

1. In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be enrolled

2. And all went to be enrolled, each to this own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth ...

3. ... to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child.

4. And while they were there, the time came for her to be delivered.

5. And she gave birth to her first-born son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

6. And in that region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

7. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear.

8. And the angel said to them, "Be not afraid: for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people;"

9. "...for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."

10. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a babe wrapped in swaddling cloths and laying in a manger."

11. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying...

12. "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom he is pleased!"

13. When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened."

14. And they went with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

15. And when they saw it they made known the saying which had been told them concerning this child.

16. And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them.

17. But Mary kept all these things, pondering them in her heart.

18. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen.

19. When Herod the king heard about the birth of Jesus, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.

20. Then Herod assembled the wise men secretly and he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child."

21. When they had heard the king they went their way; and lo, the star which they had seen in the East went before them till it came to rest over the place where the child was.

22. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy, and going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother and they fell down and worshiped him.

23. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.

24. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way