

Family Liturgy

THE BIRTH OF THE LORD

25th December, 2022



PREPARATION

Set up your sacred space. Place a white cloth, cross, bible and candle.

Add any other symbols relevant to your family.

Light the candle or use a battery operated candle for safety.

GATHER

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



COLLECT

Loving God, help us to celebrate this special day. That we may remember Jesus was born to be with us on earth.

GOSPEL

A reading from the gospel according to Luke 2:1-14

Emperor Augustus gave orders for the names of all the people to be listed in record books. These first records were made when Quirinius was governor of Syria.

Everyone had to go to their own hometown to be listed. So Joseph had to leave Nazareth in Galilee and go to Bethlehem in Judea. Long ago Bethlehem had been King David's hometown, and Joseph went there because he was from David's family.

Mary was engaged to Joseph and travelled with him to Bethlehem. She was soon going to have a baby, and while they were there, she gave birth to her first-born son. She dressed him in baby clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

That night in the fields near Bethlehem some shepherds were guarding their sheep. All at once an angel came down to them from the Lord, and the brightness of the Lord's glory flashed around them.

The shepherds were frightened.

But the angel said, "Don't be afraid! I have good news for you, which will make everyone happy. This very day in King David's hometown a Saviour was born for you. He is Christ the Lord. You will know who he is, because you will find him dressed in baby clothes and lying in a manger."

Suddenly many other angels came down from heaven and joined in praising God. They said: "Praise God in heaven! Peace on earth to everyone who pleases God."

The gospel of the Lord.

R: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



The Christmas Story



Watch: Gospel story from Luke 2:1-14

REFLECT

I wonder how Mary was feeling while they were travelling...

I wonder what Joseph was thinking while they were going to Bethlehem...

I wonder what the shepherds were saying after the angel came to them...

I wonder how God felt when Jesus was born...

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

Bring to mind any special intentions that you would like to pray for today.

Pray **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

DISMISSAL

May God bless us and protect us, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

ENDING SONG

"Joy to the World" by Listener Kids

ACTIVITIES

Pray: Write a prayer to Jesus in your journal

Colouring page: Mary, Joseph & Jesus →

Write and give a Christmas card to someone who may need a message of joy, hope and love.

