

Christmas Day Worship 2020

Opening Reading

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.
John 1: 1 - 5

Welcome

Song **Come and Join the Celebration**

*Come and join the celebration
It's a very special day
Come and share our jubilation;
There's a new King born today!*

See, the shepherds
Hurry down to Bethlehem,
Gaze in wonder
At the Son of God who lay before them

Wise men journey,
Led to worship by a star
Kneel in homage
Bringing precious gifts from lands afar, so

"God is with us"
Round the world the message bring
He is with us
"Welcome", all the bells on earth are pealing

Which Character (1) ?

Story Zoe

Carol **Shepherds Watch and Wise Men Wonder (God's Surprise)**

God surprises earth with heaven
Coming here on Christmas Day.

Shepherds watch and wise men wonder,
Monarchs scorn and angels sing;
Such a place as none would reckon
Hosts a holy helpless thing;
Stable beasts and by-passed strangers
Watch a baby laid in hay:
God surprises earth with heaven
Coming here on Christmas Day.

Who would think that what was needed
To transform and save the earth
Might not be a plan or army,
Proud in purpose, proved in worth?
Who would think, despite derision,
That a child should lead the way?
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Prayers

Christmas Character 2

Christmas Alphabet Challenge

Carol **O Little Town of Bethlehem**

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;
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.

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

How silently, how silently,
The wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of His heav'n.
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 to us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell:
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Emmanuel.

Alphabet Challenge - answers

Christmas Character 3

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!

God of God, Light of Light,
Lo, He abhors not the Virgin's womb;
Very God,
Begotten, not created:
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,

*O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord!*

See how the shepherd,
Summoned to his cradle,
Leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly fear;

We too will thither

Bend our joyful footsteps:

*O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord!*

Lo! Star-led chieftains,
Magi, Christ adoring,
Offer him incense, gold, and myrrh;

We to the Christ Child

Bring our hearts' oblations:

*O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord!*

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!

Glory to God

In the highest:

*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,
Jesu, to Thee be glory given;
Word of the Father,
Now in flesh appearing:
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord!

Blessing

Joseph by Jake Thackray

Joseph, Joseph, in your cattle stall,
Joseph, Joseph, what do you make of it all, make of it all?

You and your working man's hands and your wrinkled eyes,
How come that you understand? How come so wise?
How come that you show no surprise
When all around the snowy ground is golden tonight, this frosty night?
How come that you know just who the baby is this winter midnight?

Oh, Joseph, Joseph, in your cattle stall,
Joseph, Joseph, what do you make of it all?

Do you know these three Kings, just who they are:
Caspar and Melchior and Balthazar?
Do you know why they came so far
Or even why the air is full of angels tonight, this frosty night?
And why your head is full of music on this winter midnight?

Oh, Joseph, Joseph, in your cattle stall,
Joseph, Joseph, what do you make of it all?

You were so true for so long, so unafraid
But nobody sings you any songs, no serenades.
And although your face is old and pale
Yet I, for one, will keep you in my mind's eye tonight, this frosty night;
You're just the man that I want to remember on this winter midnight.

Oh, Joseph, Joseph, in your cattle stall,
Joseph, Joseph, what do you make of it all, make of it all?