

## 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 quail at the sight  
Glories stream from heaven afar  
Heav'nly hosts sing alleluia  
Christ the Saviour is born  
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### Prayer

**Lord God, we bring before you the many ways the world is full of darkness and brokenness, and we are sorry for the ways we have made it darker by our own thoughts, words and actions. Thank you for loving us so much that you sent Jesus to bring light into our lives. We are sorry for keeping him at arm's length, and we ask that Jesus would come into our lives so that we can know what it means to live life as your children. Amen.**

## HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING

Glory to the newborn king.  
Peace on earth and mercy mild  
God and sinners reconciled,  
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 man to dwell,

Final Prayer

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  
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Jesus, our Emmanuel!  
*Hark! the herald angels sing...*

Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace  
Hail, the Son 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 sons of earth,  
Born to give them second birth.

*Hark! the herald angels sing...*

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## A Warm Welcome to St. Andrew's

8<sup>th</sup> December 2024 The Second Sunday of Advent,  
**Joe Dent** is leading and **Rob Fowler** is preaching.

## O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM,

How still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
The silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth  
The everlasting light;  
The hopes and fears of all the years  
Are met in thee tonight.

O morning stars, together  
Proclaim the holy birth,  
And praises sing to God the King,  
And peace to men on earth;  
For Christ is born of Mary;  
And, gathered all above,  
While mortals sleep, the angels keep  
Their watch of wondering love.

How silently, how silently  
The wondrous gift is given!  
So God imparts to human hearts  
The blessings of his heaven.  
No ear may hear his coming;  
But in this world of sin,  
Where meek souls will receive Him, still  
The dear Christ enters in.

O holy child of Bethlehem,  
Descend to us, we pray;  
Cast out our sin, and enter in,  
Be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels  
The great glad tidings tell:  
O come to us, abide with us,  
Our Lord Emmanuel.

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Reading: Micah 5:2-5a p933

This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### **JOY TO THE WORLD, THE LORD HAS COME**

Let earth receive her King  
Let every heart prepare Him room  
And heaven and nature sing  
And heaven and nature sing

*Hallelujah hallelujah  
Hallelujah peace on earth.  
Hallelujah God is with us His name is Jesus*

Joy to the world, the Saviour reigns  
Let men their songs employ  
While fields and floods  
Rocks hills and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy  
Repeat the sounding joy  
*Repeat Chorus*

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  
*Repeat Chorus*

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Interview

### **O HOLY NIGHT THE STARS ARE BRIGHTLY SHINING**

It is the night of our dear Saviour's birth  
Long lay the world in sin and error pining  
'til He appeared and the soul felt its worth  
A thrill of hope the weary world 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*

Truly He taught us to love one another  
His law is love and His gospel is peace  
Chains He shall 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 power and glory evermore,  
Evermore proclaim  
His power and glory evermore,  
Evermore proclaim*

*Fall on your knees  
O hear the angel voices  
O night divine  
O night when Christ was born*

*O night divine,  
O night, O night divine!*

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Reading: Matthew 1:18-25 p 965-966

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Reading: Matthew 2:1-12 p 966

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Talk Rob Fowler