#### 1 Peter 1:3 ESV

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

#### 1 Peter 1:4-5 ESV

to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time...

### 1 Peter 1:10-11 ESV

Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours searched and inquired carefully, inquiring what person or time the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories.

#### 1 Peter 1:12 ESV

It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in the things that have now been announced to you through those who preached the good news to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, things into which angels long to look.

## Hebrews 11:1 ESV

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

## Hebrews 11:2 ESV

For by it the people of old received their commendation.

## Hebrews 11:39 ESV

And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised,

### Hebrews 11:40 ESV

since God had provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

# God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen



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Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love.



Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

# What Child Is This



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Luke 2:25-32 Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

"Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace,

according to your word;

for my eyes have seen your salvation

that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel."







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## The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

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## Luke 2:15 ESV

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, which the Lord has made known to us."

## Luke 2:16 ESV

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

## Luke 2:17 ESV

And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child.
## Luke 2:18 ESV

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

## Luke 2:19 ESV

But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart.

## Luke 2:20 ESV

And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

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By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

# O Come, All Ye Faithful















