

Waupun United Methodist Church, Waupun, WI
Worship Hymns and Bible Readings – Christmas Eve, 2020

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 all their songs employ; while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
repeat the sound joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

**No more let sin 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.**

The Angel

Luke 2:8-14 New Living Translation (NLT)

⁸That night there were shepherds staying in the fields nearby, guarding their flocks of sheep. ⁹Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord's glory surrounded them. They were terrified, ¹⁰but the angel reassured them. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. ¹¹The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David! ¹²And you will recognize him by this sign: You will find a baby wrapped snugly in strips of cloth, lying in a manger."

¹³Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others—the armies of heaven—praising God and saying,

¹⁴"Glory to God in highest heaven,
and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased."

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

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 all, from heaven's all-gracious King!"
 The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come 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.

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

The Shepherd's Staff

Luke 2:15-20 New Living Translation (NLT)

¹⁵ When the angels had returned to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, "Let's go to Bethlehem! Let's see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

¹⁶ They hurried to the village and found Mary and Joseph. And there was the baby, lying in the manger. ¹⁷ After seeing him, the shepherds told everyone what had happened and what the angel had said to them about this child. ¹⁸ All who heard the shepherds' story were astonished, ¹⁹ but Mary kept all these things in her heart and thought about them often. ²⁰ The shepherds went back to their flocks, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen. It was just as the angel had told them.

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

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

the angel of the Lord came down, and glory shone around, and glory shone around.

“Fear not!” said he, for mighty dread had seized their troubled mind.
 “Glad tidings of great joy I bring to all of humankind, to all of humankind.

“To you, in David’s town, this day is born of David’s line
 a Savior, who is Christ the Lord, and this shall be the sign, and this shall be the sign.

“The heavenly babe you there shall find to human view displayed,
 all meanly wrapped in swathing bands, and in a manger laid, and in a manger laid.”

“All glory be to God on high, and to the earth be peace
 good will henceforth from heaven to earth begin and never cease, begin and never cease!”

The Manger

Luke 2:1-7 New Living Translation (NLT)

2 At that time the Roman emperor, Augustus, decreed that a census should be taken throughout the Roman Empire. ² (This was the first census taken when Quirinius was governor of Syria.) ³ All returned to their own ancestral towns to register for this census. ⁴ And because Joseph was a descendant of King David, he had to go to Bethlehem in Judea, David’s ancient home. He traveled there from the village of Nazareth in Galilee. ⁵ He took with him Mary, to whom he was engaged, who was now expecting a child.

⁶ And while they were there, the time came for her baby to be born. ⁷ She gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him snugly in strips of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no lodging available for them.

Away In a Manger

**Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
 The stars in the sky looked down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.**

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes, but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes;
I love thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the heavens looked down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
I love thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.
Stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

The Heart (of God)

1 John 4:9 New Living Translation (NLT)

⁹ God showed how much he loved us by sending his one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him.

Love Came Down at Christmas

Love came down at Christmas, Love all lovely, Love divine;
Love was born at Christmas; star and angels gave the sign.

Love came down at Christmas, Love all lovely, Love divine;
Love was born at Christmas; star and angels gave the sign.

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.**

**Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht! Alles schlaft, einsam wacht
nur das traute hoch heilige paar, Holder Knabe mit lockigem Haar,
schlaf im himmlischer Ruh, schlaf im himmlischer Ruh.**

**Noche de paz, noche de amor! Todo duerme en derredor;
entre los astros que esparcen su luz bella, anunciando al ninito Jesus,
brilla la estrella de paz, brilla la estrella de paz**

**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!**