

Christmas Eve Worship at Home

CALL TO WORSHIP

(If you have an Advent Wreath, Light all Advent Candles and an additional candle from your home to serve as the Christ Candle. Say together or responsively)

Christ is born; give him glory!

Christ has come down from heaven; let us welcome him with joy!



SONG: O Come All Ye Faithful (UMH #234)

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;

Refrain:

O come, let us adore him,

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O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

God of God, Light of Light eternal,

Lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;

Son of the Father, begotten, not created;

[Refrain]

Child, for us sinners poor and in the manger,

We would embrace thee with love and awe.

Who would not love thee, loving us so dearly?

[Refrain]

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,

Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above:

"Glory to God, all glory in the highest!" [Refrain]

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;

Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n;

Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing; [Refrain]

SCRIPTURE: Luke 2:1-20

(Read the scripture and talk about what Christmas and Jesus' birth mean to each person in your family.)

COMMUNION

(Receive the wafer and the juice and say the prayer together)

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may continue in the world in the strength of your Spirit to give ourselves for others. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SHARING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST: Silent Night (UMH #239)

(Use the battery operated light(s) in your bag or a candle in your home and light your candle(s) as you sing)

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 quake at the sight!

Glories stream from heaven afar;

Heavenly hosts sing Al-le-lu-ia!

Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born!

Silent night, holy night

Son of God, oh, love's pure light

Radiant beams from Thy holy face

With the dawn of redeeming grace

Jesus, Lord at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord at Thy birth

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!

CLOSING PRAYER

(Say together)

Holy God, by the birth of Jesus, you gave us a great light to dawn on our darkness. We pray that as we receive that your light, we may shine your light in our lives and in the world. Amen.