

December 18–24, 2023

SUBJECT

# Christ Jesus

GOLDEN TEXT

John 10:27

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:

RESPONSIVE READING

Matthew 1:18–21, 24; 2:1, 2, 9–11 *and* (to :)

<sup>1:18</sup> Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.

<sup>19</sup> **Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily.**

*The Golden Text and Responsive Reading are from the King James Version of the Bible.*

<sup>20</sup> But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.

<sup>21</sup> **And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.**

<sup>24</sup> Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife:

<sup>2:1</sup> **Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judæa in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem,**

<sup>2</sup> Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.

<sup>9</sup> . . . **and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was.**

<sup>10</sup> When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.

<sup>11</sup> **And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him:**