

## The Shepherds and the Angels

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields,  
keeping watch over their flock by night.

**Then an angel of the Lord stood before them,  
and the glory of the Lord shone around them,  
and they were terrified.**

But the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid; for see—  
I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people:  
to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour,  
who is the Messiah, the Lord.

This will be a sign for you:  
you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.’

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

*‘Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace among those whom he favours!’*

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven,  
the shepherds said to one another,

**‘Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place,  
which the Lord has made known to us.’**

*(Luke 2:8-15)*