

# CHRISTMAS PLACEMATS



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*Christmas is a Birthday!*

**O Come All Ye Faithful**

By John Francis Wade

**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**

**God of God, Light of Light  
Lo He abhors not the Virgin's womb  
Son of the Father, begotten not created**

**Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above  
Glory to God! Glory in the highest**

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Angels symbolize the messengers from Heaven who announced the birth of Jesus to Mary and sang at the Baby Savior's birth!

Jesus is the One the angels bow down and worship. Jesus is King of Kings and Lord of Lords!

**Christmas in the Netherlands**

Gifts on St. Nicholas Day. Stollen. Church. Pine/Holly Boughs. Simple Lights. Candles. Candy Wreaths.



*The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name Him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and His kingdom will have no end. (Luke 1:30-33 NASB)*

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# Christmas is a Birthday!

## Joy to the World!

By Isaac Watts

Joy to the world the Lord has come!  
Let earth receive her King!  
Let every heart prepare Him room  
And Heaven and nature sing, and Heaven  
and nature sing, and Heaven and Heaven  
and nature sing!

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

He rules the earth 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.  
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## Christmas in Australia

Summer. Candlelight Service & Caroling. Pavlova.  
Swimming. Lights.



Candles and twinkle lights  
symbolize the True Light of  
Christmas—Jesus!  
Jesus is the Light of the  
world.

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. And she cried out with a loud voice and said, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! And how has it happened to me that the mother of my Lord would come to me?' (Luke 1:9-11 NASB)



No Room at the Inn by Carl Rahl Herbergssuche 1865 (public domain)

# Christmas is a Birthday!

## O Little Town of Bethlehem

By Phillip Brooks

O 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

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given

So, God imparts to human hearts the wonders of His Heaven

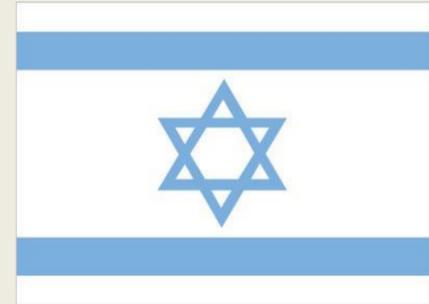
No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin

Where meek souls will receive Him still, the dear Christ enters in

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## Christmas in Bethlehem

Processions. Parade, Churches. Concerts. Birthplace of Jesus.



Bells symbolize "Good News." Bells ring when something exciting happens.

Jesus brings Good News!

In those days, a decree went out from Caesar Augustus, that a census be taken of all the inhabited earth. This was the first census take while Quirinius was governor of Syria. And everyone was on his way to register for the census, each to his own city. Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, along with Mary, who was engaged to him, and was with child. (Luke 2:1-5 NASB)



Nativity Scene by Charles Poerson (public domain)

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# Christmas is a Birthday!

## Hark the Herald Angels Sing

By Charles Wesley

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 angelic host proclaim, Christ is born in Bethlehem

Hark! The herald angels sing: Glory to the Newborn King!

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace; Hail the Son of Righteousness!

Light and life to all He brings, Risen 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!

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## Christmas in Germany

Christmas Trees. Gingerbread Houses. Church. Christmas Villages. Christmas Cookies. Christmas Markets. Advent Calendar.



Evergreen Christmas Trees symbolize the everlasting life Jesus brings.

Jesus is the Way, Truth, and Life!

*While they were there, the days were completed for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son; and she wrapped Him in cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room at the inn.*

(Luke 2:6-7 NASB)



Adoration of the Shepherds by Gerard van Honthorst, 1622 (public domain)

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Poinsettias remind us of the red blood of Jesus that washes away our sin.

Jesus gave His life for the sins of the world!

## Christmas in Mexico

Posadas. Poinsettias. Pinatas.



### Away in the Manger

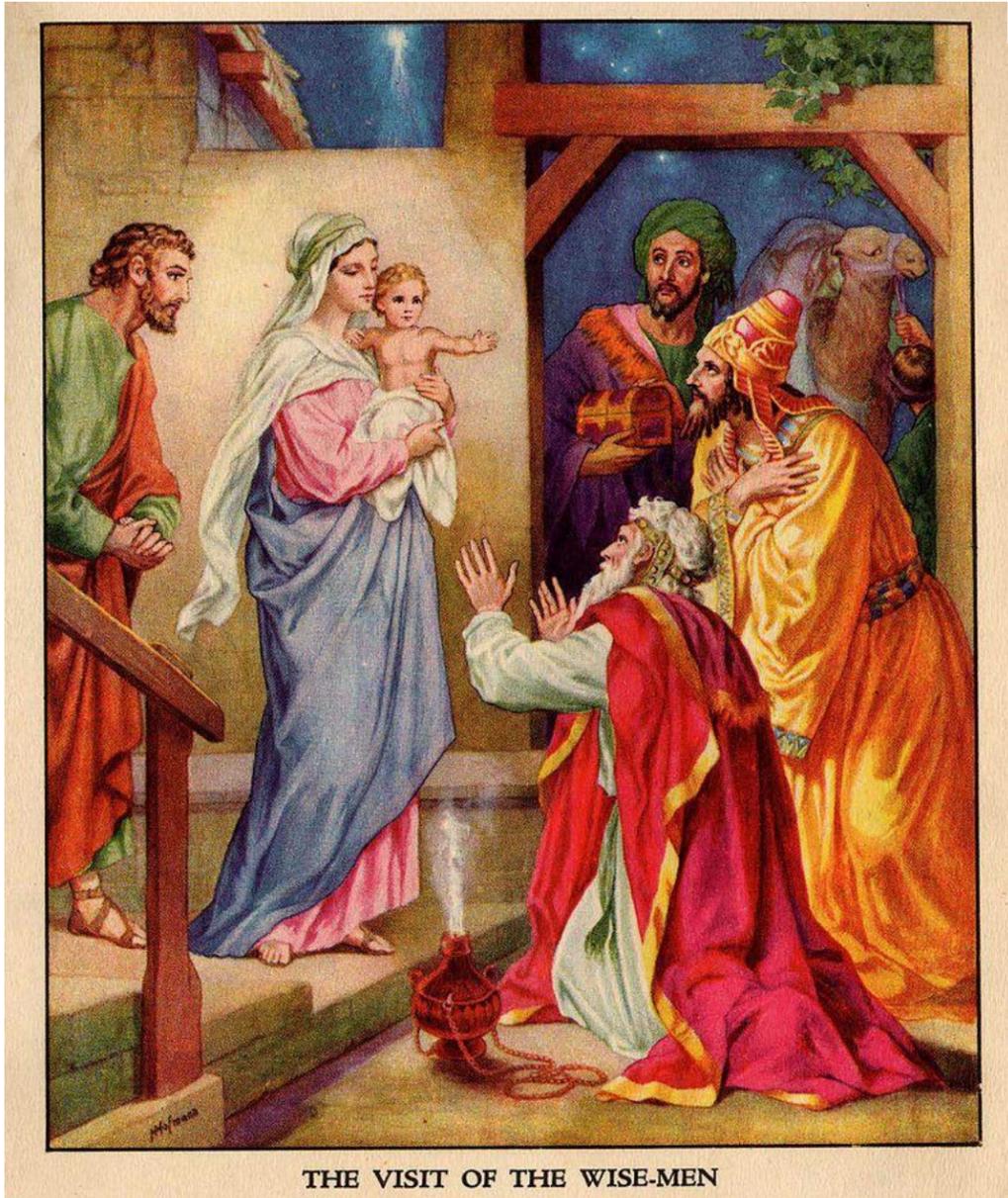
Traditional German Christmas Carol

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed; the little Lord Jesus lay down His sweet head  
The stars in the sky look down where He lay; the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.  
The cattle are lowing, the poor baby wakes, but little Lord Jesus no crying He makes  
I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky; and stay by my cradle 'til morning is nigh.

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*And an angel of the Lord suddenly stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them; and they were terribly frightened. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you Good News of great joy which will be for all the people; for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior who is Christ the Lord (Luke 2:9-11 NASB)*

# Christmas is a Birthday!



THE VISIT OF THE WISE-MEN

Nativity Scene by Charles Poerson (public domain)

## We Three Kings of Orient Are

By Mario Lanza

We three kings of orient are  
Bearing gifts we traverse afar  
Field and fountain, moor and mountain  
Following yonder star.

O star of wonder, star of light  
Star with royal beauty bright  
Westward leading, still proceeding  
Guide us to thy perfect light.

Glorious now behold Him arise  
King and God and Sacrifice  
Alleluia, Alleluia  
Heaven to earth replies.

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Stars symbolize the Star in the East that led the Wise Men to Jesus.

Jesus is the Light that leads us to our Father in Heaven. We give up everything and follow Him.

## Christmas in England

Caroling. Christmas Cards. Advent. Plum Pudding. Church. Lights. Choirs. Candles in the Window.



Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is He who has been born King of Jews? For we saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him.

(Luke 3:9-11 NASB)



*Holy Family with the Lamb by Raphael 1504 (public domain)*

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# *Christmas is a Birthday!*

## **Silent Night**

By Joseph Mohr

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

Round yon virgin Mother and Child 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 alleluia

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.

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## **Christmas in Italy**

Nativity Scenes. Cappuccino. Candlelight Midnight Mass. Feast of the Seven Fishes. Pizzelle. Advent. Panettone.



Nativity Scenes remind us of Jesus birth in a humble stable.

Jesus is our Emmanuel—God with us!

*“Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife; for the Child who has been conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. She will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.” Now all this took place to fulfill what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet: “Behold the Virgin shall be with Child and shall bear a Son, and they shall call His Name Immanuel.” (Matthew 1:20-NASB)*



*Saint Joseph cooks a meal as Mary cares for Jesus by Conrad von Soest 1403 (public domain)*

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## O Holy Night

By Placide Cappeau

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,  
'til 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! O hear the angel voices!

O night divine, O night divine.

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! O praise His Name  
forever!

His power and glory evermore proclaim. His  
power and glory evermore proclaim!

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## Christmas in Sweden

Advent. St. Lucia Day. Julbord. Candles. Church. Straw  
Ornaments. Pepparkakor. Herring. Choir. Carols.



Gifts remind us of the  
Greatest Gift ever given—  
Jesus!

Jesus is the Ultimate Gift!

*So, they (the shepherds) came in a hurry and found their way  
to Mary and Joseph, and the baby as He lay in the manger.  
When they had seen this, they made known the statement  
which had been told about this Child. And all who heard it  
wondered at the things which were told them by the  
shepherds. But Mary treasured all these things, pondering  
them in her heart. (Luke 2:16-19 NASB)*