

**Christmas Eve Service**  
**Luke 2:1-7**  
**“Come Home for Christmas”**

**Introduction**

**I will put hostility between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring. He will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.**                      **Genesis 3:15**

Even in The Garden of Eden, The LORD spoke of a great Deliverer Who would come and undo the curse brought on by the devil. And throughout the ages, women of faith have desired to be the one to deliver this “promised seed”, Who would come to redeem us. Over and again the prophets of old spoke of the coming Messiah and what He would be like. In fact, there are over three hundred *Old Testament* prophecies concerning this wondrous Son of God, Who would come to save us from our sins. We know from God’s promises that this Messiah King would be a descendant of Abraham.

**...I will bless you. I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you. I will curse anyone who treats you with contempt, and all the peoples on earth will be blessed through you.**                      **Genesis 12:2b-3**

So you see, God blessed the earth through Abraham, by sending Christ from his family line. And in order to be saved from our sins, we must bless the Son in order to remove the Curse of Adams sin.

**Pay homage to The Son or He will be angry and you will perish in your rebellion, for His anger may ignite at any moment. All who take refuge in Him are happy.**                      **Psalms 2:12**

So we must make room for The Savior, my friends, for He is the only way of salvation. **There is no other name under heaven given to people by which we must be saved (Acts 4:12b).**

The Prophet Isaiah spoke of this wondrous Child Who would be born of a virgin in order to bring us salvation.

**Therefore, The LORD Himself will give you a sign: See, the virgin will conceive, have a Son, and name Him Immanuel.**                      **Isaiah 7:14**

The prophets through the ages continued to speak of this wondrous Messiah Who would come to deliver us, even telling us where He would be born.

**Bethlehem Ephrathah, you are small among the clans of Judah; One will come from you to be ruler over Israel for Me. His origin is from antiquity, from ancient times.**                      **Micah 5:2**

Daniel in His prophecy of “*The Seventy Weeks*” accurately predicted to the day when Christ would come into the city of Jerusalem to be crucified. And yet so many still do not believe in Him. Still many choose to curse Him and make no room for Him in their hearts. We have heard the story of His miraculous birth so many times, but let us pause and consider once more this wondrous gift that God sent into the world to save us.

**In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that the whole empire should be registered. This first registration took place while Quirinius was governing Syria. So everyone went to be registered, each to his own town. Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family line of David, to be registered along with Mary, who was engaged to him and was pregnant. While they were there, the time came for her to give birth. Then she gave birth to her firstborn son, and she wrapped Him tightly in cloth and laid Him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them. Luke 2:1-7**

That last sentence strikes me as significant. Just think, for thousands of years, God promised to send a Deliverer. The prophets spoke of Him regularly. And all of Israel claimed to be waiting for Him. And yet when He came, no one had room for Him. Apparently, they were all so consumed with their day to day lives that they missed the most important visitor who ever came to earth. Sadly, many still crowd Him out today.

So, on this Christmas Eve morning, let us stop and prepare Him room. Let us lay aside all the business of this season and truly come home for Christmas. For if we take the time to bless Him, then we too shall be blessed. He came to save us, and He is soon coming again. And on that day we will truly be at home for Christmas! So as we take the cup and the bread together let us thank Him for His body and His blood freely given for our salvation. Or as the ancient Christmas carol proclaims, "Oh come let us adore Him", for He is Christ The LORD!

**For this reason God highly exalted Him and gave Him the Name that is above every name, so that at the Name of Jesus every knee will bow — in heaven and on the earth, and under the earth — and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is LORD, to the glory of God The Father. Philippians 2:9-11**

So let's make room for Christ this Christmas!

Amen and Amen!

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Communion and Candle lighting service.