

Crossway Multinational Church

We will begin around 10AM  
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Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.  
 Worship the Lord with gladness;  
 come before him with joyful songs.

PSALM 100:1-2

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 Our greeting time will begin shortly,  
 thank you for coming early!

December 13, 2020

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Welcome to  
**Crossway Multinational Church!**

We **strive** to be a **church** that is  
**for, of and by**  
 the peoples of many nations

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Sign up for church e-mails  
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	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
DECEMBER	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	27	28	29	30	31	1	2
JANUARY	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16

Prayer Gathering, 4:30PM

Christmas Eve, 5:00PM

Online worship services until things improve...

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**GREETINGS**

Take a moment to turn on video and “look around”

- Feel free to use the chat function to greet others too

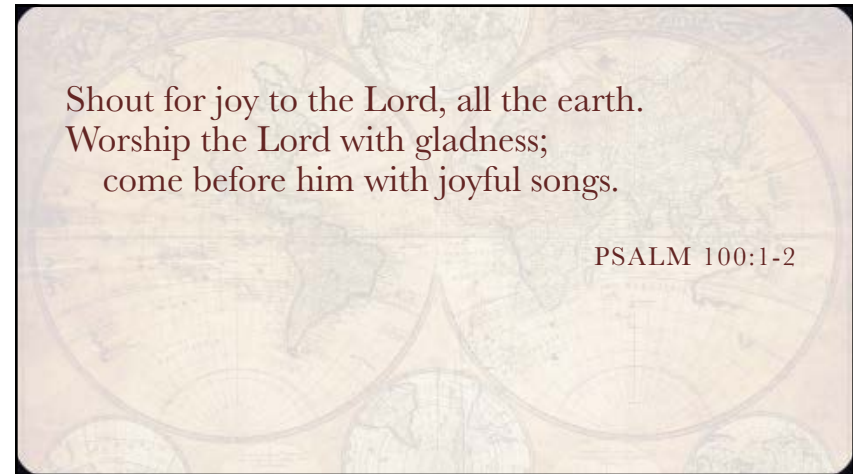
**Waving poll: Give a big wave if...**

- You have a November or December birthday
- You can remember when you were half of your current age
- You will turn 90 years old this week!
  - → Happy birthday, Jerry Hull!!
  - Unmute and wish Jerry a Happy Birthday!
- You are thankful for that God is always with us!

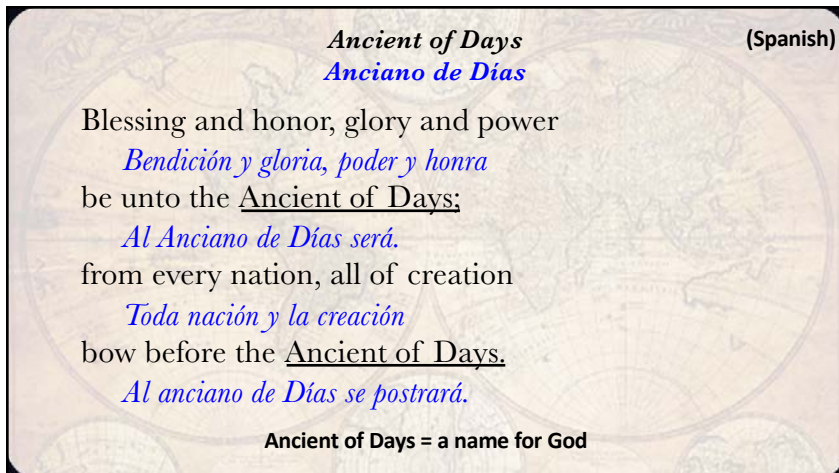
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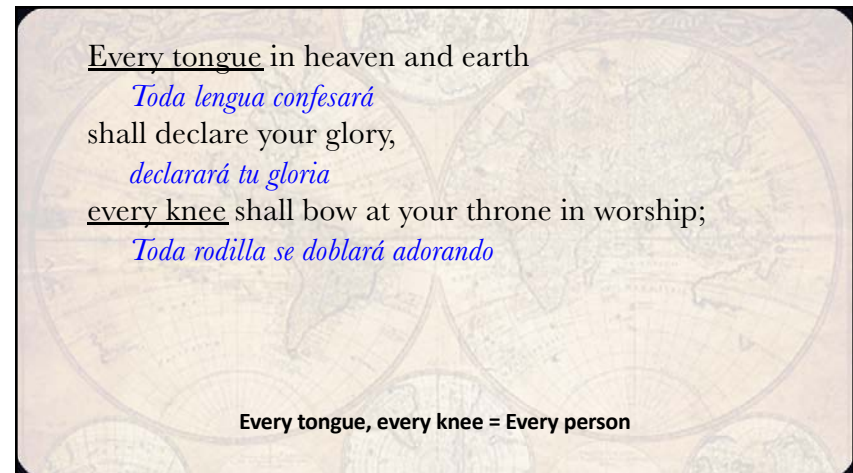
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You will be exalted O God,  
*Tu nombre exaltado será*  
 and your kingdom shall not pass away,  
 O Ancient of Days.  
*y Tu Reino, Anciano de Días, no pasará*

pass away = come to an end

9

Blessing and honor, glory and power  
*Bendición y gloria, poder y honra*  
 be unto the Ancient of Days;  
*Al Anciano de Días será.*  
 from every nation, all of creation  
*Toda nación y la creación*  
 bow before the Ancient of Days.  
*Al anciano de Días se postrará.*

Ancient of Days = a name for God

10

Every tongue in heaven and earth  
*Toda lengua confesará*  
 shall declare your glory,  
*declarará tu gloria*  
every knee shall bow at your throne in worship;  
*Toda rodilla se doblará adorando*

Every tongue, every knee = Every person

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Your kingdom shall reign over all the earth;  
*¡Sobre la tierra tu reinarás!*

*clap, clap, clap*

sing unto the Ancient of Days.  
*¡Al Anciano de Días cantad!*

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For none can compare to your matchless worth:  
*¡Tu gran dignidad Dios es sin igual!*

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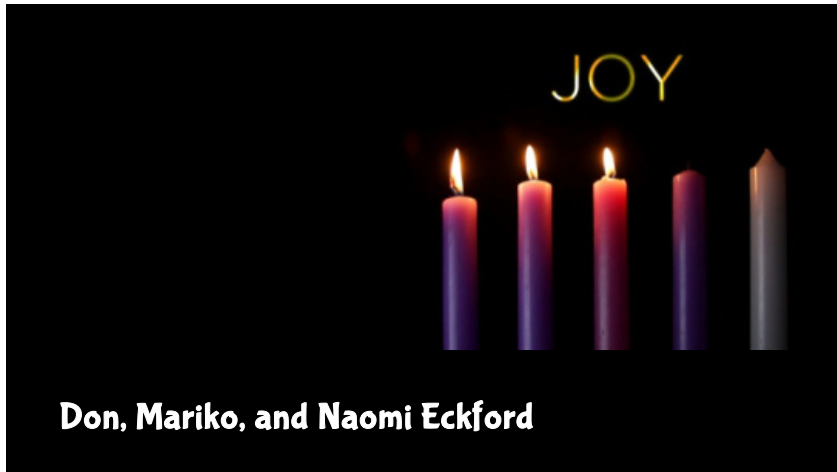
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Japanese

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**manger = animal feeding box**

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### *Joy Has Dawned*

Joy has dawned upon the world,  
Promised from creation—  
God's salvation now unfurled,  
Hope for ev'ry nation.

dawned = began to shine  
unfurled = spread out  
ev'ry = every

40

Not with fanfares from above,  
 Not with scenes of glory,  
 But a humble gift of love—  
 Jesus born of Mary.

**fanfares = ceremonies to show importance  
 scenes = events**

41

Sounds of wonder fill the sky  
 With the songs of angels  
 As the mighty Prince of Life  
Shelters in a stable.

**Prince of Life = Jesus Christ  
 Shelters = finds warmth and protection  
 stable = (part of) building for animals**

42

Hands that set each star in place,  
 Shaped the earth in darkness,  
 Cling now to a mother's breast,  
Vulnerable and helpless.

**Vulnerable = needing his mother's care and protection**

43

Shepherds bow before the Lamb  
 Gazing at the glory  
 Gifts of men from distant lands  
Prophesy the story

**men from distant lands = the wise men who visited Jesus  
 Prophesy = make known Jesus' identity by their gifts**

44

Gold -- a King is born today  
Incense -- God is with us  
Myrrh -- His death will make a way  
 And by His blood He'll win us.

Gold, Incense (spice), Myrrh (fragrance) = gifts that the wise men gave Jesus  
 blood = Jesus' death  
 win us = rescue us from our trouble

45

Son of Adam, Son of heaven,  
 Given as a ransom:  
Reconciling God and man,  
 Christ, our mighty champion!

Son of Adam = Jesus is a human  
 Son of heaven = Jesus is God  
 ransom = payment made to release a prisoner  
 Reconciling = restore friendship and peace  
 champion = victorious defender

46

What a Savior! What a Friend!  
 What a glorious mystery!  
 Once a babe in Bethlehem,  
 Now the Lord of history.

Bethlehem = where Jesus was born

47

Gloria in excelsis Deo  
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Come to Bethlehem and see  
 Him whose birth the angels sing  
 Come adore on bended knee  
 Christ the Lord the newborn King

Gloria in excelsis Deo = Glory to God in the highest

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*Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*

Hark! the herald angels sing,  
 “Glory to the newborn King:  
 Peace on earth, and mercy mild,  
 God and sinners reconciled!”

**Hark! = Listen!**  
**herald angels = messengers from God**  
**mercy mild = gracious kindness**  
**reconciled = now at peace**

50

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.”

**ye = you**  
**triumph = song of praise**  
**angelic host = many angels**  
**Bethlehem = where Jesus was born**

51

Christ, by highest heaven adored;  
 Christ, the everlasting Lord!  
Late in time behold Him come,  
 offspring of the Virgin’s womb.

**highest heaven = angels great and small**  
**Late in time = after a long wait**  
**Virgin’s womb = Mary, the mother of Jesus**

52

Veiled in flesh the God-head see;  
hail the incarnate Deity,  
 pleased as man with men to dwell,  
 Jesus, our Emmanuel.  
 Hark! the herald angels sing,  
 “Glory to the newborn King.”

**Veiled = hidden**  
**God-head = God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit**  
**hail = praise**  
**incarnate = as a human being**  
**Emmanuel = God with us**

53

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
 Light and life to all He brings,  
risen with healing in His wings.

**Hail = call out to**  
**Sun of Righteousness = God's goodness shining brightly on us**  
**risen = came to life after death**  
**His wings = God's care for people**

54

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,  
 “Glory to the newborn King.”

**Mild = willingly**

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羊は *Hitsuji Wa / Sheep Fast Asleep* Japanese

羊はねむれり  
 Hitsuji wa nemureri,

*Sheep fast asleep, there on a hill*

草の床に  
 Kusa no toko ni,

*Grass for their bed; all else is still.*

56

冴えゆく 冬の夜  
 Sae-yuku fuyu no yo,  
 Cold winter night, the frost appears  
 霜も見えつ  
 shimo mo mietsu.  
 shepherds keep watch by their fire

keep watch = guard the sheep

57

遥かに 響くは  
 Harukani hibiku wa,  
 Soft there a sound, far, far away  
 風か、水か?  
 kaze ka, mizu ka?  
 Is it the stream? Winds at play?

58

否とよ、御使い  
 Ina to yo, mitsukai,  
Nay, friend, it is the heavenly choir  
 歌う 御歌  
 utau miuta.  
 singing throughout the spheres

Nay = No  
 spheres = planets

59

真昼に おとらぬ  
 Mahiru ni otoranu,  
 Star in the sky, shining so bright  
 奇しき光  
 kushiki hikari,  
 Silent and pure, wondrous light!

60

御空の かなたに  
Misora no kanata ni,  
What tidings bring it, Israel?  
照りかがやく  
teri-kagayaku.  
Can we new hope in it find?

tidings = news

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救いをもたらす  
Sukui wo motarasu,  
Good news it brings! "Fear not, I pray!"  
神の御子の  
Kami no Miko no,  
Born is God's son, born today!

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生まれしよろこび  
Umareshi yorokobi,  
God's gift of love to all mankind  
告ぐる星か?  
tsuguru hoshi ka?  
Our Lord, Immanuel."

Immanuel = Name for Jesus

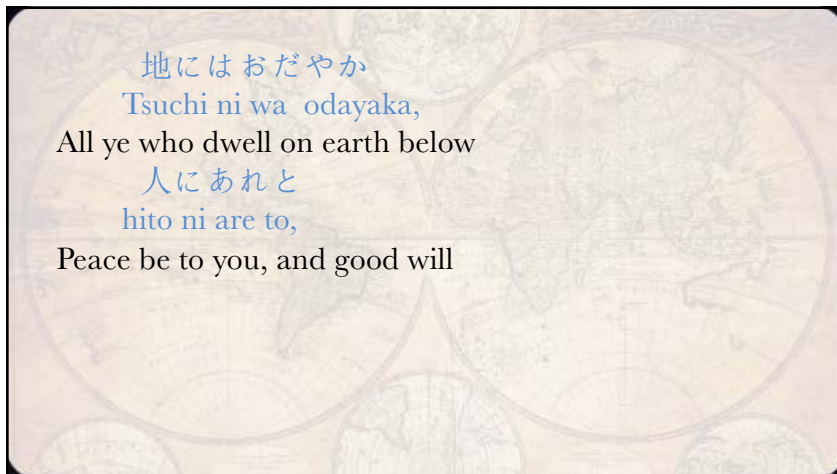
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天には御栄え  
Ame ni wa misakae,  
Glory to God! Glory on high!  
神にあれや  
Kami ni are ya,  
Sing your Noel! Day is nigh!

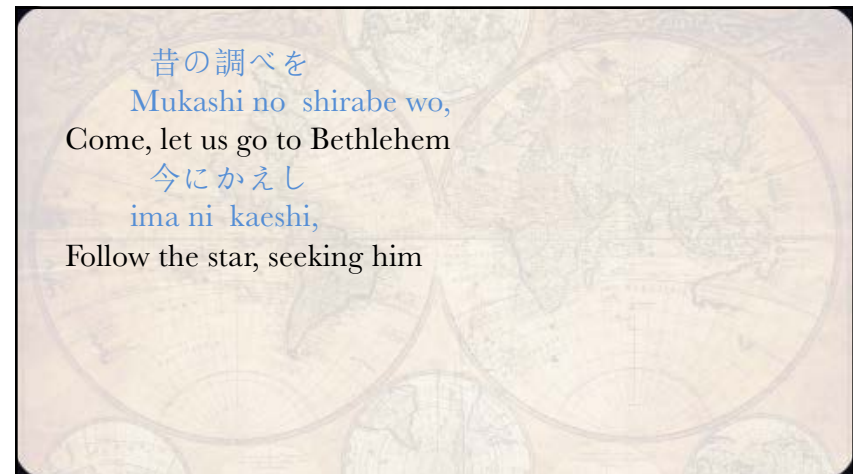
Noel = Christmas!  
nigh = near

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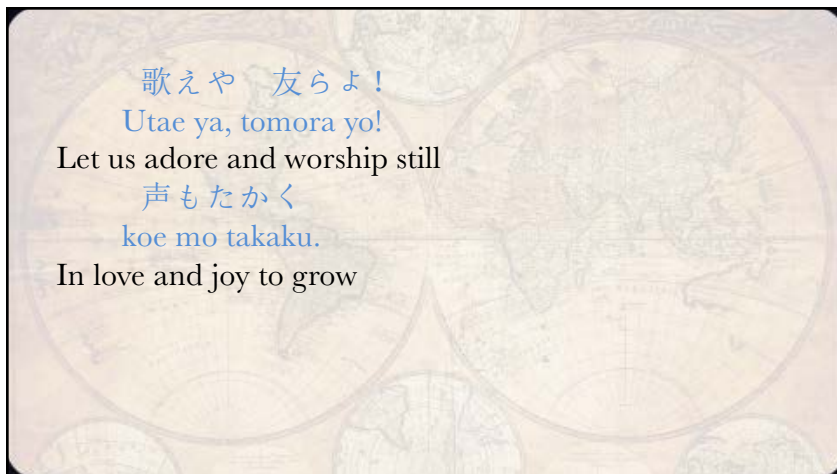




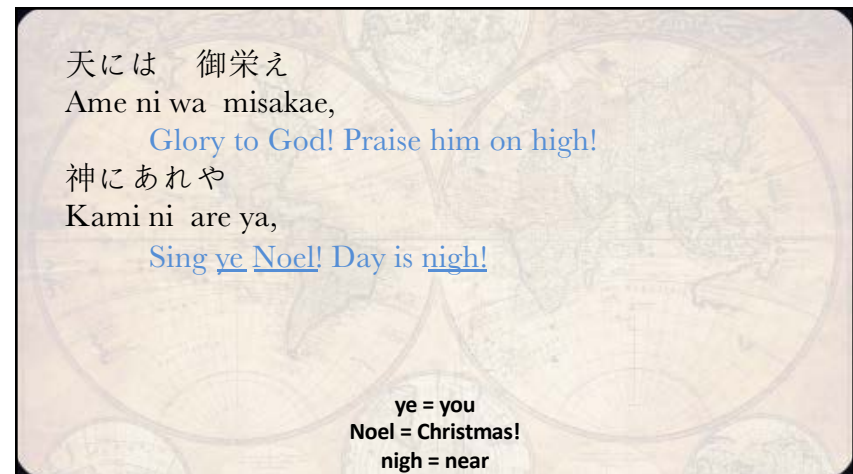
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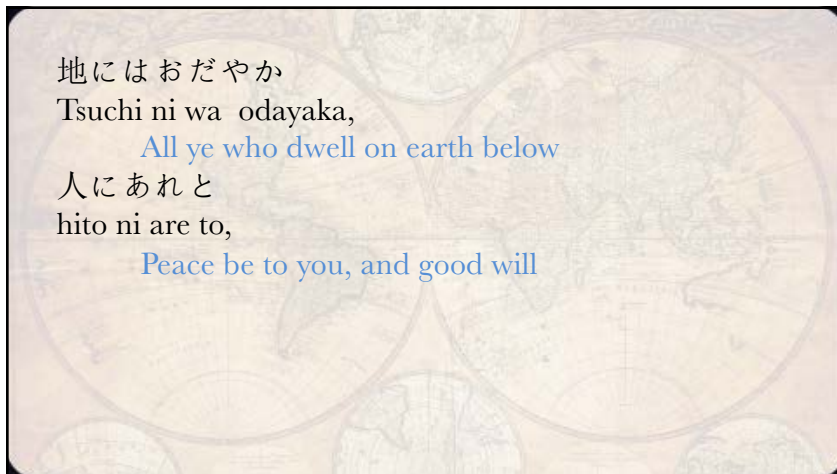
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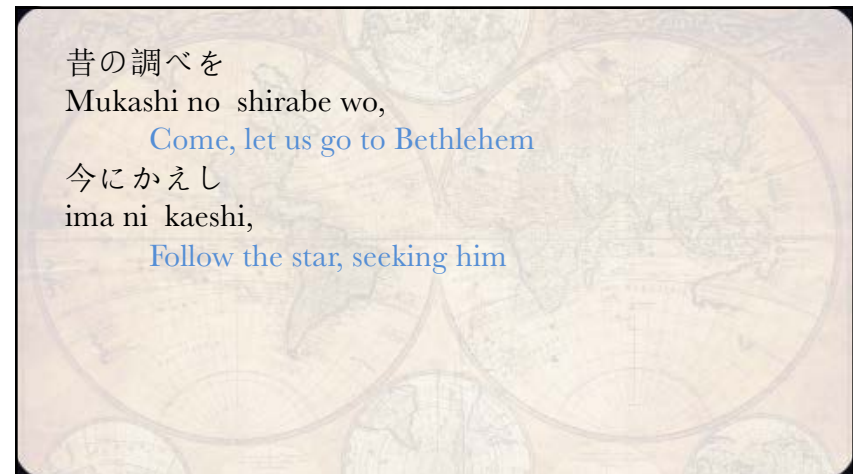
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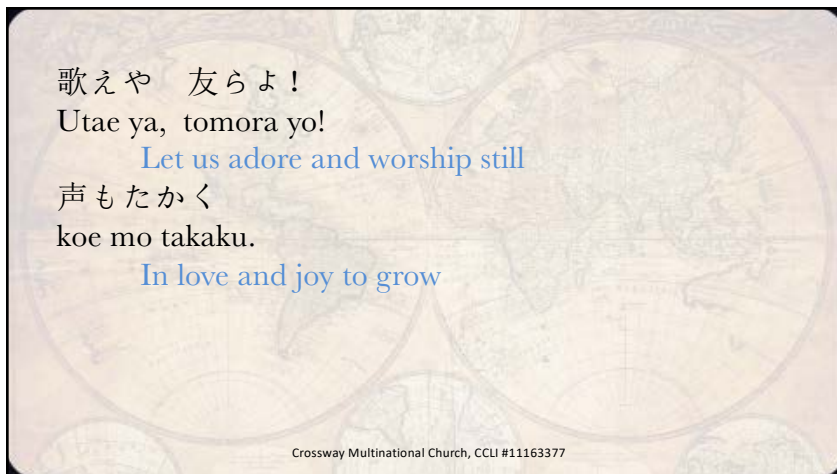
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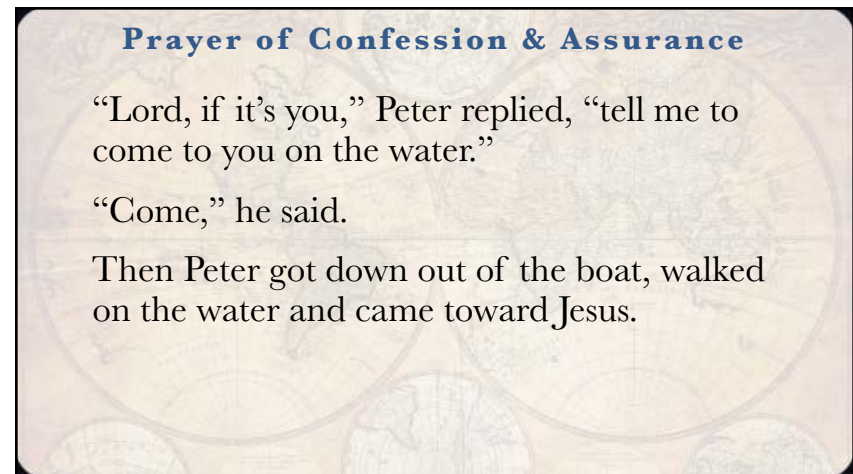
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**Prayer of Confession & Assurance**

**But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!"**

**Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?"**

MATTHEW 14:28-31

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***Only A Holy God***

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven?  
Who else could make every king bow down?  
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles?  
Only a Holy God!

hosts of heaven = angels

74

What other beauty demands such praises?  
What other splendor outshines the sun?  
What other majesty rules with justice?  
Only a Holy God!

demand = requires  
splendor = magnificence, grandeur  
majesty = royal power

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Come and behold Him,  
the One and the Only.  
Cry out, sing holy,  
forever a Holy God.  
Come and worship the Holy God.

behold = see, study  
Cry out = Shout out loud

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What other glory consumes like fire?  
 What other power can raise the dead?  
 What other name remains undefeated?  
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**consumes = overwhelms and destroys smaller glories**

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Who else could rescue me from my failing?  
 Who else would offer His only Son?  
 Who else invites me to call Him Father?  
 Only a Holy God.  
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**failing = immoral actions and attitudes  
 Son = Jesus Christ**

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Come and behold Him,  
 the One and the Only.  
Cry out, sing holy,  
 forever a Holy God.  
 Come and worship our Holy God.

**behold = see, study**  
**Cry out = Shout out loud**

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**Giving praise to God for His work in 2020**

**and**

**Looking with faith and anticipation to 2021**

*Pastor John*

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**1 Chronicles 29:10-14**

David praised the Lord in the presence of the whole assembly,  
 saying,

“Praise be to you, Lord,  
 the God of our father Israel,  
 from everlasting to everlasting.

Yours, Lord, is the greatness and the power  
 and the glory and the majesty and the splendor,  
 for everything in heaven and earth is yours.

Yours, Lord, is the kingdom;  
 you are exalted as head over all.

Marita de Leon

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**1 Chronicles 29:10-14**

“Wealth and honor come from you;  
 you are the ruler of all things.

In your hands are strength and power  
 to exalt and give strength to all.

Now, our God, we give you thanks,  
 and praise your glorious name.

But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to  
 give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have  
 given you only what comes from your hand.”

Marita de Leon

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**Thanks for God's work in 2020**  
**Finances**

In such a challenging year:

- People's faithful giving, perhaps reaching: \$100,000 (had budgeted 140,000)
- Savings and additions:
  - Paycheck Protection Program Grant: \$18,600
  - Reduced expenses by nearly \$20,000
  - Joan Bell Memorial gifts: \$4,910

We are better off at the end of 2020 than we had planned at the start of 2020

***Our plans for 2021 are a bigger stretch for us than we anticipated***

Jim Eddy

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**Thanks for God's work in 2020**  
**Staying connected**

Such a challenging year! So thankful for...

- our times of worship and fellowship each Sunday
- our active children's ministry
- our Life Groups and other connections that continue
  - Including the creative in-person connections in warmer weather
- Prayer team, Helps ministry, meals, and other support
- ministry teams that have stayed active for ministry via technology, including the Board, the Elders, the External Ministry Team, the Intercultural Resource Team, the Finance Team, the Worship Team, the Coronavirus Advisory Team

John Bonnell

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**Thanks for God's work in 2020**  
**Active in ministry**

**External ministry:**

- Serving around the globe in new ways: Myanmar, Zimbabwe, Kenya, Detroit
- Scholarships for theological training for people in South Asia
- People from around the globe joining our worship services to share with us
- Giving and serving in our local community: Christian Services of Lansing, Rescue Mission of Lansing, Love Clothing Center
- Caring for people in extended care facilities
- "People in Cultural Transitions" team
- Bridges International through Mengyan Wang and other connections

**Internal ministry:**

- Joining together in days of great challenge, especially in terms of political turmoil, racial tensions, and pandemic challenges
- Growing together in faith, loving and serving others
- New people that God has brought to us

John Bonnell

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**Anticipating God's work in 2021**

**Part 1:** Active expectation for God's work even while COVID restrictions are in place

- Active in ministry in the midst of the restrictions
- Preparing for the work God has in store for us

**Part 2:** Eager for reduced restrictions for face-to-face ministry in the late spring and summer (Lord willing)

**"Growing in Christ together through all of us"**

Allan Greig

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### Our call to Crossway

- **Be generous** in our own settings, especially for those who are financially at risk
- **Give** additional financial gifts (as each one is able) to the church before the end of the year to set us up for increased ministry in 2021
- **Pray** for faith, wisdom, & provision for ministry growth in 2021
- **Invite people** into this life together in the vision of God, including not-yet-Christians as well as Christians without a church home

Allan Greig

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### Planning for a Big Celebration

**What are some big events in our lives that we may celebrate?**

**How might we make these celebrations into wonderful events?**

**What did God do to celebrate His greatest miracle?**

**What does that tell us about Him and what He values?**

**What does that tell us about what it's like to follow Him?**

**Pray: bring us great joy in seeing your glory in humility**

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### Pointing to the Son Luke 2:1-20



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### Luke 2:1-7

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) And everyone went to their own town to register.

So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

manger = feeding box for animals

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*Luke 2:1-20***1-7: The lowly birth of the Son of God**

- Contrasts

<b>Caesar Augustus</b>	<b>Jesus</b>
Emperor _____	Peasant
Rome _____	Small towns (1,000 people?)
Ruler of the Roman Empire _____	Poor infant
Issued decrees _____	Followed those decrees
All must obey him _____	Poor parents paid taxes to Caesar
Lived in a palace _____	Born with the animals
Had a royal bed _____	Slept in an animal feeding trough

→ The lowest gets the worst sleeping room

8-12:

13-14:

15-20:

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**Birth of the Son of God: The greatest possible event!****It is mind boggling in its greatness!**

- The Son of God, the creator, the infinite, the beginning and the end, the one who is Life, all powerful & glorious
- **Became** a human being. Really!
  - “all the fullness of deity in bodily form” *Colossians 2:9*
- To be the Savior for humanity

**Shocking in its lowliness!**

- A baby born to a poor young couple, with the animals, sleeping in a feeding trough, ignored by humanity
- **That's it???**

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**Luke 2:8-12**

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

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*Luke 2:1-20*

1-7: The lowly birth of the Son of God

**8-12: A glorious announcement brought to the lowly**

- Lowly audience and setting
  - Shepherds: Dirty, untrustworthy, troublemakers
  - At night, in the fields, outside a small village
- God's angel: literally “messenger” (often appeared human)
- The glory of the Lord: His overwhelming presence
  - Above and beyond the presence of an angel
- Why rejoice? Good news (evangelism) of great joy!
  - Birth of God's Savior (Jesus) + Messiah + God

13-14: • Sign: a loved baby in the lowliest place

15-20: • who is the greatest possible being!

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**Luke 2:13-14**

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

“Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”

great company of the heavenly host = vast group of angels

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**Luke 2:1-20**

1-7: The lowly birth of the Son of God

8-12: A glorious announcement brought to the lowly

13-14: ...that got even more amazingly glorious!

- “Suddenly”: timing as well as significance
- “Great company of the heavenly host” = the angelic army of God
  - Power & majesty
- The right response to what just happened: praise!
  - Glory in the greatest place
  - Peace = full salvation to a broken world
  - The love and power of God has entered our broken

15-20: world to bring life and joy!

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**Luke 2:15-20**

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.”

So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

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**Luke 2:1-20**

1-7: The lowly birth of the Son of God

8-12: A glorious announcement brought to the lowly

13-14: ...that got even more amazingly glorious!

15-20: **Resulting in joyful praise and evangelism by the lowly**

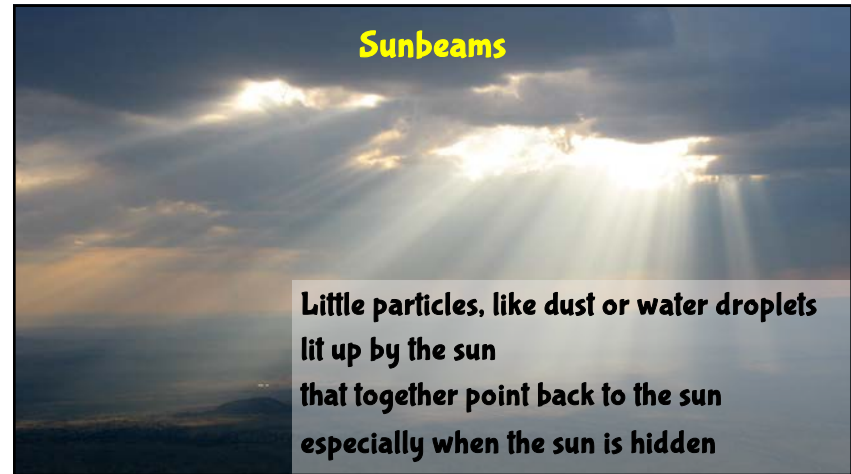
- Amazingly glorious announcement given only to a few lowly people (angels went back to heaven)
- They went to Bethlehem **because** they believed
- They became the ‘evangelists’ (good news tellers) of this amazing news with joy and praise
  - Event (birth) and Meaning (Savior, Christ, Lord)
- The most glorious ‘hidden’ in lowliness

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*The Big Idea*

**God entered humanity  
by the Son of God becoming a human being  
to bring light and life to a broken and dying world  
through and among the lowliest  
of people and conditions**

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→ **Sonbeams**  
Unimportant people  
lit up by the Son of God  
who joyfully point back to Him

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*Application*

Give joyful praise to the Son of God who has entered humanity in great humility to bring us life and joy

- God's solution is **not** a message, a rebuke, a threat, a pep talk, a technique, a good example to follow, ...
- It is God Himself with us: Emmanuel
- He is our salvation! Our rescue! Our hope!
- **In breathtaking humility**
  - "The Son **made himself nothing** by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, **he humbled himself** by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!" *Philippians 2:7-8*

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*Application*

Give joyful praise to the Son of God who has entered humanity in great humility to bring us life and joy

- The world doesn't point us to this joy
  - It keeps pointing us to human problems and solutions
  - "Peter saw the wind and began to sink..."
- It takes faith and intention to see the work of God in lowliness. Because...
  - **God works out His purposes in human events even when appearances seem to deny His presence or power**
- It takes faith to see God's work of love among us
- Choose to give joyful praise by looking at the Son of God

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*Application*

Trust in God's unstoppable work, even when it is hard to see

- **So few people knew of this greatest miracle of God!**
- **So little changed in the next 30 years, then He died on a cross**
- **Powerful people imagined they could oppose it**
- **People who believed got discouraged and doubted it**
- Jesus said: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth." *Mark 4:31*
- "But the plans of the Lord stand firm forever, the purposes of his heart through all generations." *Psalms 33:11*

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*Application*

Trust in God's unstoppable work, even when it is hard to see

- Where is **God's work** hard for you to see today?
- The work of God is like yeast that seems to get lost in the dough...until it affects the whole batch! *Matthew 13:33*
- The kingdom of God "grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade." *Mark 4:32*

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*Application***Be a Sonbeam**

- Unimportant people→ **Humility**  
**God is opposed to the proud!**  
**He is not impressed by what impresses people!**
- lit up by the Son of God
- who joyfully point back to Him

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**Not many of you were wise** by human standards; **not many were influential; not many were of noble birth.** But God chose the **foolish things** of the world to shame the wise; God chose the **weak things** of the world to shame the strong. God chose the **lowly things** of this world and the **despised things**—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, so that no one may boast before him. **It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus,** who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. Therefore, as it is written: **“Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord.”** *1 Corinthians 1:26-31*

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*Application***Be a Sonbeam**

- Unimportant people→ **Humility**  
**God is opposed to the proud!**  
**He is not impressed by what impresses people!**
- lit up by the Son of God→ **Standing in the light of God**
- who joyfully point back to Him

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**For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God’s glory** displayed in the face of Christ. *2 Corinthians 4:6*

**And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord’s glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.** *2 Corinthians 3:18*

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*Application*

**Be a Sonbeam**

- Unimportant people → **Humility**  
**God is opposed** to the proud!  
**He is not impressed** by what impresses people!
- lit up by the Son of God → **Standing in the light of God**  
**Contemplating the Lord's glory in His Spirit among us**  
**Walking in Christ's ways in fellowship with the Holy Spirit**
- who joyfully point back to Him → **for His name and fame**  
**We are merely dust particles, lit up by the Son**  
**Make sure we never forget His glory**  
**& our insignificance except that we are God's loved children!**

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And whatever you do, whether in word or deed,  
**do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus**, giving thanks  
to God the Father through him. *Colossians 3:17*

- **Do everything like Jesus did things & how He taught us**
- **By His power in the Spirit**
- **For His glory not ours**

In the same way, **let your light shine** before others,  
that they may see your good deeds and  
**glorify your Father in heaven.** *Matthew 5:16*

- **Be a Sonbeam!**

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*The Big Idea*

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by the Son of God becoming a human being  
to bring light and life to a broken and dying world  
through and among the lowliest  
of people and conditions**

<b>Sonbeams</b>	<b>Especially in darker days!</b>
<b>Unimportant people</b>	<b>Trust the unstoppable</b>
<b>lit up by the Son of God</b>	<b>work of God</b>
<b>who joyfully point back to Him</b>	<b>For His good purposes</b>
	<b>that can never fail</b>

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**English**

**Go Tell It on the Mountain**

Go, tell it on the mountain  
Over the hills and everywhere  
Go tell it on the mountain  
That Jesus Christ is born

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While shepherds kept there watching  
O'er silent flocks by night  
Behold throughout the heavens  
 There shown a holy light

Kept their watching = guarded their sheep  
 O'er = Over  
 Behold = See!

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Vé, dilo en las montañas,  
*Go tell it on the mountain*  
 En todas partes y alrededor;  
*Over the hills and everywhere*  
 Vé, dilo en las montañas:  
*Go tell it on the mountain*  
 Que Cristo el Rey nació  
*That Jesus Christ is born*

Spanish

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El mundo ha esperado  
*While shepherds kept there watching*  
 Que cristo el rey de paz,  
*O'er silent flocks by night*  
 Viniera a esta tierra  
*Behold throughout the heavens*  
 Trayendole soláz.  
*There shown a holy light*

Kept their watching = guarded their sheep  
 O'er = Over  
 Behold = See!

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到山嶺上去傳揚  
 Dào shānlǐng shàngqù chuányáng  
*Go tell it on the mountain*  
 越過山崗到各地方  
 Yuèguò shān gāng dào gè dìfāng  
*Over the hill and everywhere*

Chinese

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到山嶺上去傳揚  
 Dào shānlǐng shàngqù chuányáng  
*Go tell it on the mountain*  
 傳耶穌基督降生  
 Chuán Yēsū Jīdū jiàngshēn  
*That Jesus Christ is born*

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當牧羊人在夜間  
 Dāng mùyáng rén zài yèjiān  
*While shepherds kept there watching*  
 看守安靜群羊  
 kānshǒu ānjìng qún yáng  
*Over silent flocks by night*

Kept their watching = guarded their sheep  
 O'er = Over

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忽見照耀滿天空  
 Hū jiàn zhàoyào mǎn tiānkōng  
*Behold throughout the heavens*  
 神聖明亮大光  
 shénshèng míngliàng dà guāng  
*There shown a holy light*

Behold = See!

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語り伝えよ 山を越え 谷越え  
 Katari tsuta e yo Yama wo ko e Tani ko e  
*Go tell it on the mountain*  
*Over the hill and everywhere*

Japanese

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伝え広めよ  
Tsuta e hirome yo  
Go tell it on the mountain

主は来られた  
Shu wa korareta  
That Jesus Christ is born

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おそれ見上げる  
Osore miageru  
The shepherds feared and trembled

空の上に  
Sora no ue ni  
When low above the earth

Low above = near the ground

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広がりひびく  
Hirogari hibiku  
Rang out the angel chorus

御使いの声  
Mitsukai no koe  
That hailed the Savior's birth

Hailed = praised enthusiastically

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English

Go tell it on the mountain  
Over the hills and everywhere  
Go tell it on the mountain  
That Jesus Christ was born

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Down in a lowly manger  
 The humble Christ was born  
 And brought us God's salvation  
 That blessed Christmas morn

lowly = humble  
 manger = trough to feed animals  
 morn = morning

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Go tell it on the mountain  
 Over the hills and everywhere  
 Go tell it on the mountain  
 That Jesus Christ is born

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Go tell it on the mountain  
 Over the hills and everywhere  
 Go tell it on the mountain  
 That Jesus Christ is born

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Stay for Zoom Breakout Rooms  
 Join us at 4:30 for prayer at [tiny.cc/cmclive](https://tiny.cc/cmclive)  
 Let's be Sonbeams!

**Unimportant people  
 lit up the the Son of God  
 who joyfully point back to Jesus  
 who entered humanity  
 to bring light and life to a broken and dying world**

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