

LAS POSADAS
Cross of Hope Lutheran Church
December 16, 2020 – Online
Home Worship Resource



INTRODUCTION

Las Posadas was a new experience for me when I moved to New Mexico. My family and I were welcomed into what is clearly a treasured worship experience. Though unable to gather as we are accustomed, I hope this digital Las Posadas will allow the power of God's word to fill your home with hope, comfort and peace as we continue to share God's life giving welcome. It is a blessing to worship together! - Pr. Adam

PRAYER

God of light and darkness, in this season of short days and long nights, help us remember that you are always with us. Living in hope as we wait for Christ to come again, stir up the wills of your faithful people and open our ears and hearts to the journey of Mary and Joseph, that, rejoicing in your salvation, we may bring forth the transforming gifts of welcome and hospitality for all through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen. Amen.

READINGS Isaiah 9:2, 6-7; 40:3-5; 7:14

DIALOGUE AT EACH STOP

Joseph : In the name of heaven, I beg you for lodging for she cannot walk, my beloved wife.

Innkeeper: This is not an inn, so keep going I cannot open, you may be bad people.

FIRST STOP

READING Luke 1:26-38

Oh Come, Oh Come, Emmanuel

Oh, come, oh come Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel. That mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

P.D.; Text: Psalterium Cantionum Catholicarum, Köln, 1710

SECOND STOP

READING Luke 1:39-44

O Little Town of Bethlehem, v3

How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts
the blessings 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.

P. D.; Text: Phillips Brooks

THIRD STOP

READING Luke 2:1-5

O Little Town of Bethlehem, v2

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

O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the king,
and peace to all the earth!

P. D.; Text: Phillips Brooks

LAST STOP

DIALOGUE

Joseph: My wife is Mary, She's the Queen of heaven. And is going to be the Mother of the Divine Word.

Innkeeper: Are you Joseph? Your wife is Mary? Enter pilgrims! I did not know you!

Enter holy pilgrims, please accept this corner, not simply a corner of the house but a place in my heart.

READING Luke 2:8-14

SONGS AND PRAYERS

Away in a Manger

Away in a manger, no crib for His bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked 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 You, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky
and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

Be near me Lord Jesus; I ask You to stay
close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in Your tender care
and fit us for heaven to live with You there.

Text: American, 1885

Hark, the Herald Angels Sing

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

Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ the everlasting Lord. Late in time behold Him come, offspring of a virgin's womb. Veiled in flesh the Godhead see! Hail, incarnate Deity! Pleas'd as man with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel! Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Hail the heaven-born prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of righteousness! Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in His wings. Mild He lays his glory by, born that we no more may die, Born to raise each child of earth, born to give us second birth. Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Text: Charles Wesley

PRAYER

Let us pray. God of the poor and homeless, you give us hope in sending Jesus your Son to be our Savior. This Advent, help us to be grateful for all your gifts to us and give us the courage to share our gifts with the poor of the world. Bless our homes this night – either with food and fiesta, or quiet and contemplation – with signs of your gracious presence. May it fill us with your Spirit to strengthen and inspire us to your service. Held lovingly by your Holy Spirit, we pray together as Jesus taught:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Joy to the World

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive its 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 all their songs 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 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, and wonders of His love.

P.D.; Text: Isaac Watts

FIESTA MUSIC

WORSHIP LEADERS

Joseph/Narrator 4 – Ethan McClain
Innskeeper/Narrator 1/Reader 1 – Thomas Hielkema
Singing Joseph – Mariachi Tenampa
Singing Innskeeper – Amy Ellis
Angel Gabriel – Kaley McClain
Mary/Narrator 2 - Kiersten Hielkema
Elizabeth/Narrator 3/Shepherd – Elise Hielkema
Shepherd/Barn Coordinator/Donkey Provider – Nancy Lacher
Angel – Addison Berndt
Presiding Pastor – Adam Berndt

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Donkey Wrangler – Tim Moore
Barn Owner – Michele Liberman
Donkey – Pancho (Mary) and Lefty (Nativity)
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