

Three Wise Men go to Bethlehem BBC The M

Advent Journey

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3PM DEC 1ST, 8TH, 15TH & 22ND

Journey to Bethlehem Wk 4
The Journey of the Magi



Carol: We Three Kings of Orient Are



The Magi or Three Wise Men arrived from the East

- Suggested route of travel for the Magi, from Babylon and following the Euphrates
- Reading Matthew 2: 1-8 Visitors from the East



Map of the world religions

- How far has the Christian message spread
- Search for Papua New Guinea on the northern tip of Australia

Reading Matthew 2:9-12

The Christmas Star





Melchior, Caspar and Balthazar

The Three Wise Men, BBC The Nativity 2010



Melchior

- May have been the King of Persia
- Thought to be the oldest
- Gave the gift of gold



Caspar

- May have been the an Indian scholar
- Gave the gift of frankincense



Balthazar

- May have been a king of Arabia, possibly Ethiopia
- Gave the gift of myrrh

the nativity



Mary and Joseph escape to Egypt with baby Jesus. And the Magi return home by a different route.

Journeys to Bethlehem

- We have journeyed with the Old Testament Travellers to the City of David where David was anointed as King of Israel by Samuel.
- We have found that Rachel, wife of Jacob died and was buried close to Bethlehem.
- We know that Ruth returned to Bethlehem and from her marriage with Boaz, gave heirs directly to King David
- We have seen a modern day Bethlehem and heard about some of the turmoil that still exists in that place.



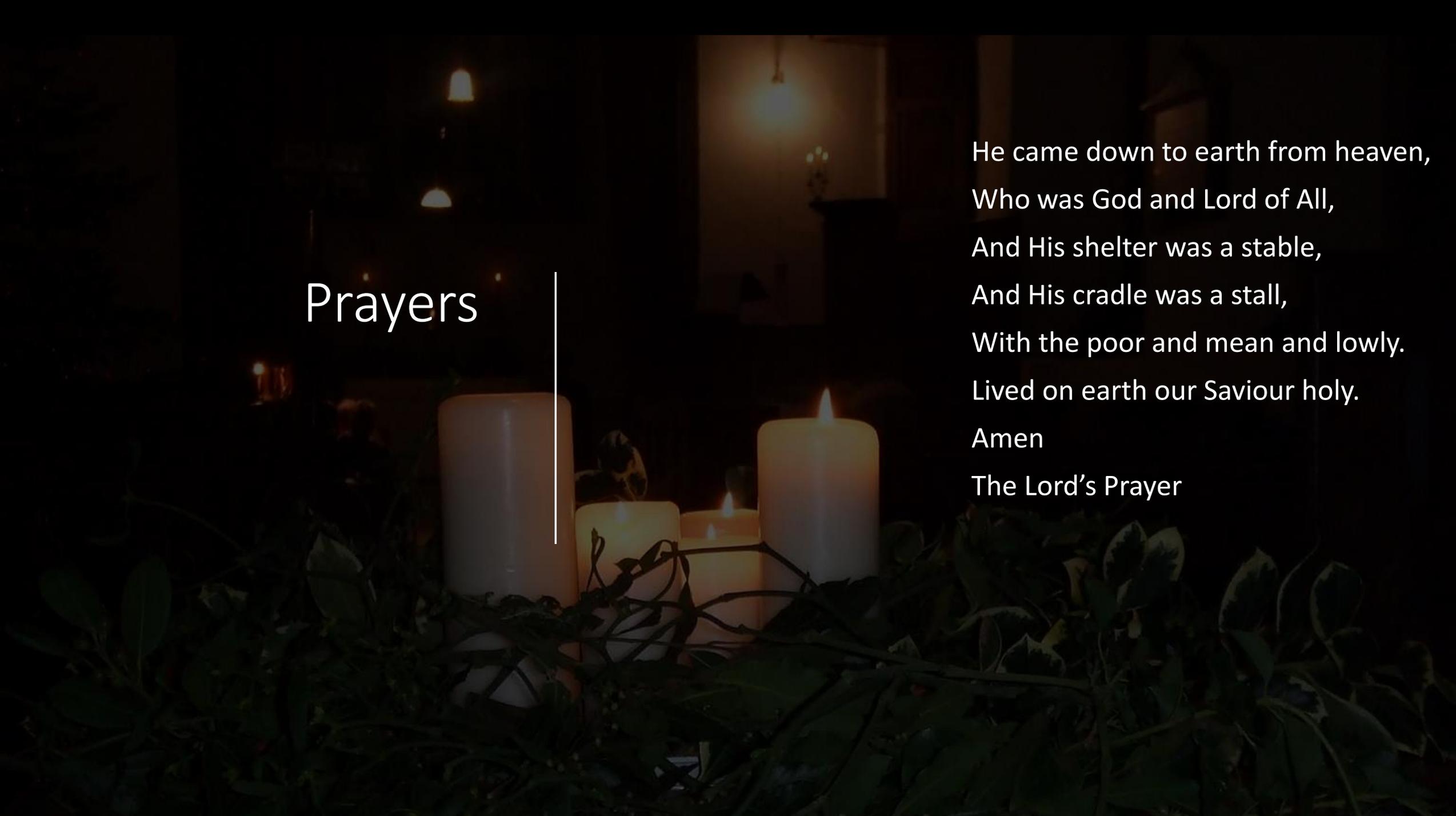


Journeys to Bethlehem

- We have walked with Mary on her journey to Elizabeth
- We have felt what it was like to be scorned and know that Joseph took Mary to Bethlehem
- We see Angel Gabriel appear to Mary, Joseph the shepherd and the Magi
- And as the story unfolds in Bethlehem we meet with all those in awe and wonder of God's Son, born for us all.



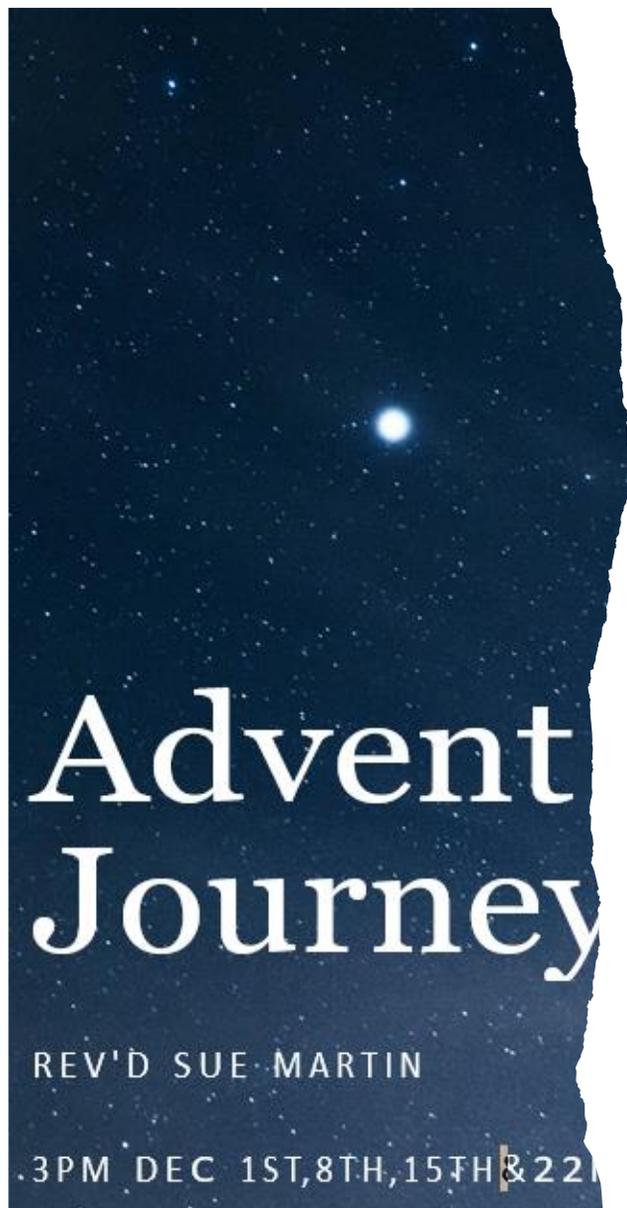
Reading from
John 1: 1-10
The Word



Prayers

He came down to earth from heaven,
Who was God and Lord of All,
And His shelter was a stable,
And His cradle was a stall,
With the poor and mean and lowly.
Lived on earth our Saviour holy.
Amen

The Lord's Prayer



The Magi travel to Bethlehem Rev'd Sue Martin