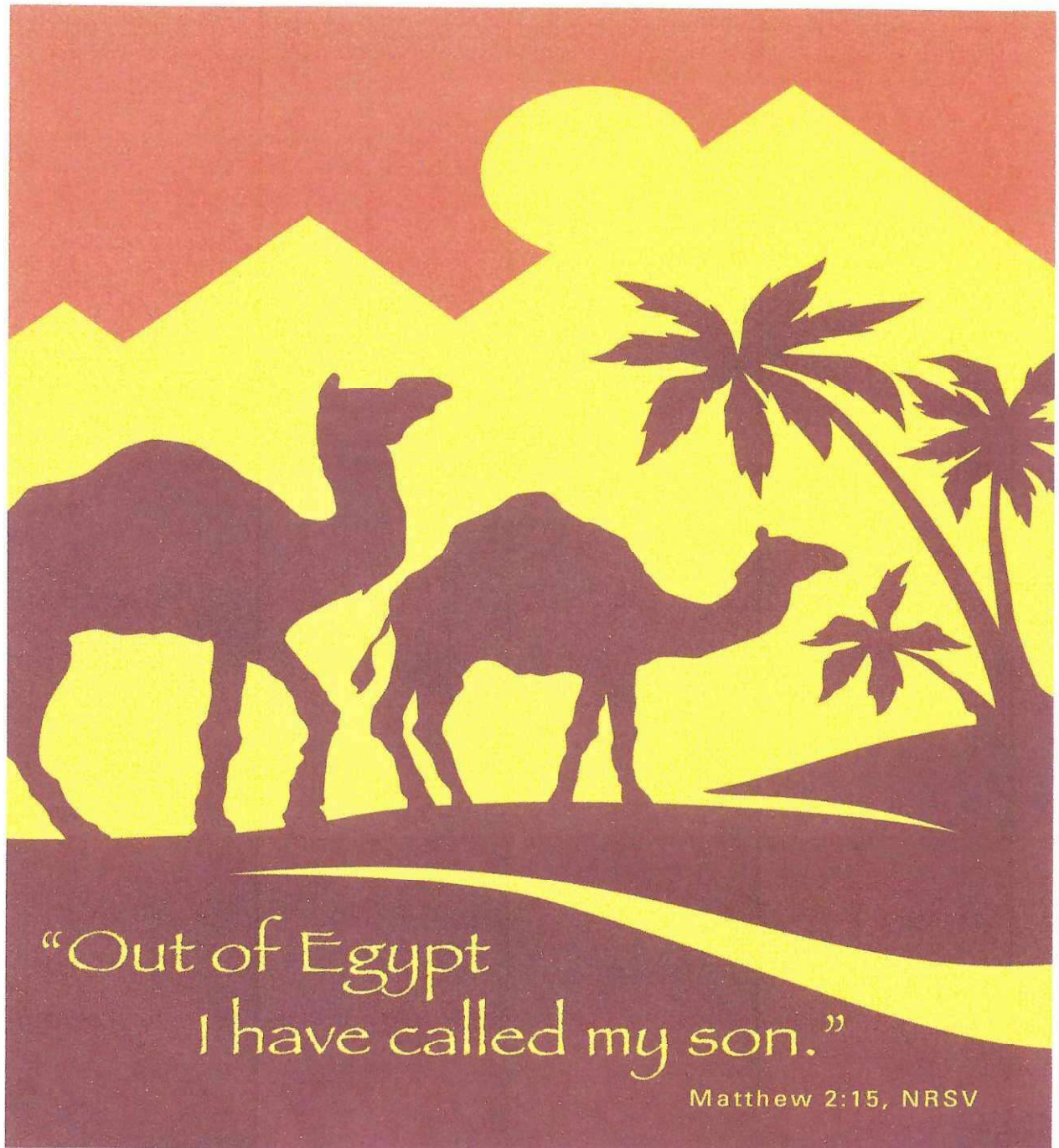


Christ Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod
Hillsboro, Texas



1st Sunday after Christmas

OUT OF EGYPT . . .

December 28, 2025

TODAY'S MESSAGE: OUT OF EGYPT . . .

Not too long after Jesus was born (depending on when the “wise men” arrived in Bethlehem), Mary and Joseph had to “escape” with Him to Egypt. King Herod was sending his soldiers to Bethlehem to try and kill the baby Jesus. As God’s people did in the Old Testament, Jesus and His family lived in Egypt for a time. God delivered His Old Testament people from their slavery in Egypt. God’s Son returned from Egypt to the land of Israel (specifically Galilee), and through Jesus’ eventual death on the cross, His resurrection and our baptism into Him, we have been taken “out of Egypt”. We have been delivered from our slavery to sin and death and we will live forever with Jesus in the Promised Land that we also call heaven.



In the Lord’s Supper, Jesus gives us His body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins. The Lord’s Supper is also a very sacred and intimate proclamation of fellowship among those who confess the same faith (doctrine, teachings) concerning God’s Word and the Gospel of His Son Jesus Christ. Therefore, we practice close communion and ask that those who are not confirmed members of an LC-MS congregation receive instruction before receiving the Lord’s Supper.

Whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself.

1 Corinthians 11:27-29

Before receiving the Lord’s Supper, we need to examine ourselves in the following way:

(1) Am I truly repentant (sorry) for all of my sins and do I truthfully desire to change my sinful life? (2) Do I believe that Jesus is my Lord and Savior and that in the Lord’s Supper I receive His body and His blood for the forgiveness of all my sins? And (3) Have I been instructed in the Scriptures and have I publicly confessed my belief that the teachings of this church and the LC-MS are faithful to God’s Word and the Gospel of His Son Jesus Christ?

If you have questions about what God’s Word says concerning the Lord’s Supper, please speak with the pastor and/or pick up our brochure titled “Fellowship in the Lord’s Supper”.

Those who are not confirmed are welcome to come to the altar, cross your arms and receive a blessing. For those who will be communing: **Non-alcoholic** wine is located in the center of each tray for those who have concerns with alcohol. We also offer the **chalice** as well as individual cups. If you desire the chalice, do not take an individual cup from the tray and the pastor will serve you from the chalice. Christ is present in both to grant you forgiveness.

✝ ORDER OF SERVICE WITH COMMUNION ✝

["Divine Service: Setting One" from LSB p.184]

Please silence – or turn off – your phones and refrain from using them during the service.

Welcome

Announcements

Opening Hymn

"Angels from the Realms of Glory"

LSB 367

**Angels from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth.
Ye who sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth.
Come and worship. Come and worship. Worship Christ, the newborn King.**

**Shepherds in the field abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing, yonder shines the Infant Light.
Come and worship. Come and worship. Worship Christ, the newborn King.**

**Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar.
Seek the great Desire of nations, ye have seen His natal star.
Come and worship. Come and worship. Worship Christ, the newborn King.**

**Saints before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear,
Suddenly the Lord, descending, in His temple shall appear.
Come and worship. Come and worship. Worship Christ, the newborn King.**

**All creation, join in praising, God the Father, Spirit, Son,
Evermore your voices raising, to the eternal Three in One.
Come and worship. Come and worship. Worship Christ, the newborn King.**

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b

P: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: *(sung)* A - - - men

Confession of Sins

Hebrews 10:22; 1 John 1:8-9

P: Beloved in the Lord. Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, imploring him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Psalm 124:8

C: *(sung)* **Who made heaven and earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.

Psalm 32:5

C: *(sung)* **And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.**

ALL: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to you all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended you and justly deserved your punishment now and forever. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray you of your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.

P: Upon this your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

John 20:19-23

C: *(sung)* **A - - - men.**

Entrance Psalm [ESV]

Psalm 111

P: Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

C: **Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.**

P: Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.

C: **He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and merciful.**

P: He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever.

C: **He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the inheritance of the nations.**

P: The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy;

C: **They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.**

P: He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name!

ALL: The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!

Gloria Patri *(sung)*

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Kyrie *(sung)*

Mark 10:47

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Gloria in Excelsis *(sung)*

Luke 2:14; John 1:29

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee. We glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ. O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, That takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy. Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Opening Prayer

P: Let us pray.

ALL: Gracious Father, in your great love for the world you have given us the gift of your only Son as the light of the nations and the glory of Israel. Open our hearts to receive him and sanctify our lives to proclaim his name to all people; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Old Testament Reading [ESV]

Isaiah 63:7-14

I will recount the steadfast love of the LORD, the praises of the LORD, according to all that the LORD has granted us, and the great goodness to the house of Israel that he has granted them according to his compassion, according to the abundance of his steadfast love. For he said, "Surely they are my people, children who will not deal falsely." And he became their Savior. In all their affliction he was afflicted and the angel of his presence saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

But they rebelled and grieved his Holy Spirit; therefore he turned to be their enemy, and himself fought against them. Then he remembered the days of old, of Moses and his people. Where is he who brought them up out of the sea with the shepherds of his flock? Where is he who put in the midst of them his Holy Spirit, who caused his glorious arm to go at the right hand of Moses, who divided the waters before them to make for himself an everlasting name, who led them through the depths? Like a horse in the desert, they did not stumble. Like livestock that go down into the valley the Spirit of the LORD gave them rest. So you led your people, to make for yourself a glorious name.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading [ESV]

Galatians 4:4-7

When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading [ESV]

Matthew 2:13-23

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 2nd chapter.

C: *(sung)* **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt I called my son." Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah: "A voice was heard in Ramah, weeping and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be comforted, because they are no more."

But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, "Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, so that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, that he would be called a Nazarene.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: *(sung)* **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Children's Message

Sermon Hymn

"Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising"

LSB 375

**Come, your hearts and voices raising, Christ the Lord with gladness praising.
Loudly sing His love amazing, worthy folk of Christendom.**

**Christ, from heav'n to us descending, and in love our race befriending.
In our need His help extending, saved us from the wily foe.**

**Jacob's star in all its splendor, beams with comfort sweet and tender,
Forcing Satan to surrender, breaking all the pow'rs of hell.**

**From the bondage that oppressed us, from sin's fetters that possessed us,
From the grief that sore distressed us, we the captives now are free.**

**Oh, the joy beyond expressing, when by faith we grasp this blessing,
And to You we come confessing, that Your love has set us free.**

**Gracious Child, we pray, O hear us, from Your lowly manger cheer us,
Gently lead us and be near us, till we join Your choir above.**

Sermon

OUT OF EGYPT . . .

Confession of Faith

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Offertory *(sung)*

Psalm 51:10-12

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.

Amen.

Offering *(Take this time to greet those seated near you with a handshake and the words, "The peace of the Lord be with you.")*

[If you are a guest, please feel under no obligation to give anything, but receive this worship service as our gift to you. For the members and friends of this congregation, our mission and ministry is dependent upon your generous giving, a significant act of our worship.]

Offering Prayer

[LSB 781 (v.1-2)]

P: We give Thee but Thine own, whatever the gift may be. All that we have is Thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee.

C: May we Thy bounties thus, as stewards true receive. And gladly, as Thou blessest us, to Thee our first-fruits give! Amen.

Prayers

✠ THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION ✠

VISITORS and MEMBERS

Please read the message inside the first page of this bulletin re: participation in the Lord's Supper.

P: The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*

C: *(sung)* **And with thy spirit.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

Colossians 3:1

C: *(sung)* **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

Psalm 136

C: *(sung)* **It is good and right so to do.**

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, for in the mystery of the Word made flesh you have given us a new revelation of your glory that, seeing you in the person of your Son, we may be drawn to the love of those things that are not seen. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and saying:

Sanctus *(sung)*

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth. Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.

Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He. Blessed is He. Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

ALL: 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Words of Our Lord

Mt. 26:26-28; Mk. 14:22-24; Lk. 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-25

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed . . .

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

John 20:19

C: *(sung)* **A - - - - men.**

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace.... A - - - - men.

Distribution Hymns

“What Child is This”

LSB 370

**What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary’s lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the king, whom shepherds guard and angels sing.
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The babe, the son of Mary!**

**Why lies He in such mean estate, where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here, the silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear shall pierce Him through, the cross be borne for me, for you.
Hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mary!**

**So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh. Come, peasant, king, to own Him,
The King of Kings salvation brings. Let loving hearts enthrone Him.
Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby.
Joy, joy for Christ is born. The babe, the son of Mary!**

“O Lord, We Praise Thee”

LSB 617

**O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee and adore Thee, in thanksgiving bow before Thee.
Thou with Thy body and Thy blood didst nourish, our weak souls that they may flourish:
O Lord, have mercy!
May Thy body, Lord, born of Mary, that our sins and sorrows did carry,
And Thy blood for us plead, in all trial, fear and need: O Lord, have mercy!**

**Thy holy body into death was given, life to win for us in heaven.
No greater love than this to Thee could bind us. May this feast there-of remind us!
O Lord, have mercy!
Lord, Thy kindness did so constrain Thee, that Thy blood should bless and sustain me.
All our debt Thou hast paid. Peace with God once more is made: O Lord, have mercy!**

May God bestow on us His grace and favor, that we follow Christ our Savior,
And live together here in love and union, nor despise this blest Communion!
O Lord, have mercy!

Let not Thy good Spirit forsake us. Grant that heav'nly minded He make us.
Give Thy Church, Lord to see, days of peace and unity: O Lord, have mercy!

"Let All Together Praise Our God"

LSB 389

Let all together praise our God, before His glorious throne.
Today He opens heav'n again, to give us His own Son. To give us His own Son.

He leaves His heav'nly Father's throne, is born an infant small,
And in a manger, poor and lone, lies in a humble stall. Lies in a humble stall.

Within an earth-born form He hides His all creating light.
To serve us all He humbly cloaks, the splendor of His might. The splendor of His might.

He undertakes a great exchange, puts on our human frame,
And in return gives us His realm, His glory and His name. His glory and His name.

He is a servant, I a lord: How great a mystery!
How strong the tender Christ Child's love! No truer friend than He. No truer friend than He.

He is the key and He the door, to blessed paradise.
The angel bars the way no more. To God our praises rise. To God our praises rise.

Your grace in lowliness revealed, Lord Jesus, we adore,
And praise to God the Father yield, and Spirit evermore. We praise You evermore.

Nunc Dimittis (*sung*)

Luke 2:29-32

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word.
For mine eyes have seen Thy Salvation which Thou hast prepared before the face
of all people, a Light to lighten the Gentiles and the Glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the
beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

P: Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

Psalm 107:1

C: (*sung*) And His mercy endureth forever.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

ALL: God our Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent your Son into the flesh, we thank you that for his sake you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament and we ask you not to forsake your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that we be enabled to serve you constantly; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

P: The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

C: *(sung)* And with thy spirit.

P: Bless we the Lord.

Psalms 103:1

C: *(sung)* Thanks be to God.

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C: *(sung)* A - men, A - men, A - - men.

Closing Hymn

“Go Tell It on the Mountain”

LSB 388

REFRAIN Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev’rywhere.
Go tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born!

While shepherds kept their watching, o’er silent flocks by night,
Behold, throughout the heavens, there shone a holy light.

REFRAIN Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev’rywhere.
Go tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born!

The shepherds feared and trembled, when lo, above the earth,
Rang out the angel chorus, that hailed our Savior’s birth.

REFRAIN Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev’rywhere.
Go tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born!

Down in a lonely manger, the humble Christ was born.
And God sent us salvation, that blessed Christmas morn.

REFRAIN Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev’rywhere.
Go tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born!