have seen a <u>great light</u>, and upon those who sat in the region of the shadow of death <u>Light</u> has <u>dawned</u>.

1 Peter 2:9: But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may **proclaim** the praises of Him who called you out of **darkness** into His **marvelous light**.