



The Holy Trinity

**May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ
and the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with us all, evermore.**

Amen

A Learning Family, Inspiration at our Heart

We come to worship you oh Lord

In spirit and in truth

According to your holy word

In all we say and do

O little town of Bethlehem



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There once lived in the town of Nazareth, a young girl called Mary. She was soon going to marry a carpenter called Joseph.

One day God sent Gabriel the great angel, to give Mary some very important news.

“Greetings most favoured one and do not be afraid. God has chosen you out of all women. You are soon to have a baby . You must call him Jesus. He will be great, the Son of the Most High. God will give him the throne of David and he will reign forever.”

Mary was puzzled “I am not even married, but I am God’s servant and May it happen just as you said”



**If You
Think
You're Not
Important**



**Then Mary lifted up
her voice and
rejoiced. “ My soul
glorifies the Lord.
From this day all
people shall call
me blessed, the
Lord has dealt with
me so
wonderfully”**





It was on a starry night

Only a few days before her baby was born, Mary had to go on a long journey with Joseph. Everyone had been ordered to go to their home town and pay a special tax there. Joseph's home was in Bethlehem.

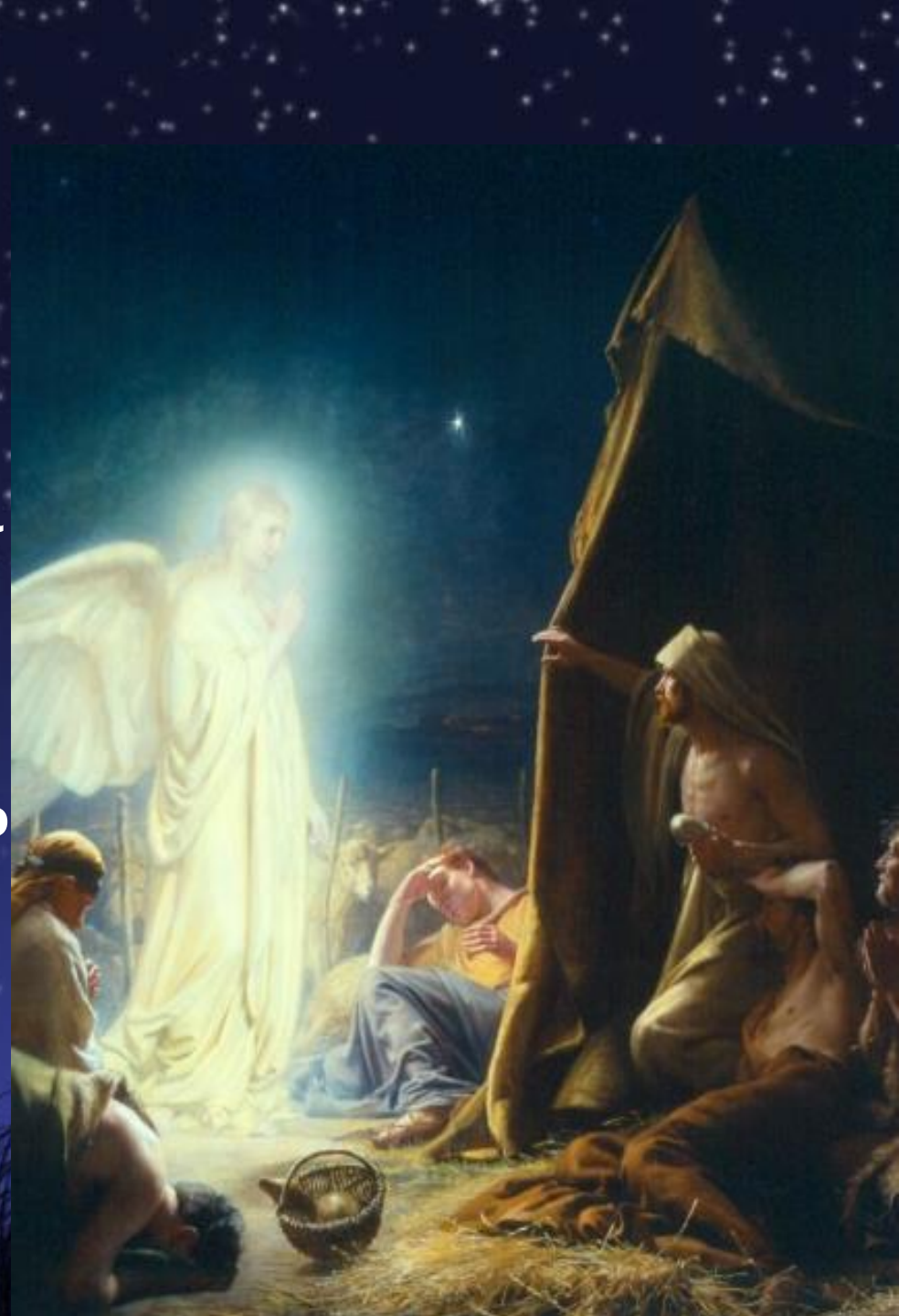
Just as they arrived Mary knew that her baby was to be born – but there was no room for them in the inn. All they were offered was a stable, and that is where the son of God was born. There was no lovely silk lined cot, only a manger full of hay with the animals standing around.



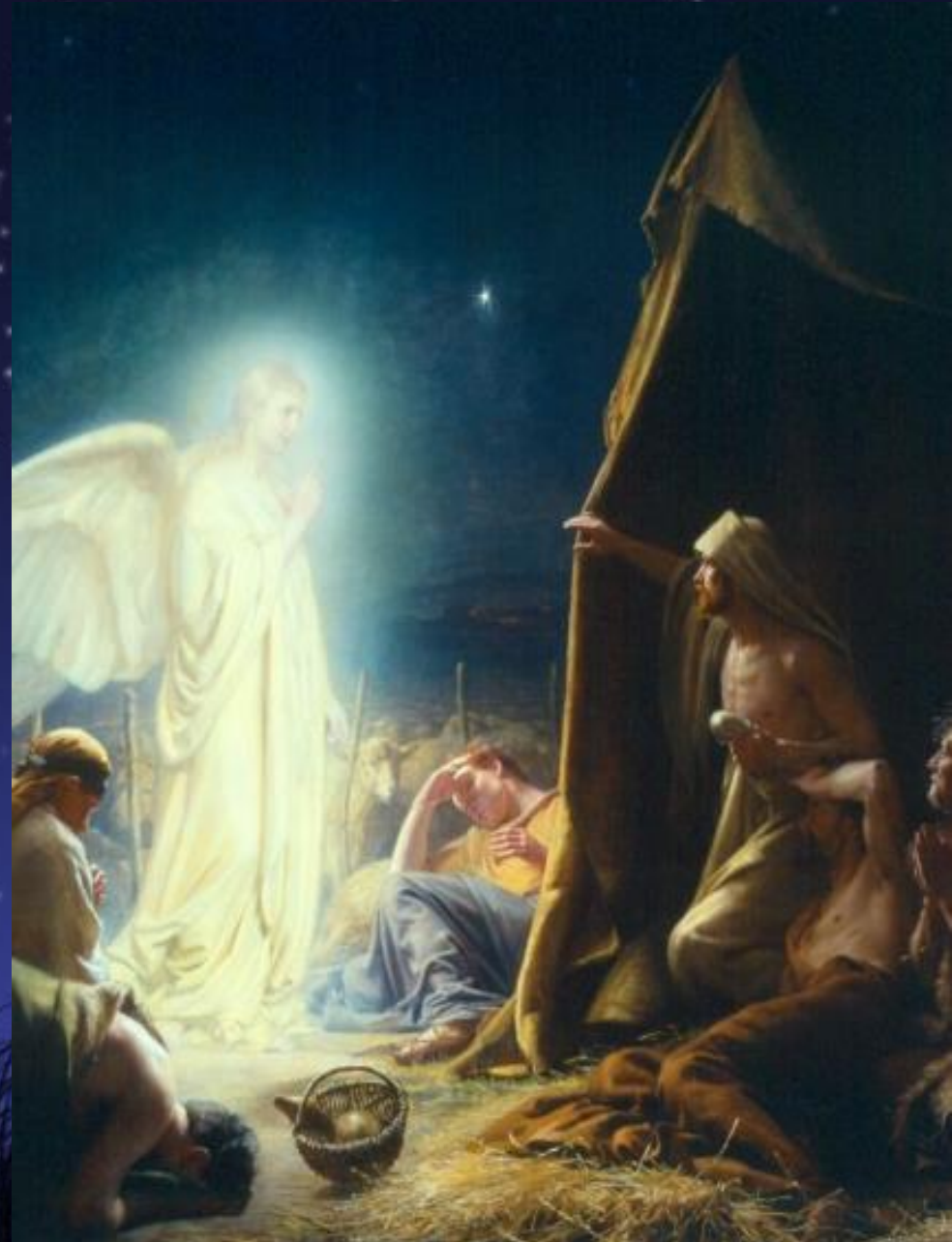
Away in a manger



That night some shepherds who were guarding their sheep near Bethlehem were startled by a great light in the sky. An angel came down and told them not to be afraid. “I bring you good news of great joy” he said “news for everyone on Earth. Jesus Christ the Lord has been born tonight. If you go now, you will find him wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.”

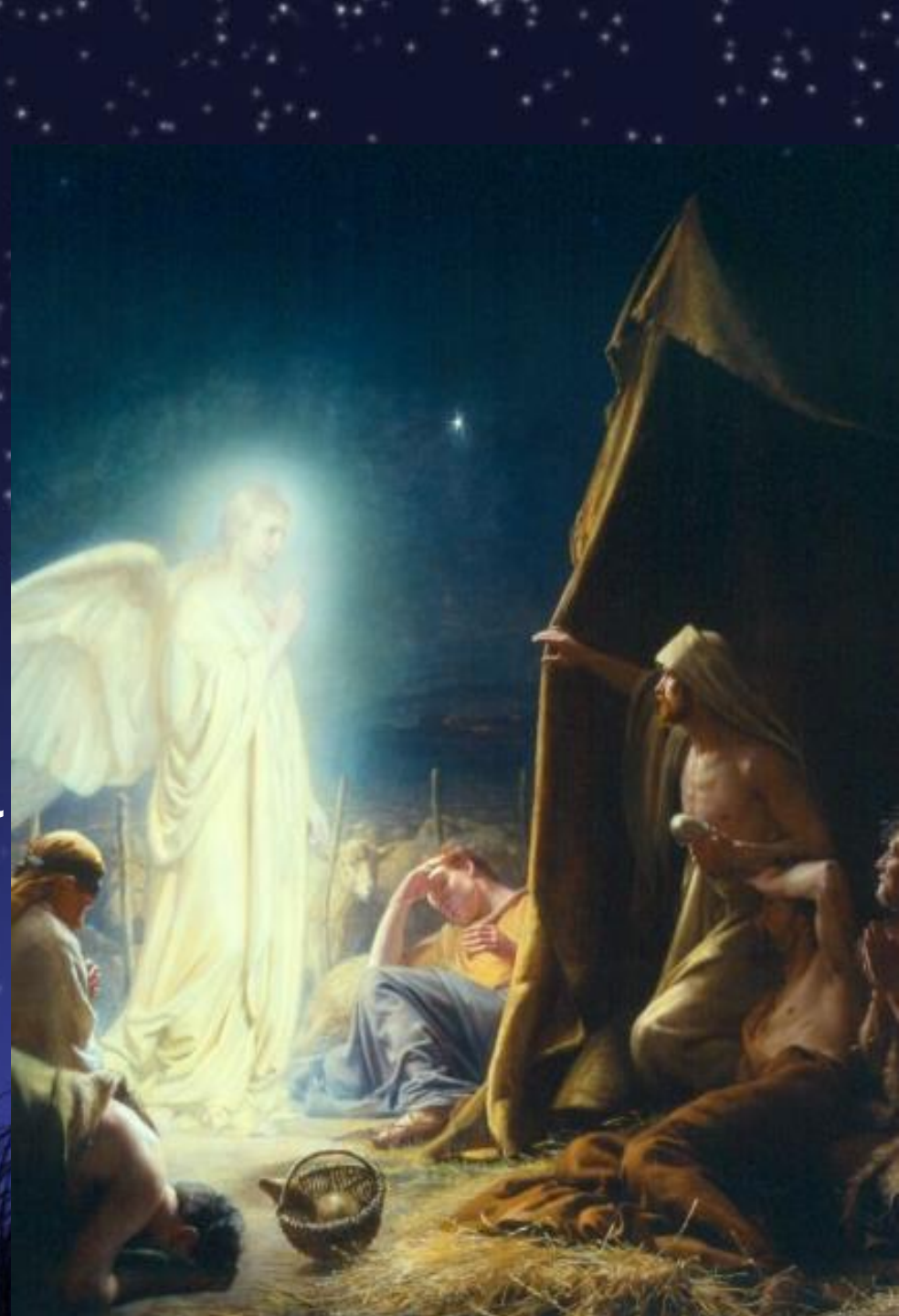


While Shepherd's Watched



And suddenly the whole sky was filled with angels hundreds upon thousands of them, all praising God “Glory to God in the Highest and on Earth, peace and good will to all people.”

The shepherds hurried away and found Mary and Joseph and baby Jesus lying in a manger, exactly as the angels had said.



Prickly Hay



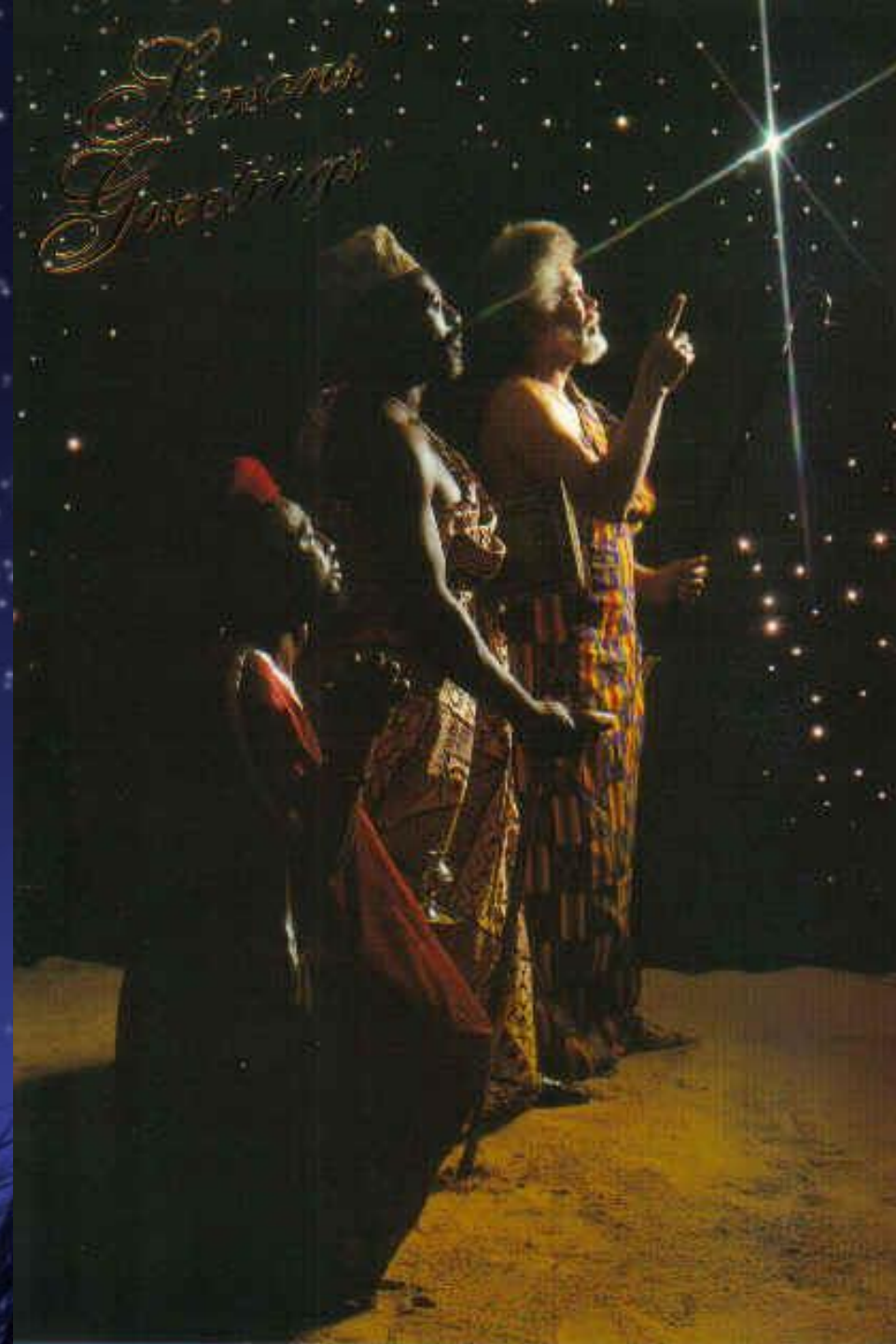
Meanwhile in his great palace in Jerusalem, jealous King Herod was talking to some Wise Men from the East. He had heard about the baby who had been born in Bethlehem and was terrified that one day this child would seize his throne.

“Where is this baby who is going to be king of the Jews?” the wise men asked Herod.

“We have seen his special star in the east and we want to go and worship him”

“You’ll find him in Bethlehem,” Herod said, And then he added cunningly, “But be sure to let me know when you find him there. I want to come and worship him too”

So off they went following the star.



Three Wise Men



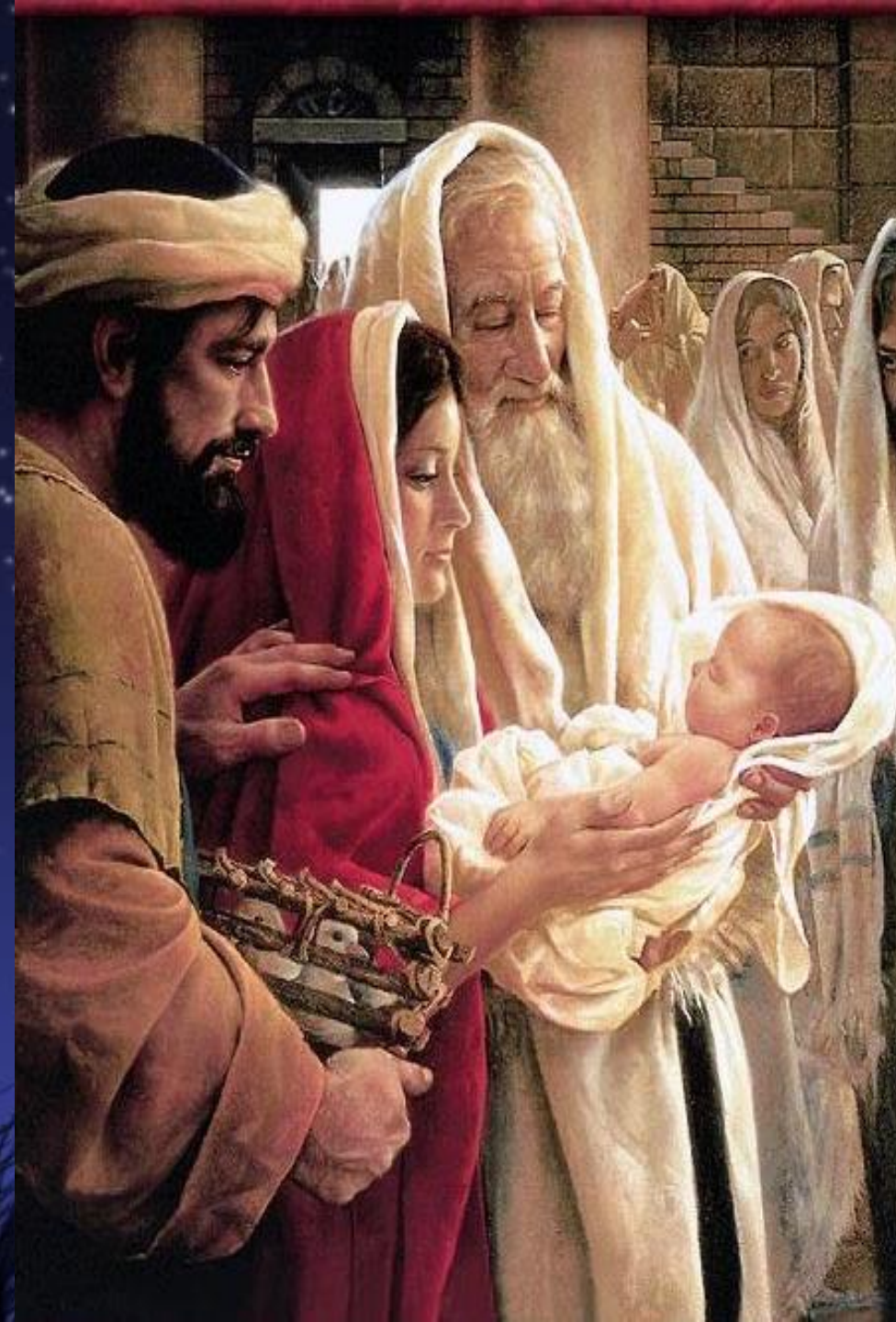
The wise men followed the star and it guided them to Bethlehem and the place where Jesus lay. They were overjoyed to see the star there and went straight into the stable. Out of their great store of treasures they gave the baby three very special gifts, gold, frankincense and myrrh.



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These were very wise men and they were not fooled by King Herod. In a dream they were warned by God to find a different way home and they did not return to King Herod. After a warning from God, Mary and Joseph fled to Egypt to escape from Herod. When it was safe to do so they returned to live in Nazareth again.

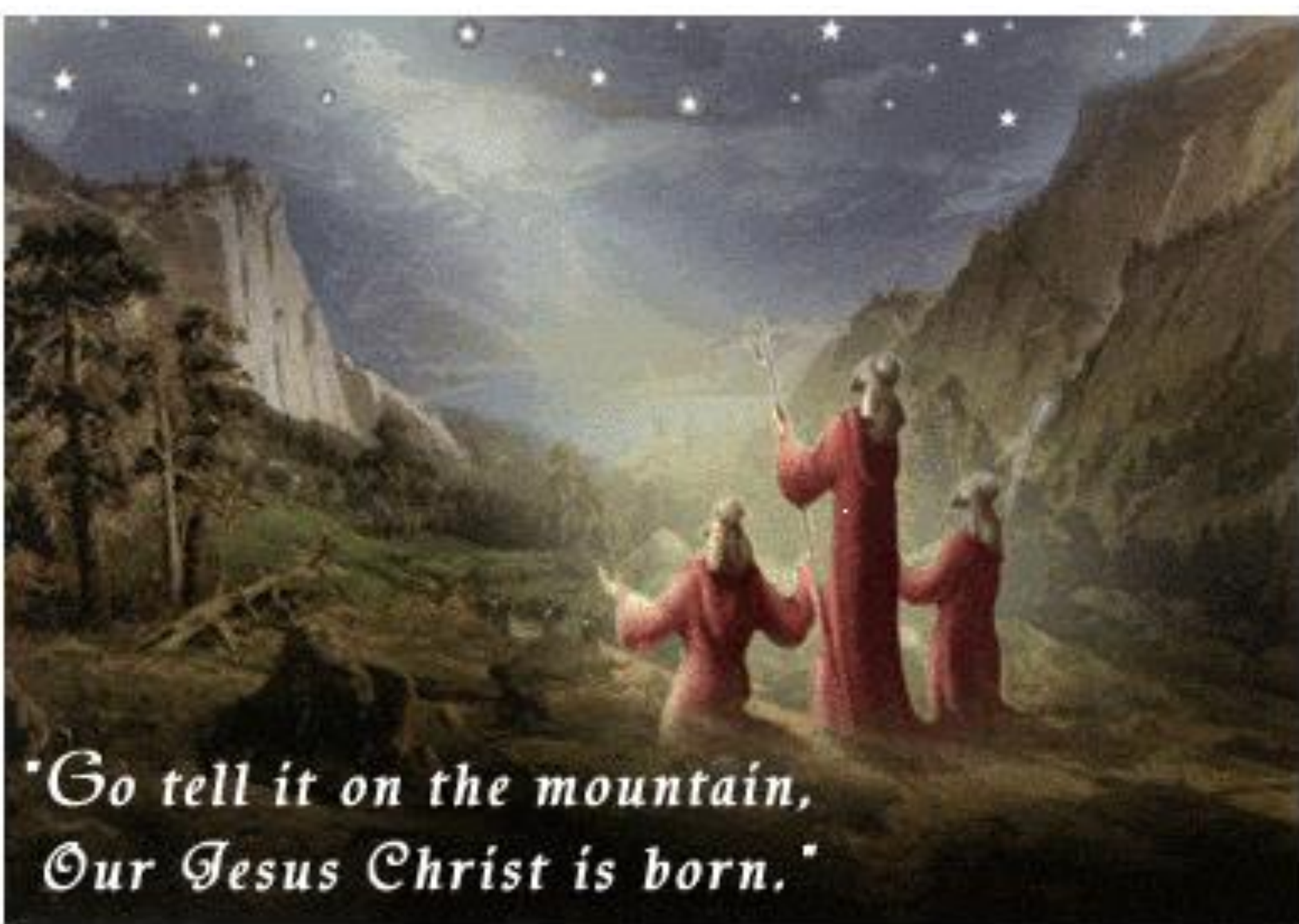


O come, all ye
faithful...



Mary's Boy Child





*"Go tell it on the mountain,
Our Jesus Christ is born."*