

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Northampton Presbyterian Church

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

December 24, 2020

7:30 PM

THE PRELUDE

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

THE CAROL:

O, Come All Ye Faithful

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!

**Sing choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
O sing, all ye bright hosts of heav'n above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest!**

**O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!**

**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!**

**O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!**

FIRST LESSON: *Isaiah 9:2-7*

“Christ's birth and kingdom are foretold by Isaiah.”

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (vs. 1, 2)

**O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!**

O come, Thou Day-spring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

SECOND LESSON: *Micah 5:2-5a*

“Micah foretells the glory of Bethlehem.”

O Little Town of Bethlehem” (vs. 1, 2)

**Oh little town of Bethlehem, 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.**

**For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wond'ring
love.**

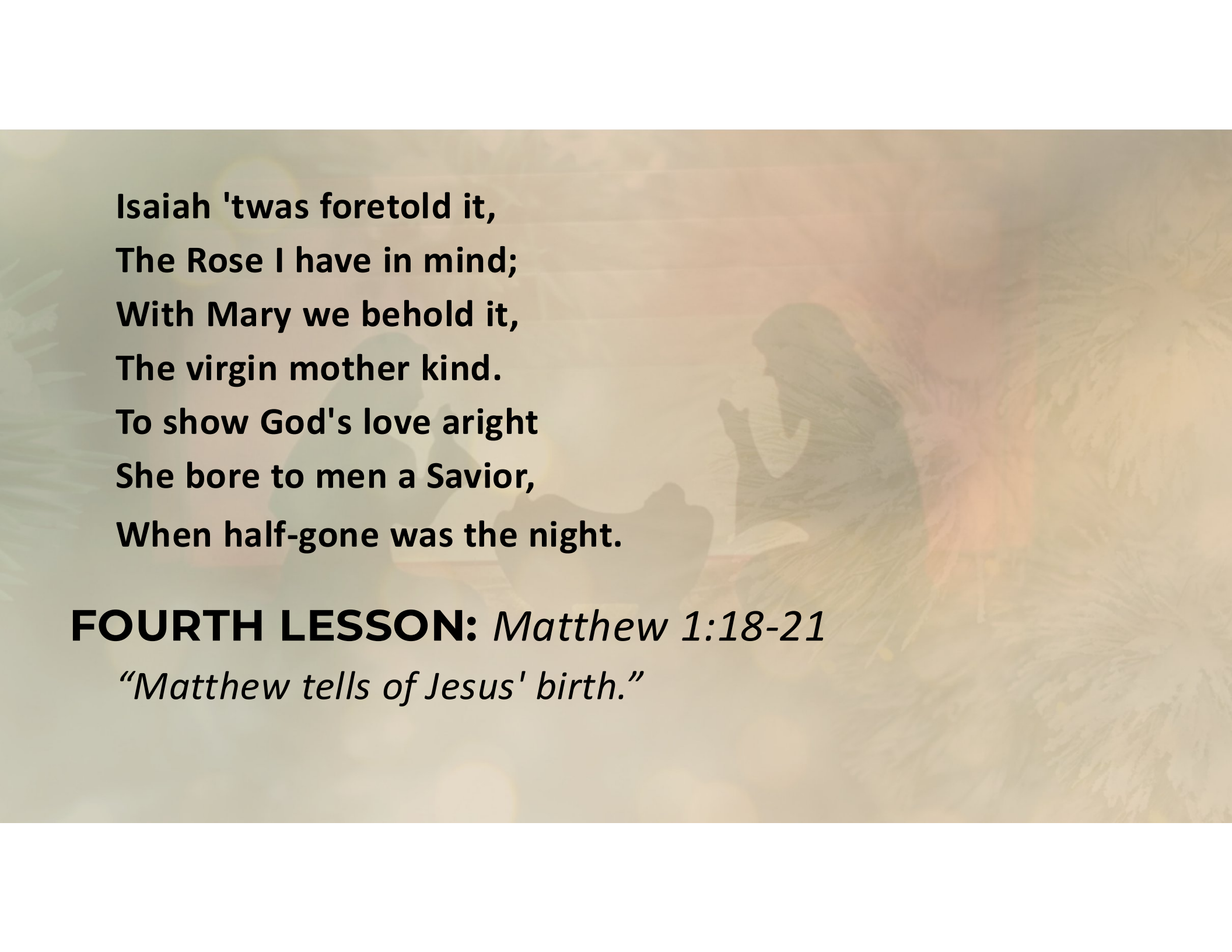
**Oh morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth!
And praises sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.**

THIRD LESSON: *Luke 1:26-35*

“The Angel Gabriel visits the Virgin Mary.”

Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming (vs. 1, 2)

**Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming
From tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming
As men of old have sung.
It came, a Flower bright,
Amid the cold of winter
When half-gone was the night.**



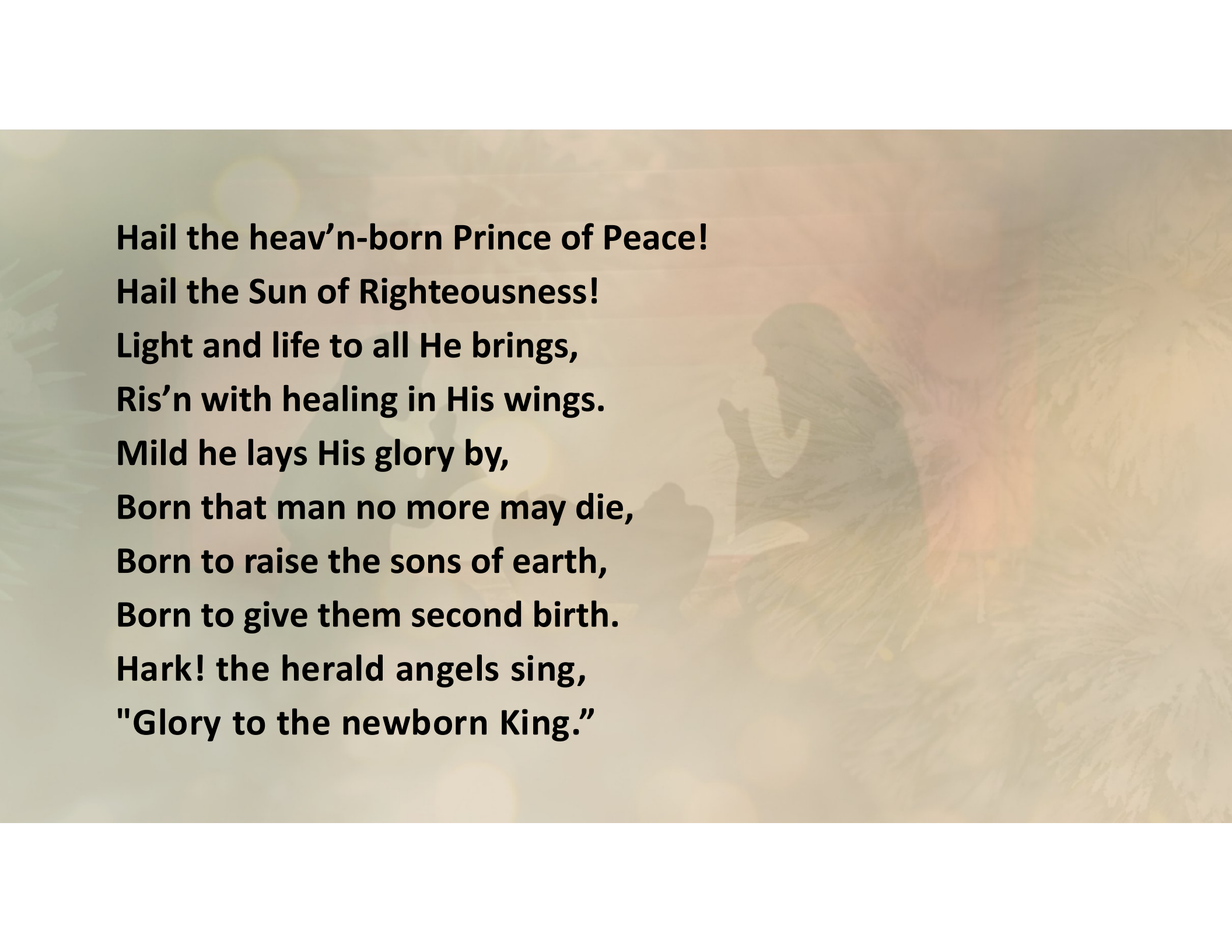
Isaiah 'twas foretold it,
The Rose I have in mind;
With Mary we behold it,
The virgin mother kind.
To show God's love aright
She bore to men a Savior,
When half-gone was the night.

FOURTH LESSON: *Matthew 1:18-21*

“Matthew tells of Jesus' birth.”

Hark, the Herald Angels Sing (vs. 1, 3)

**Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With th'angelic hosts proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King."**



Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!

Hail the Sun of Righteousness!

**Light and life to all He brings,
Ris'n with healing in His wings.**

**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."**

FIFTH LESSON: *Luke 2:8-20*

“The Shepherds go to Bethlehem.”

The Birthday of a King

In the little village of Bethlehem,
There lay a Child one day,
And the sky was bright with a holy light
O'er the place where Jesus lay.
Alleluia! O how the angels sang.
Alleluia! How it rang!
And the sky was bright with a holy light
'Twas the birthday of a King.

'Twas a humble birthplace, but oh how much
God gave to us that day,
From the manger bed what a path has led,
What a perfect holy way.
Alleluia! O how the angels sang.
Alleluia! How it rang!
And the sky was bright with a Holy light,
'Twas the birthday of a King.

SIXTH LESSON: *Matthew 2:1-11*

"The Magi are led to Jesus."

I Wonder as I Wander

**I wonder as I wander, out under the sky,
How Jesus the Savior did come for to die
For poor, orn'ry people like you and like I;
I wonder as I wander, out under the sky.**

**When Mary birthed Jesus, 'twas in a cow's stall,
With wise men and farmers and shepherds and all.
But high from God's heaven a star's light did fall,
The promise of the ages it then did recall.**

**If Jesus had wanted for any wee thing,
A star in the sky or a bird on the wing,
Or all of God's angels in heav'n for to sing,
He surely could have had it, 'cause He was the King.**

**I wonder as I wander, out under the sky,
How Jesus the Savior did come for to die
For poor, orn'ry people like you and like I;
I wonder as I wander, out under the sky.**

THE OFFERING AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SEVENTH LESSON: *John 1:1-14*

“John speaks of the light come unto the world.”

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, O holy night, O night divine!**

**Led by the light of faith serenely beaming,
With glowing hearts by His cradle we stand;
So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming,
Here came the wise men from Orient land.
The King of kings lay thus in lowly manger,
In all our trials born to be our Friend;
He knows our need, To our weakness is no stranger.
Behold your King, before Him lowly bend!
Behold your King, before Him lowly bend!**

**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, Oh, praise His name forever!
His pow'r and glory, evermore proclaim!
His pow'r and glory, evermore proclaim!**

THE CEREMONY OF THE LIGHT

*“After Dr. Mann lights his candle from the Christ Candle,
light your own candles at home and share the light of Christ.”*

THE CAROL:

Silent Night

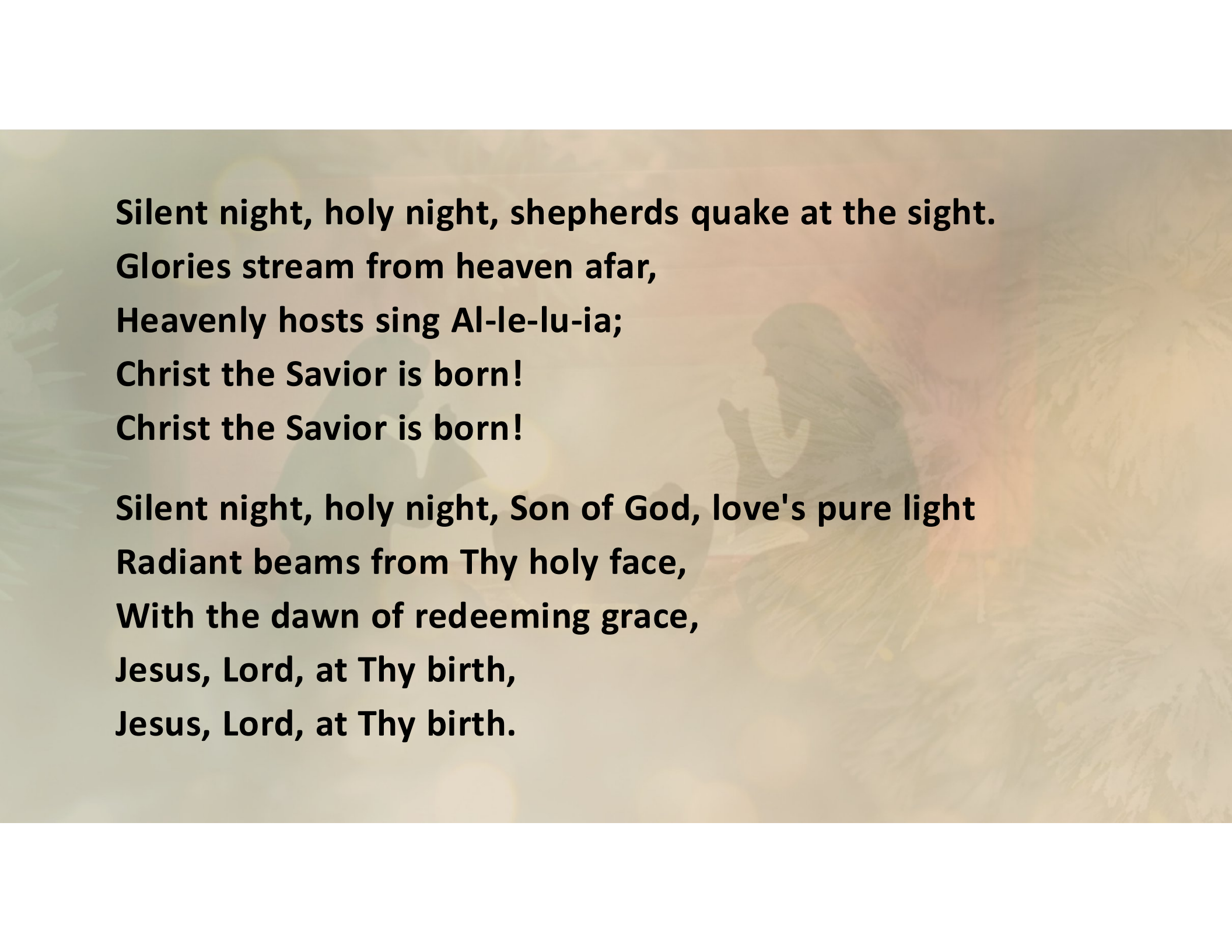
Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright

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, 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.**

REFLECTION AND PRAYER

“After Dr. Mann’s prayer, please extinguish your candles for the safety of all.”

THE CAROL:

Joy to the World!

Joy to the world! the Lord is come;

Let earth receive her King;

Let ev’ry heart prepare Him room,

And heav’n and nature sing, and heav’n and nature sing,

And heav’n, and heav’n and nature sing.

**Joy to the earth! the Savior reigns;
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

**No more let sins and sorrows grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.**

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love, and wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders of His love.

THE BENEDICTION:

Dr. Mann

THE POSTLUDE

