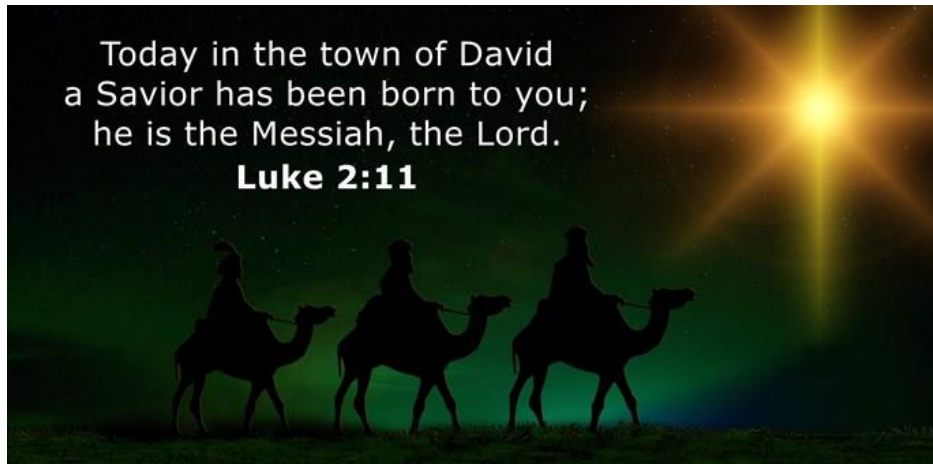


Christmas Eve
December 24, 2024



“SILENT NIGHT, HOLY NIGHT”

[Read Luke 2:1-20](#)

God sent His Son to be the Prince of Peace for you right now. Ponder the words of the wonderful hymn: “Silent Night, Holy Night...all is calm, all is bright, round yon virgin mother and child. Holy infant so tender and mild.” It touches each of us on a different level and in an intimate way. Calling us to pause and take notice of what is silent, peaceful, and calm. Truly being silent and seeking His holiness in a season that is wrapped and consumed with pressures and demands to do more, be more, get more... does something to our weary souls.

This beautiful Christmas Eve hymn was written by parish priest Joseph Mohr when the organ at the small church of St. Nicholas in Oberndorf, Austria, broke down. Mohr wrote this song to be accompanied by guitar on December 24, 1818. “Silent Night” tells the story of the birth of Jesus the Messiah from Luke 2. Appearing to shepherds at night in a bright burst of glory, the angel announces the birth of the Savior in the nearby town of David (Bethlehem), saying, “He is the Messiah [Christ], the Lord.”

This hymn reminds us to step away from it all and open our hearts in a way to receive the gift of stillness. May you find time to seek the silent moments this season, where you are met with our Holy Creator. Let that beautiful interaction allow you to lean in and rest, prompting you to praise Him for His faithfulness and rejoice in His Son’s birth!

“Christ the Savior is born!”

Dear Jesus, we glorify and praise your name because you, O God, came to save us, to be our Lord as God’s anointed. Thank you for coming to us, our Savior and Lord. Amen.