

O Little Town of Bethlehem

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 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 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

WELCOME: CHRISTMAS EVE AT BIRDFISH

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Luke 2:1-7

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.*

Luke 2:8-14

Sing, choirs of angels,
 Sing in exultation;
 Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above.
 Glory to God,
 Glory in the highest;

Luke 2:15-20

Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
 Born this happy morning;
 Jesus, to thee be all glory given.
 Son of the Father,
 Now in flesh appearing;

CORPORATE READING

Psalm 136:1-3; 7-9; 26

- ¹ Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.
His love endures forever.
- ² Give thanks to the God of gods.
His love endures forever.
- ³ Give thanks to the Lord of lords:
His love endures forever...
- ⁷ who made the great lights—
His love endures forever.
- ⁸ the sun to govern the day,
His love endures forever.
- ⁹ the moon and stars to govern the night;
His love endures forever.
- ²⁶ Give thanks to the God of heaven.
His love endures forever.

LIGHTING THE CANDLES

O Holy Night

O holy night, the stars are brightly shining,
 It is the night of the dear Savior's birth;
 Long lay the world in sin and error pining,
 'Till 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, Oh hear the angel voices!
 O night divine! O night when Christ was born.
 O night divine, O night, O night divine.

Truly He taught us to love one another;
 His law is Love and His gospel is Peace;
 Chains shall he 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 proclaim,
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PRAYER OF PRAISE

We praise you, Almighty God, Maker of Light, Author of Life,
 Whose love endures forever. Lead us to You. Help us to see
 you more plainly, to hear you more clearly, and to walk in the
 Light of your Love. Amen.