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Welcome to
Homestead Park
United Methodist Church



Opening Prayer (unison)



(Please stand as you are able)

God of angels and babies fill the
skies with light and song and fill
our hearts with wonder and
peace. For on this night a window
to heaven opens, and we catch a
glimpse of an incredible love
which descends as a child. O, let

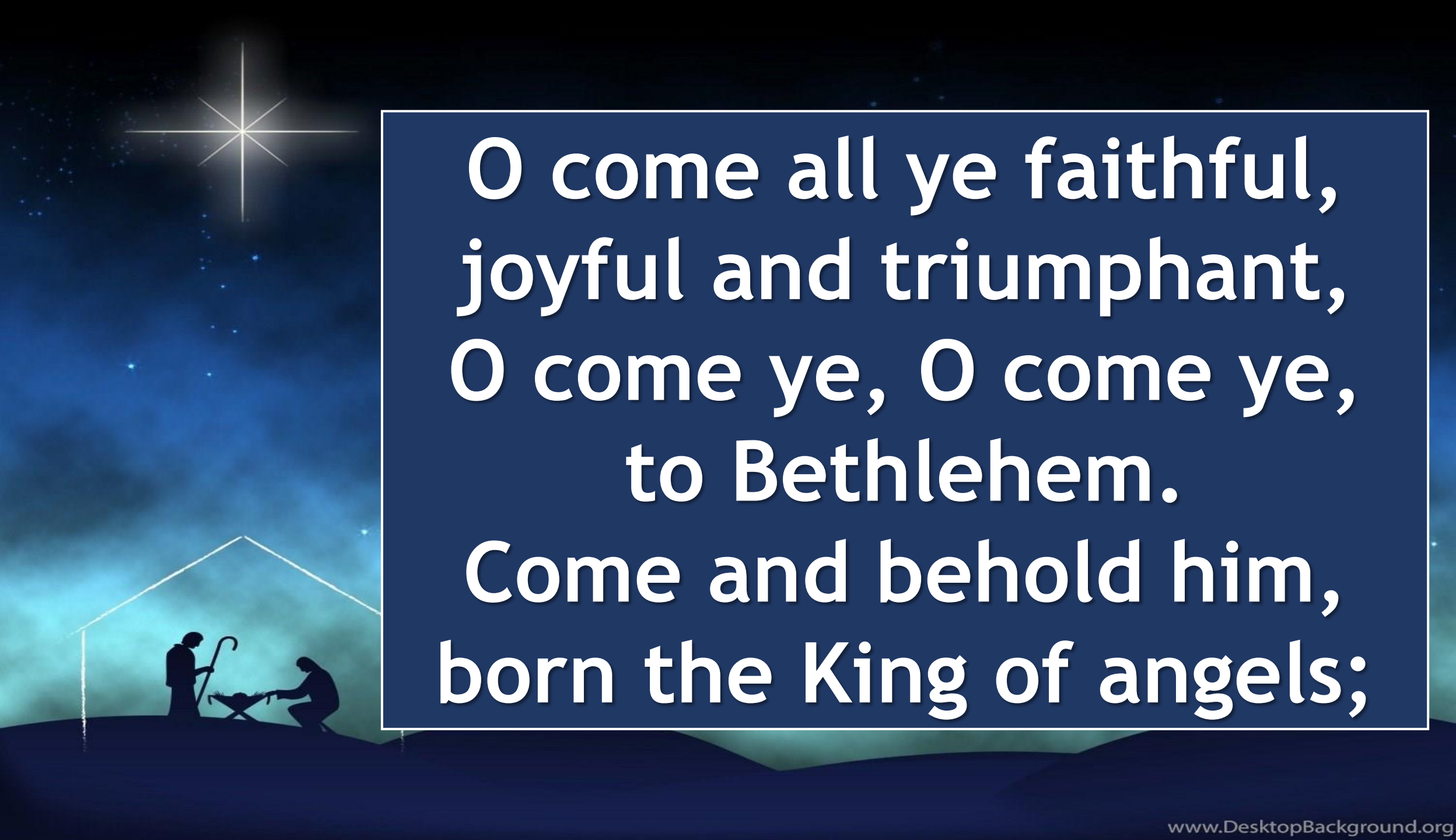
the angels sing and let our hearts be softened. Let our lives be filled anew with hope and joy. God of the shepherds and stars open us to the miracle of your love which enters the world and our lives this holy night. Amen.



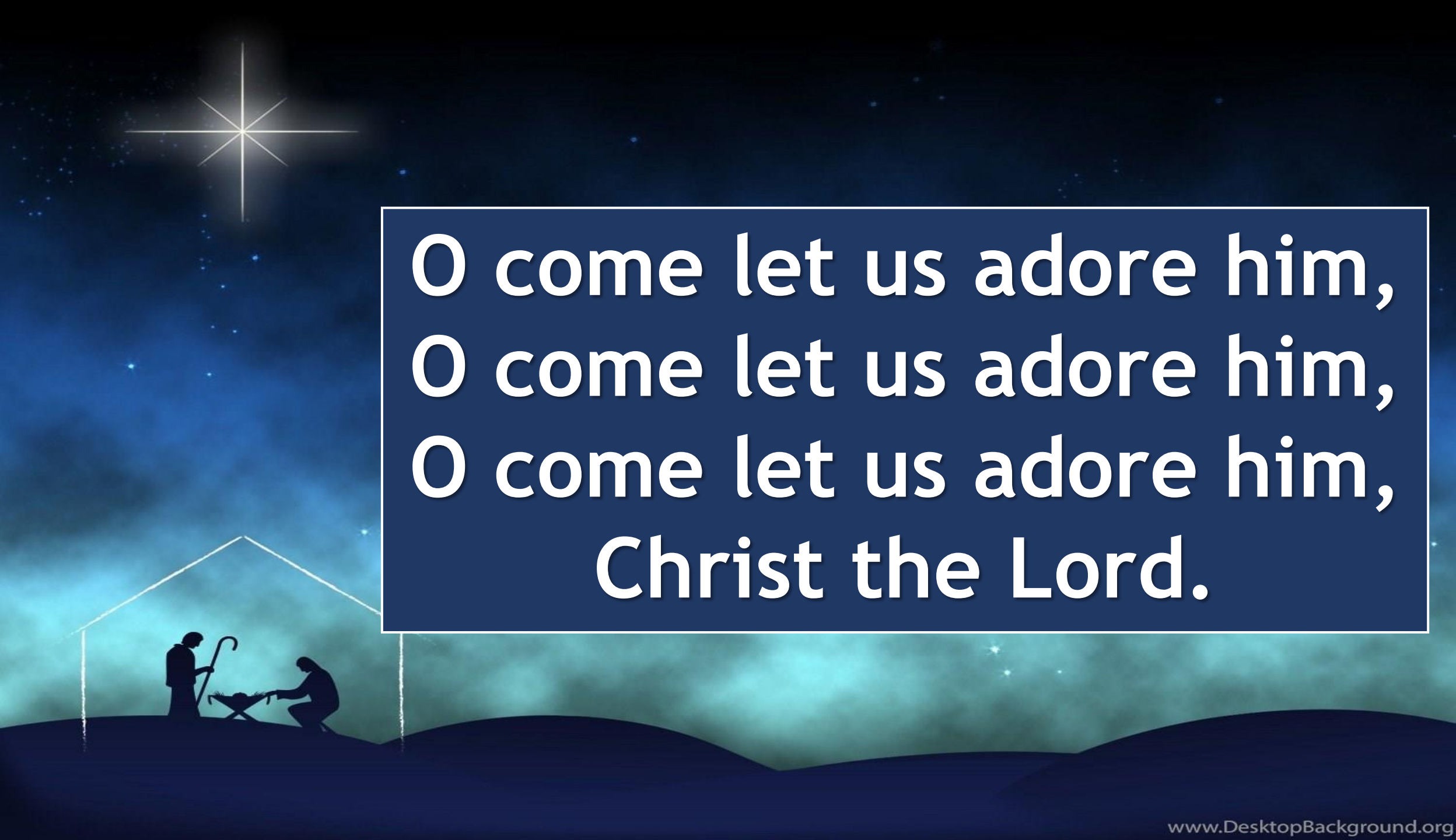
Hymn #234
O, Come, All Ye Faithful



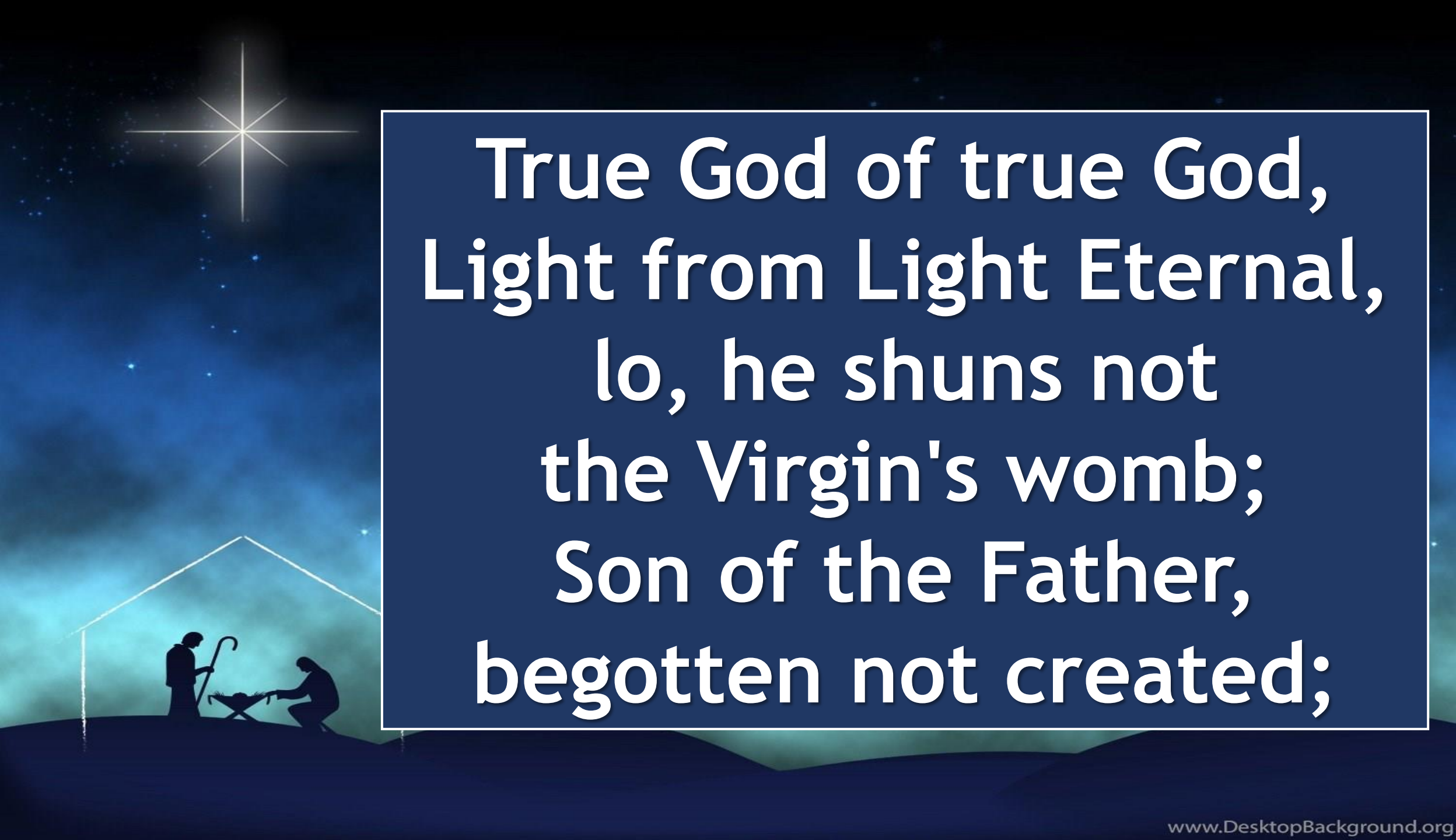
(Please stand as you are able)

A silhouette of a nativity scene is visible on the left side of the image. It shows a shepherd with a staff, a kneeling figure, and a manger with a baby, all set against a dark blue background with a bright star in the upper left corner. The scene is framed by a white outline of a stable.

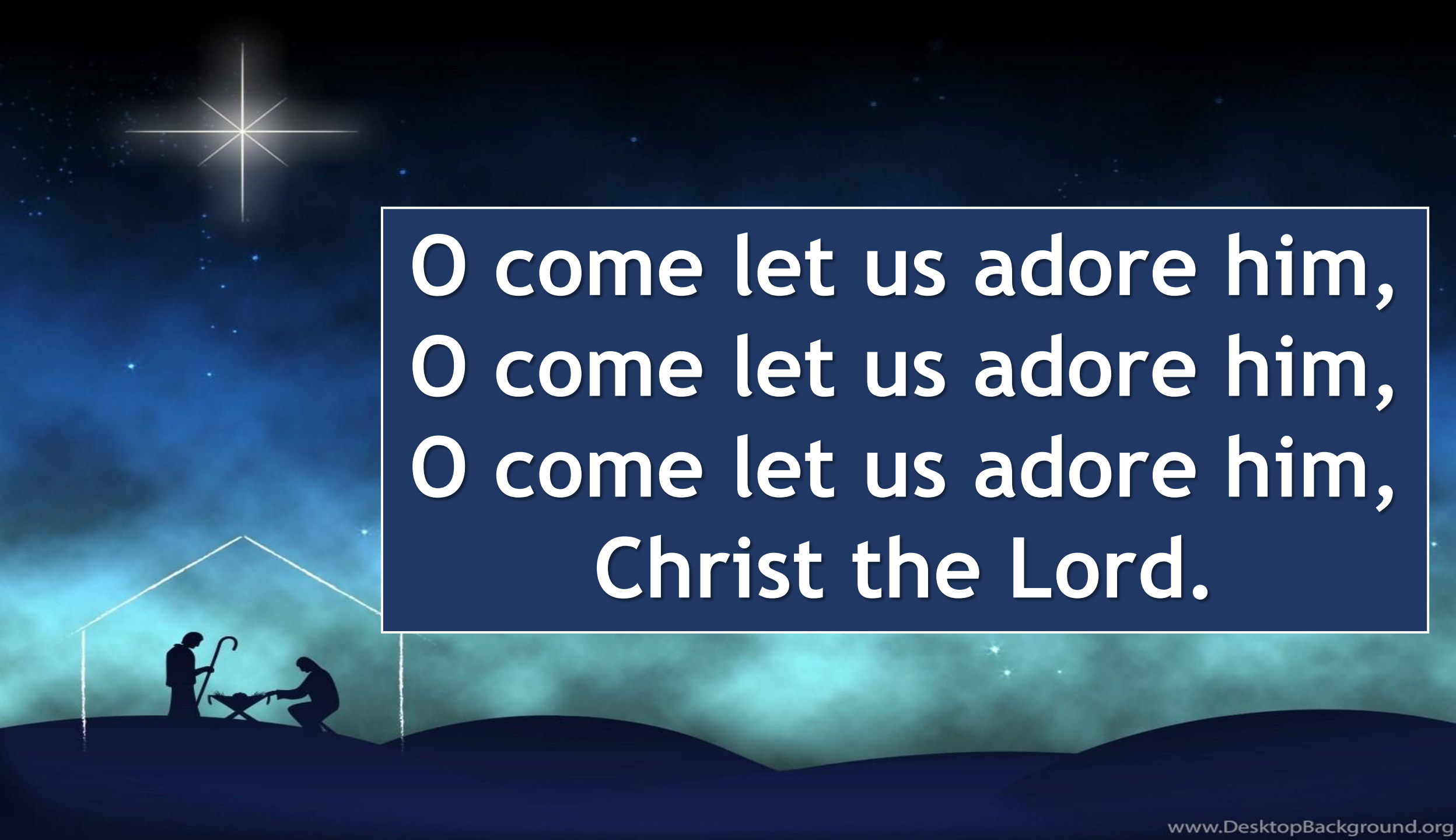
**O come all ye faithful,
joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye,
to Bethlehem.
Come and behold him,
born the King of angels;**

A silhouette of a nativity scene is visible in the lower-left corner, showing a shepherd with a staff and a kneeling figure near a manger. The background is a dark blue night sky with a bright, multi-pointed star in the upper-left and a soft, glowing light source behind the manger. The text is centered in a white-bordered box.

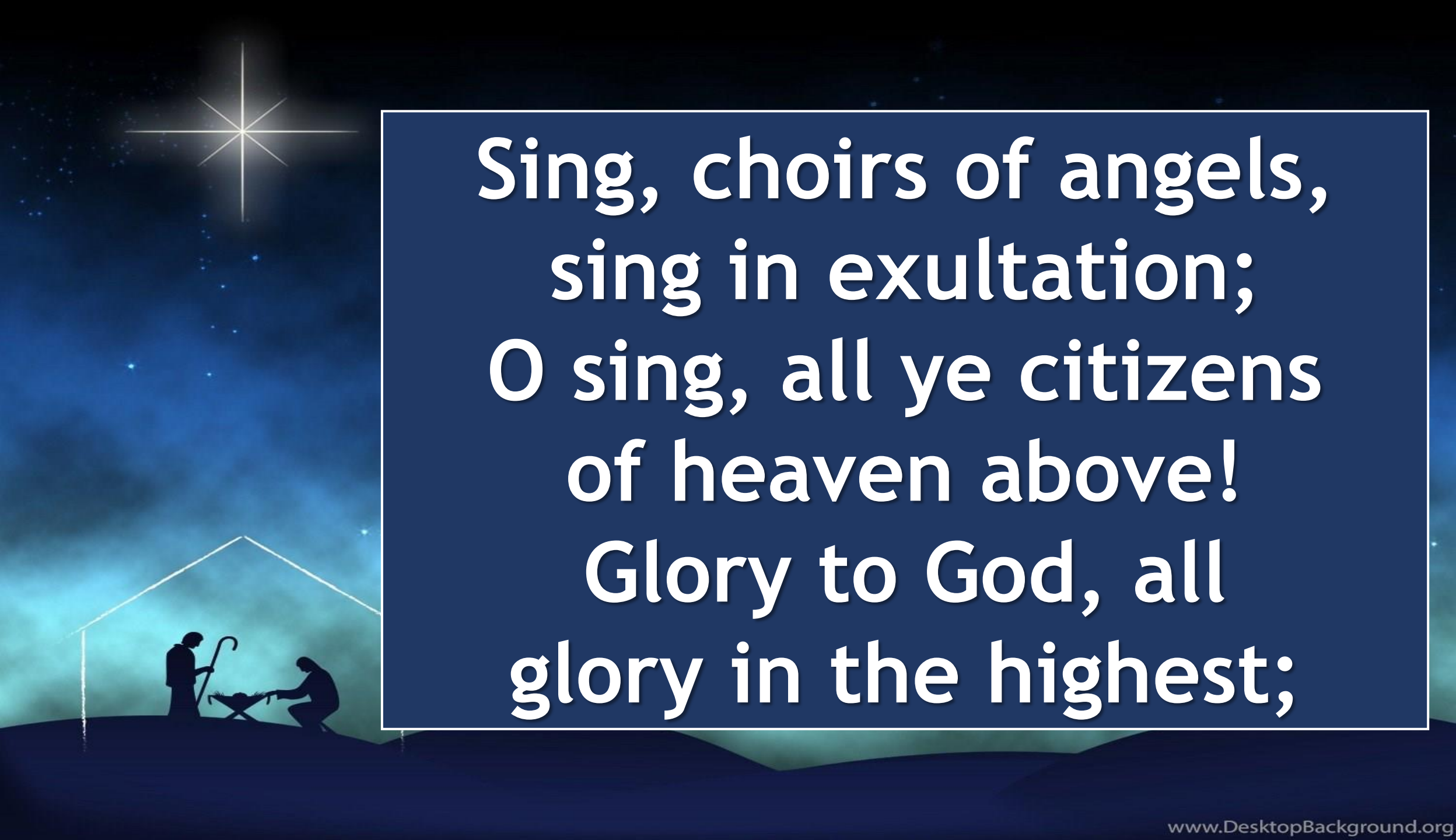
O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.

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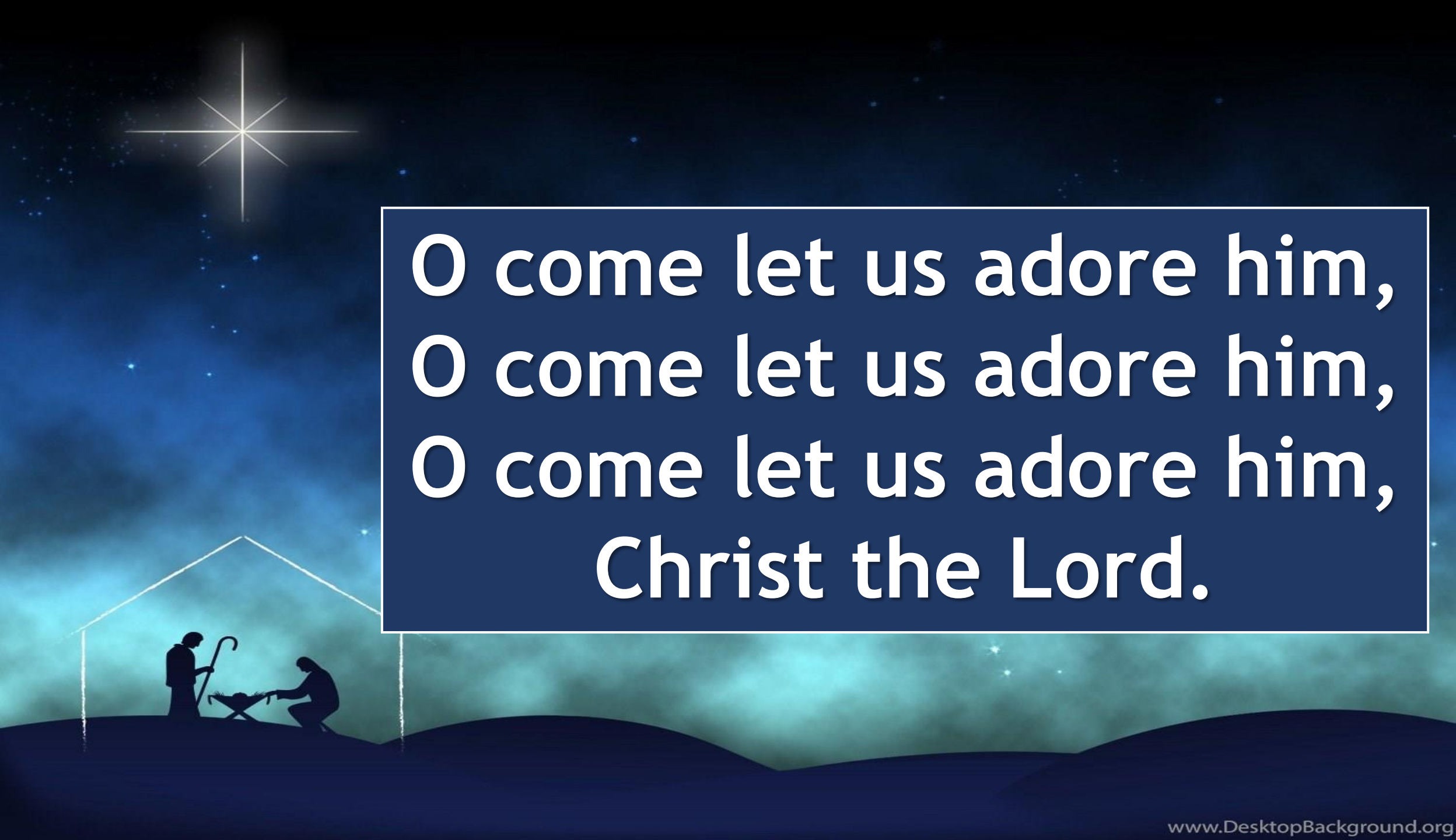
**True God of true God,
Light from Light Eternal,
lo, he shuns not
the Virgin's womb;
Son of the Father,
begotten not created;**

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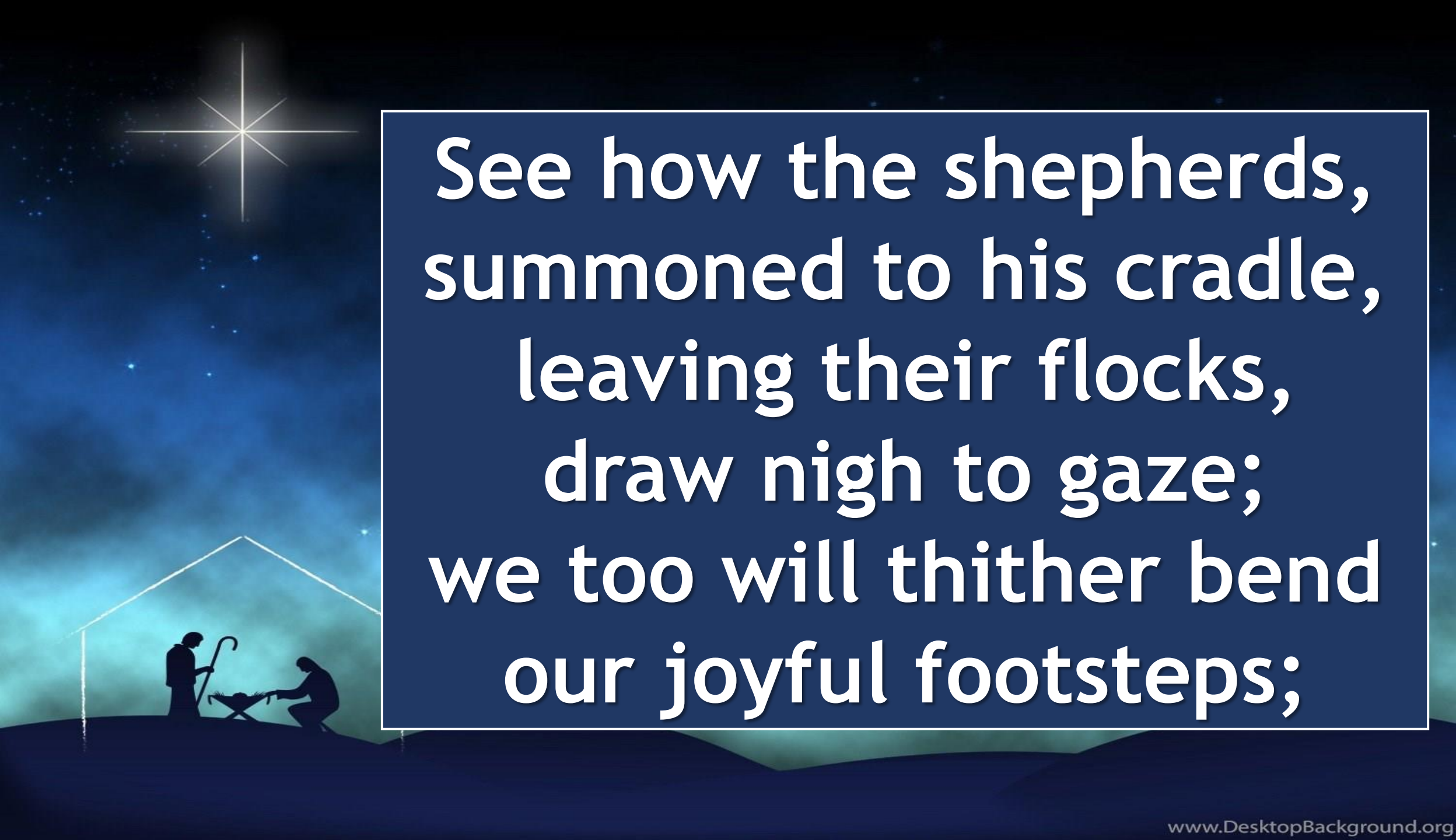
O come let us adore him,
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O come let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.

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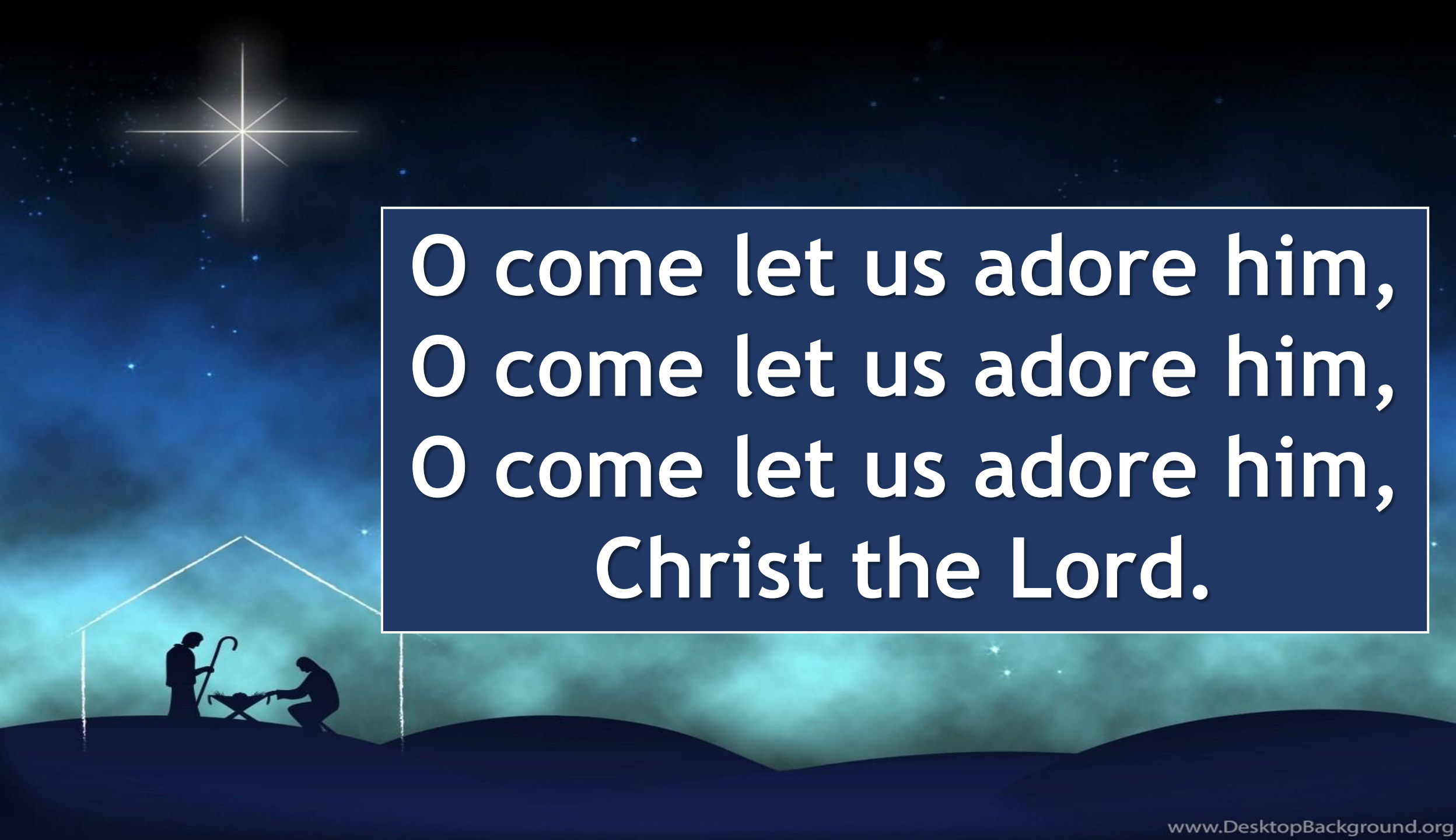
**Sing, choirs of angels,
sing in exultation;
O sing, all ye citizens
of heaven above!
Glory to God, all
glory in the highest;**

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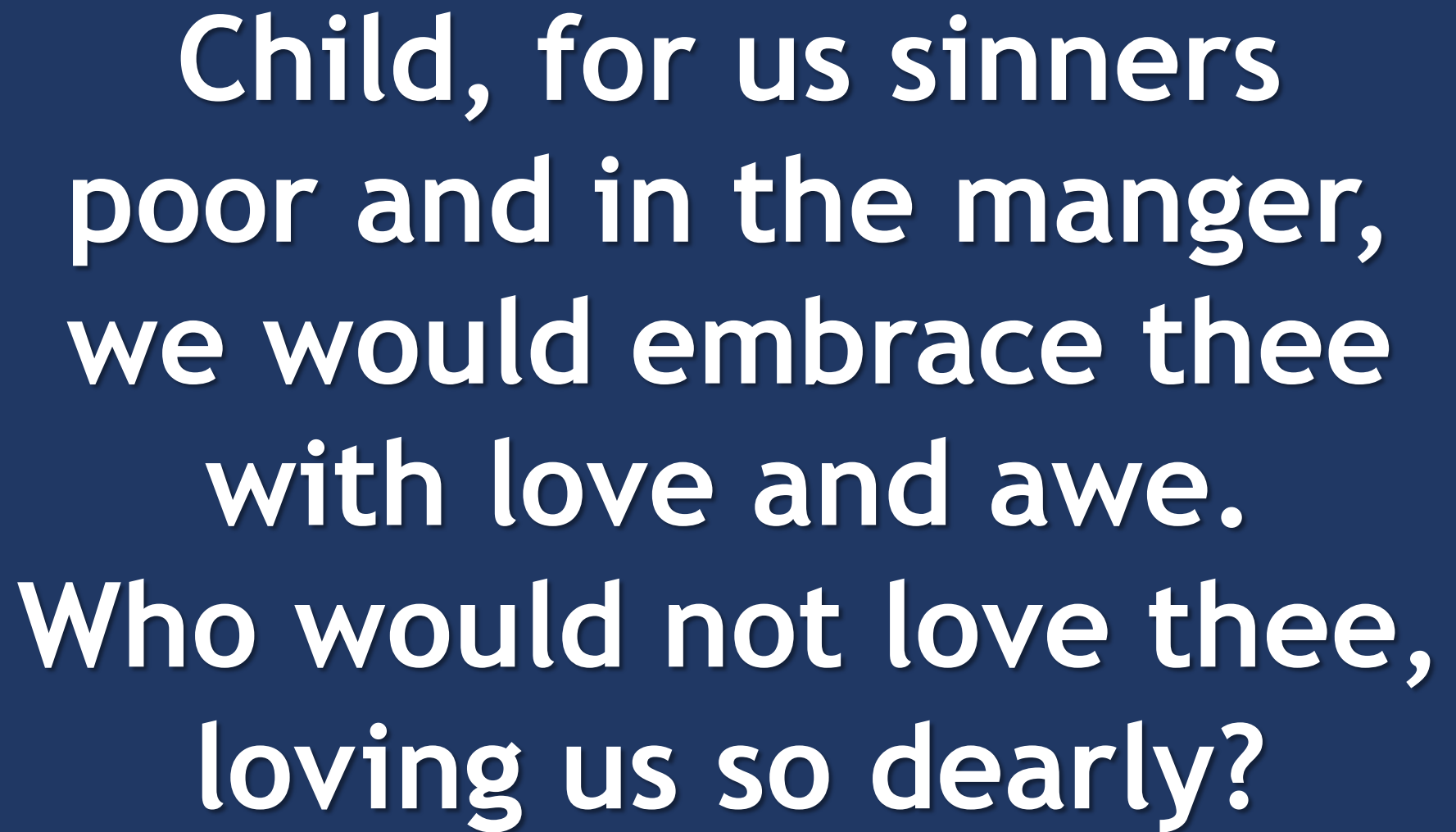
O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.

A silhouette of a nativity scene is visible in the lower-left corner. It shows a shepherd with a staff and a kneeling figure, likely Mary, in front of a manger. The background is a dark blue night sky with a bright, multi-pointed star in the upper-left and a faint outline of a stable or house.

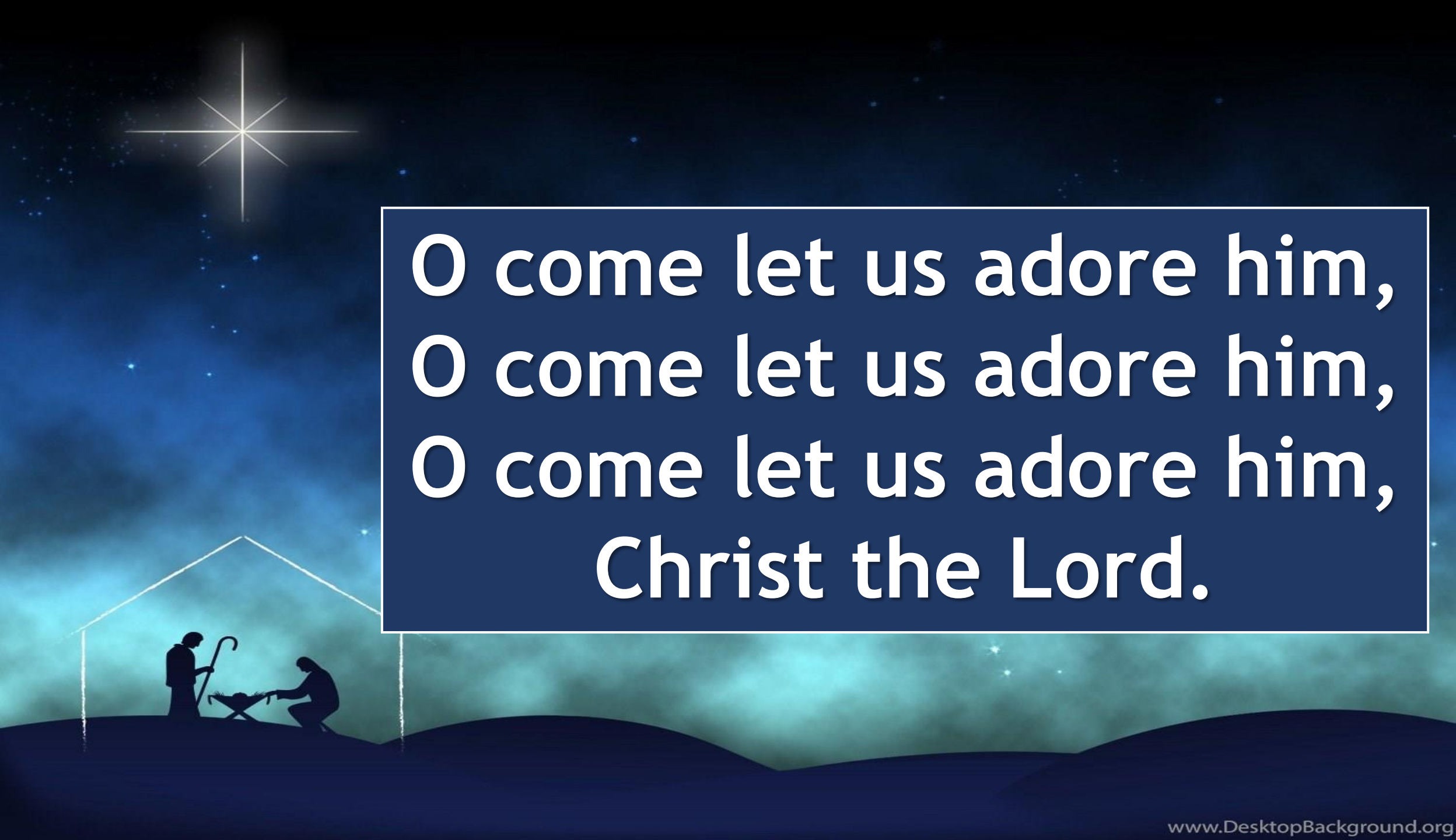
**See how the shepherds,
summoned to his cradle,
leaving their flocks,
draw nigh to gaze;
we too will thither bend
our joyful footsteps;**

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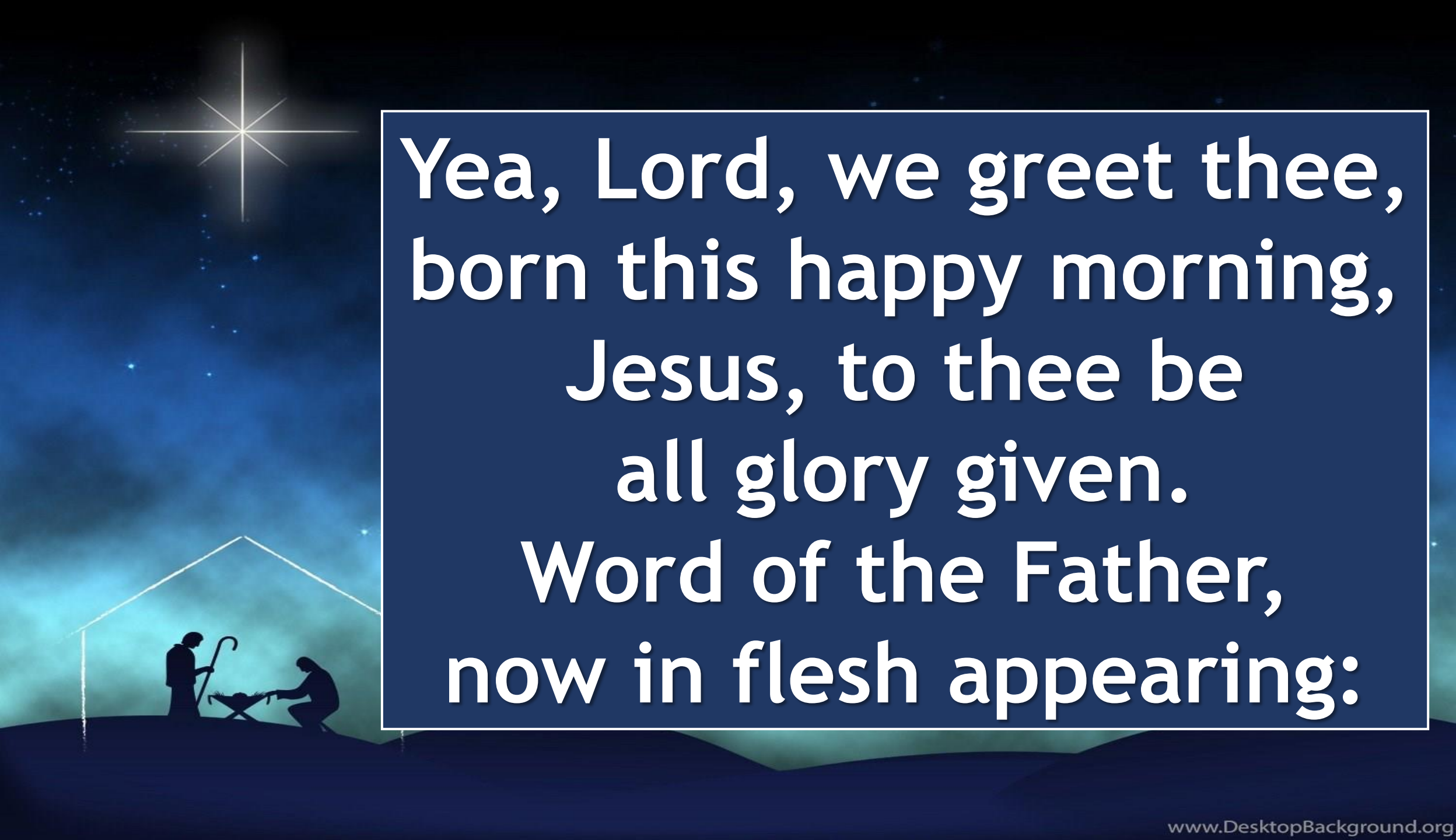
O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.

The background features a dark blue night sky with a prominent bright star in the upper left corner. In the lower left, there are silhouettes of figures in a manger scene, including a shepherd with a staff and a person kneeling. The text is centered in a white-bordered box.

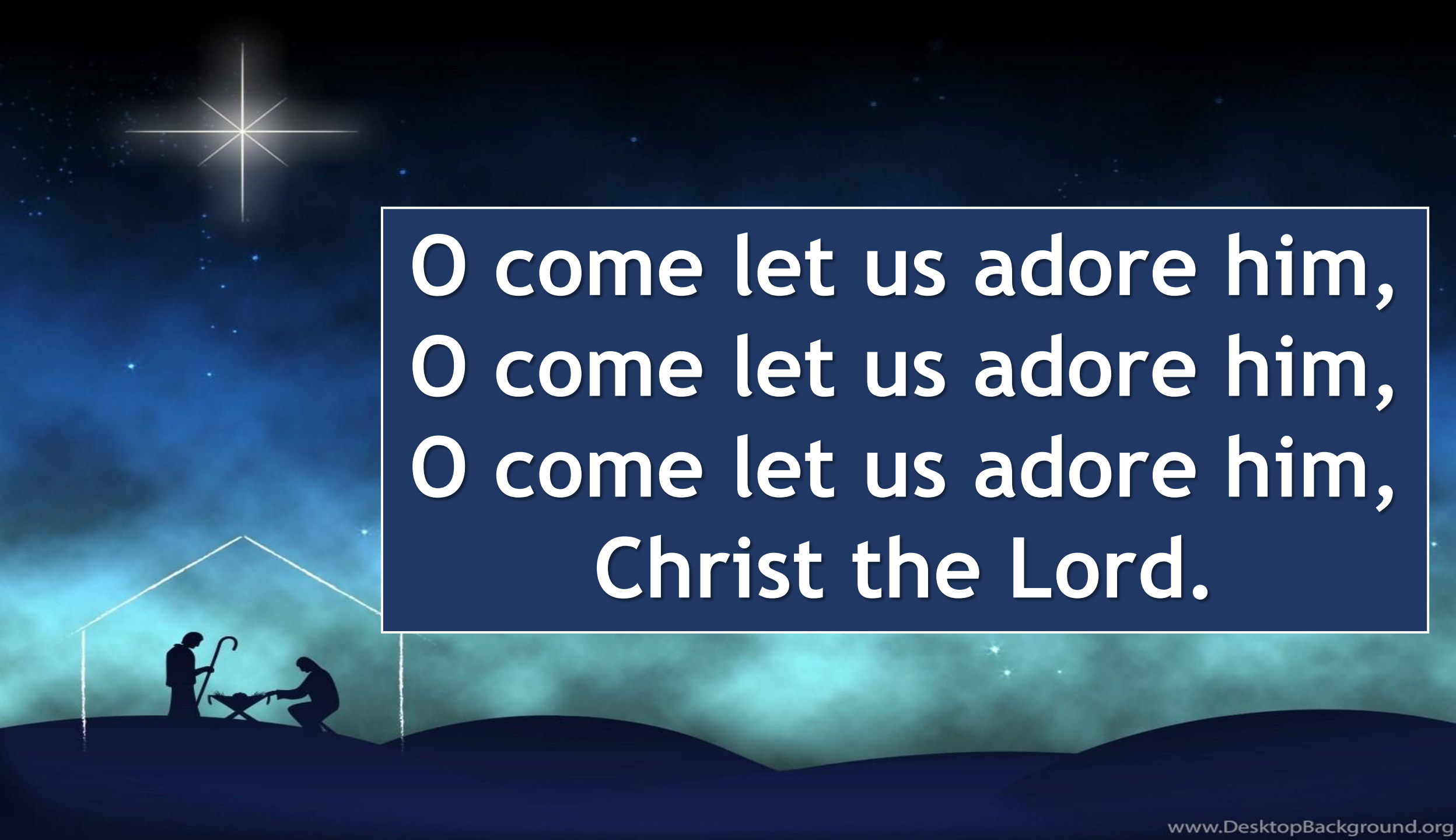
**Child, for us sinners
poor and in the manger,
we would embrace thee
with love and awe.
Who would not love thee,
loving us so dearly?**

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O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.

A night sky with a bright star in the upper left and silhouettes of figures in a manger in the lower left. The background is a dark blue gradient with some light clouds.

**Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
born this happy morning,
Jesus, to thee be
all glory given.
Word of the Father,
now in flesh appearing:**

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O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.



Call to Worship (responsive)



(Please stand as you are able)

Pastor: Joy to the world,

People: The Lord is come!

Pastor: Sing it. Say it. Tell the world.

People: Go, tell it on the mountain,

Pastor: Over the hills and
everywhere.

People: Go, tell it on the
mountain, that Jesus Christ is
born!

Pastor: Sing it. Say it. Spread the
news!

**People: Joy to the world, the Lord
is come!**

**Pastor: So, come, come and
worship.**

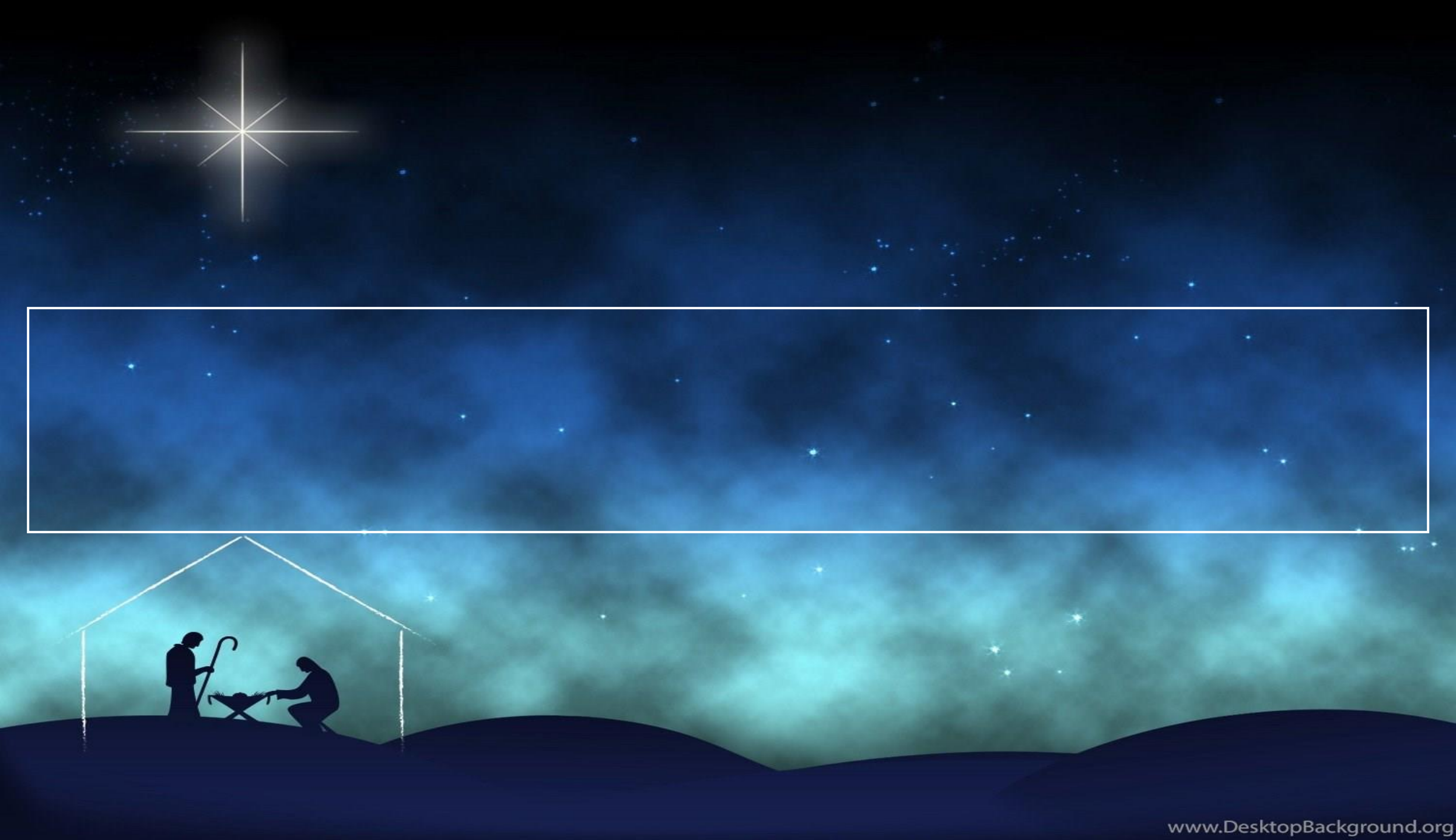
**All: Worship Christ, the newborn
king.**

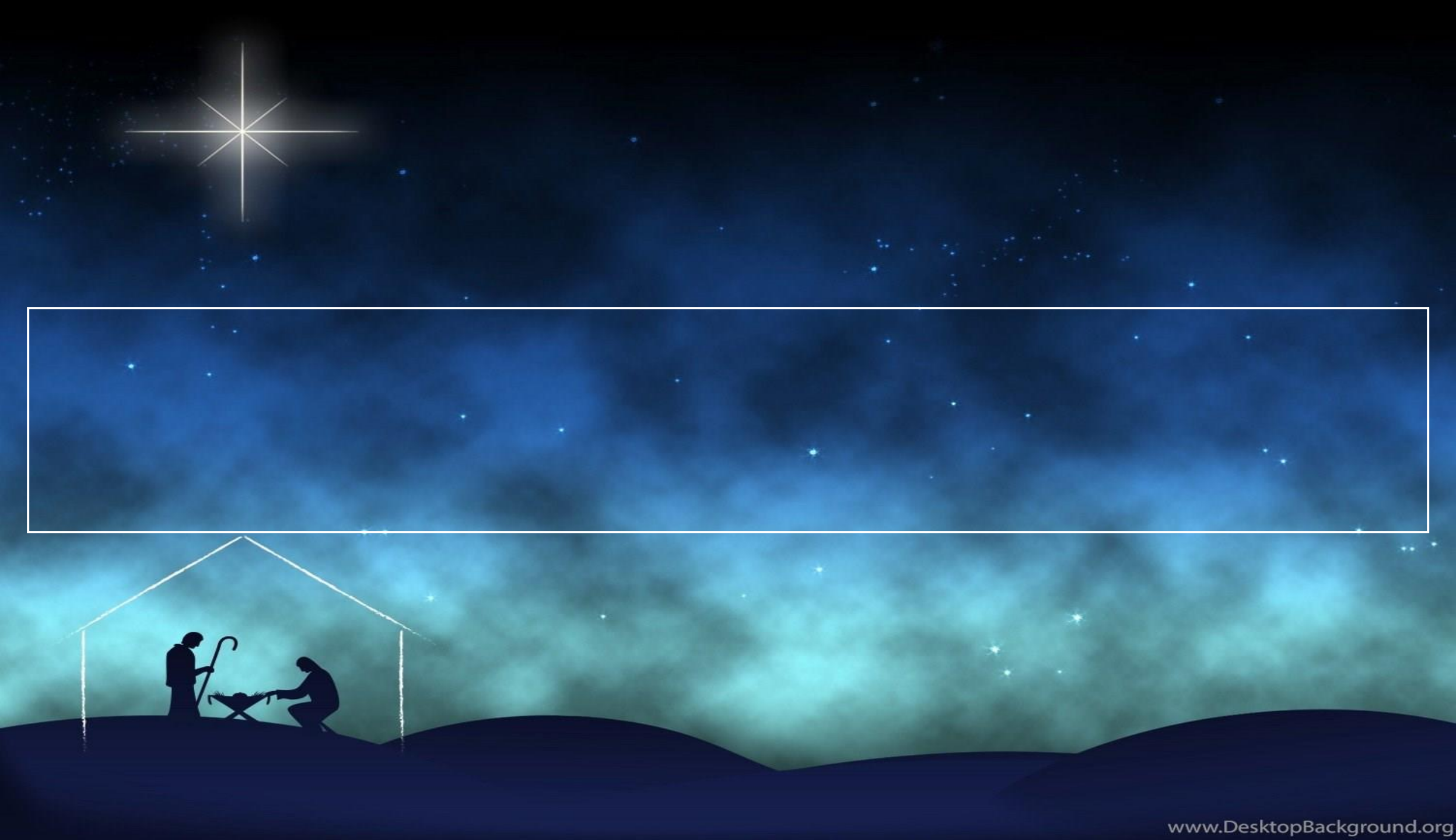
Lighting of the Christ Candle




Songs of Praise









Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 52: 7-10 NIV



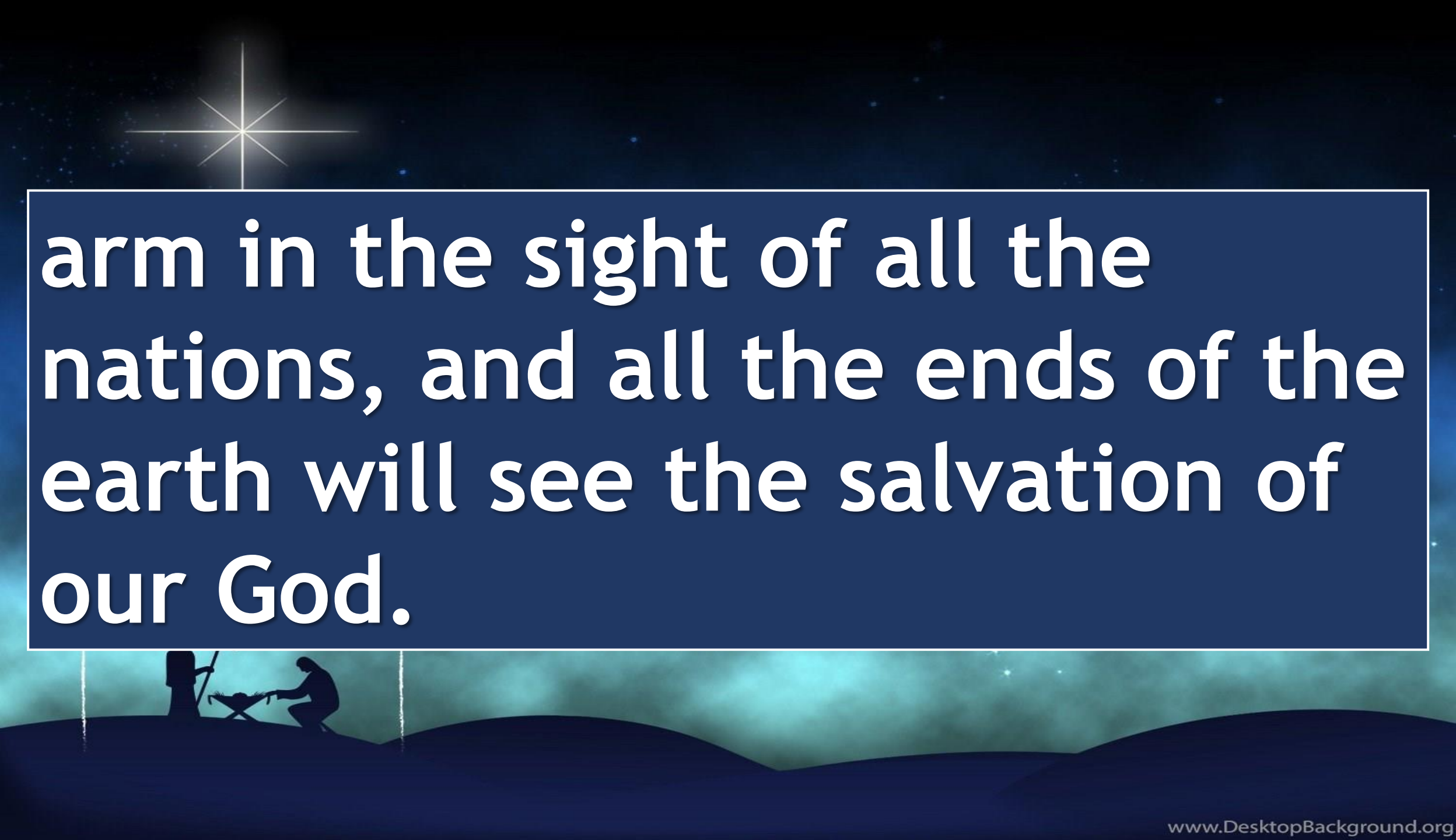
7 How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion,

“Your God reigns!”

8 Listen! Your watchmen lift up their voices; together they shout for joy. When the Lord returns to Zion, they will see it with their own eyes.

9 Burst into songs of joy together, you ruins of Jerusalem, for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem.

10 The Lord will lay bare his holy



arm in the sight of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth will see the salvation of our God.



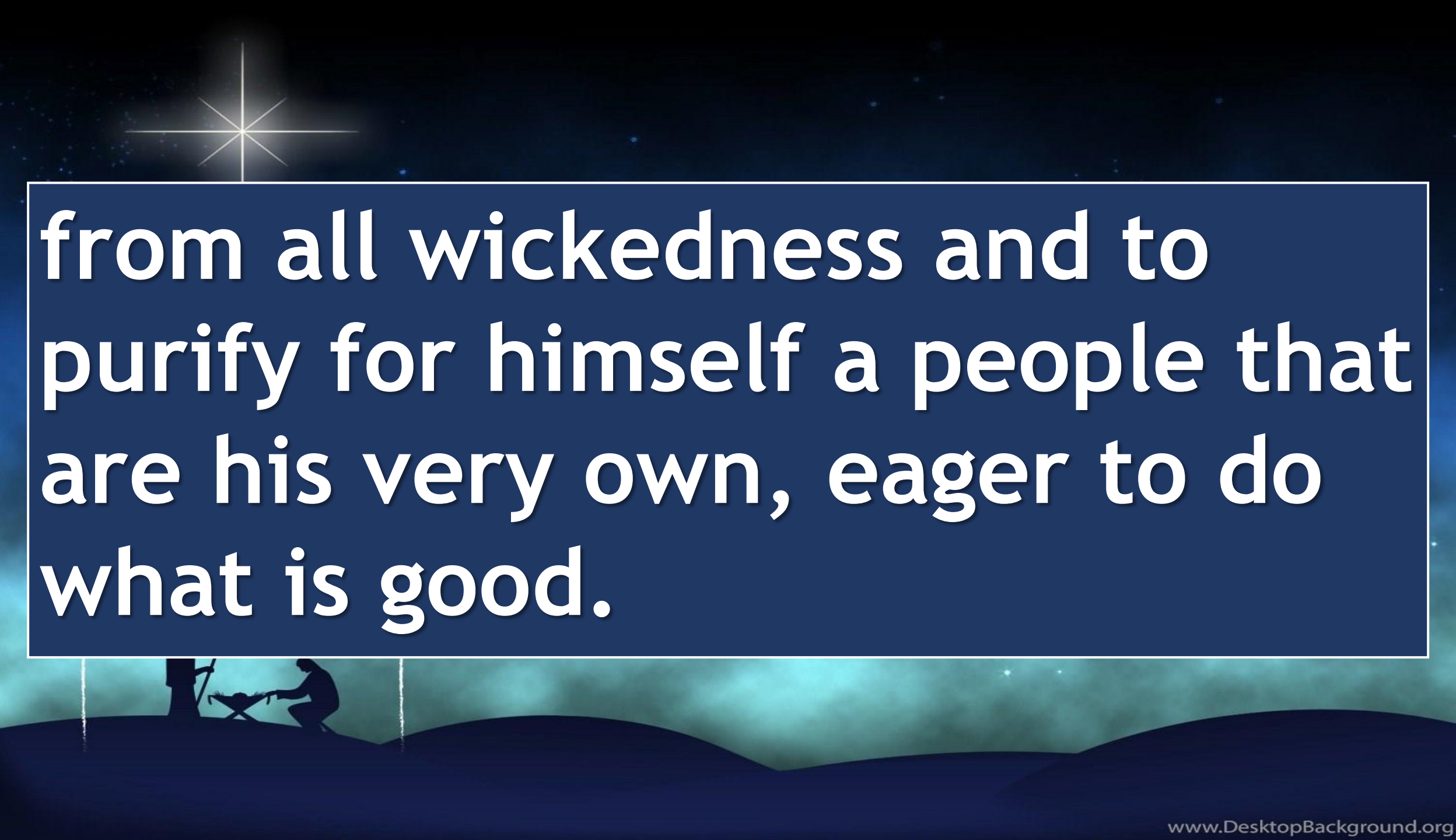
Scripture Lesson

Titus 2: 11-14 NIV



¹¹ For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. ¹² It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and

godly lives in this present age,
¹³ while we wait for the blessed
hope — the appearing of the
glory of our great God and
Savior, Jesus Christ, ¹⁴ who gave
himself for us to redeem us



from all wickedness and to
purify for himself a people that
are his very own, eager to do
what is good.



Offering

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Doxology

(Please stand as you are able)

**Praise God from Whom all
blessings flow. Praise Him all
creatures here below. Praise
Him above, ye, heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy
Ghost. Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication



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Scripture Lesson

Luke 2: 1-20 NIV

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. ² (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor

of Syria.) ³ And everyone went to their own town to register. ⁴ So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he

belonged to the house and line of David. ⁵ He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. ⁶ While they were there, the

time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest

room available for them.

8 And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. 9 An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and

the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the

people. ¹¹ Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in

a manger.”

¹³ Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, ¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on

earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”

¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to

Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.”

¹⁶ So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the

manger. ¹⁷ When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, ¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to

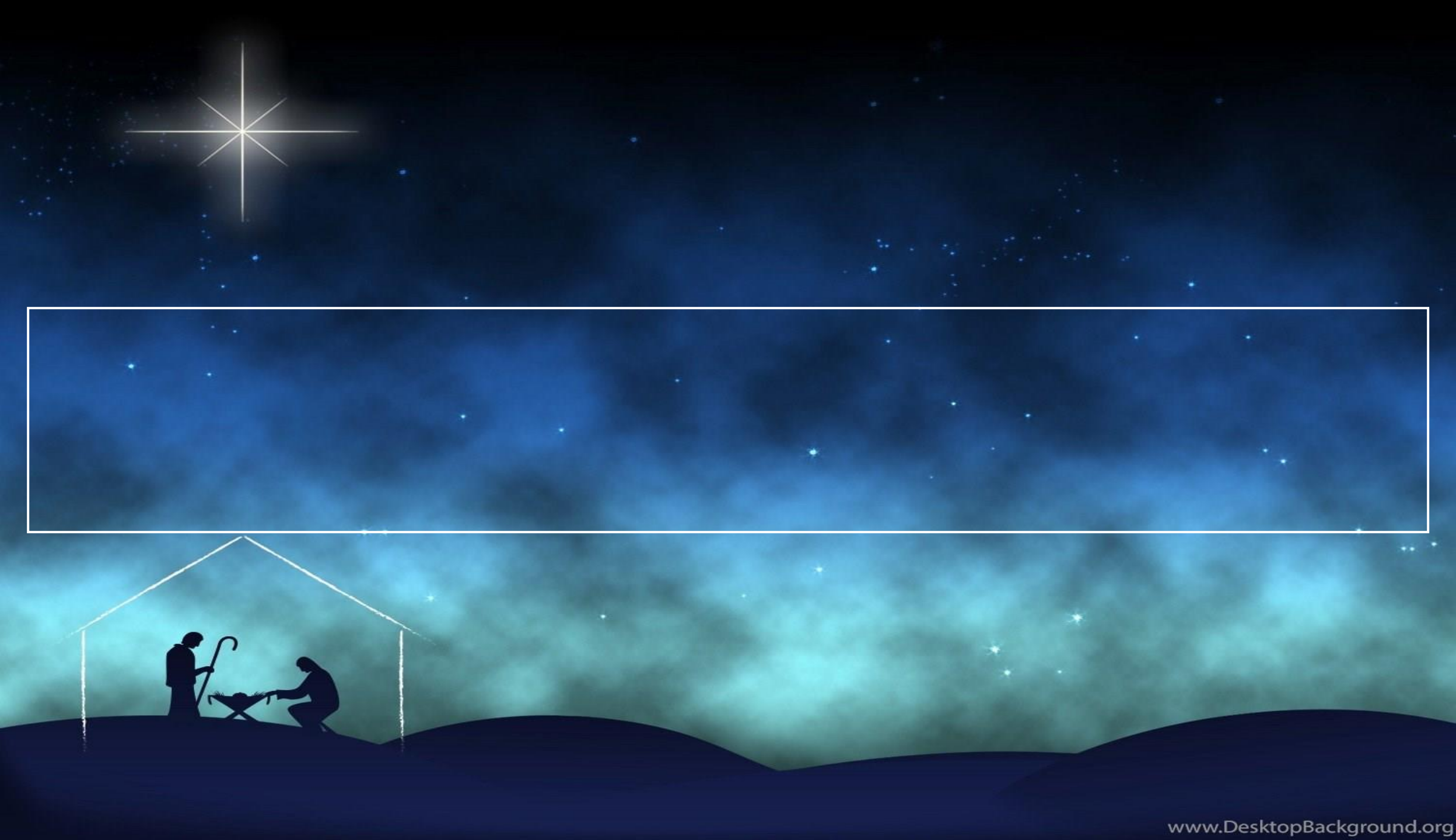
them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and

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seen, which were just as they
had been told.

Song of Praise







Message

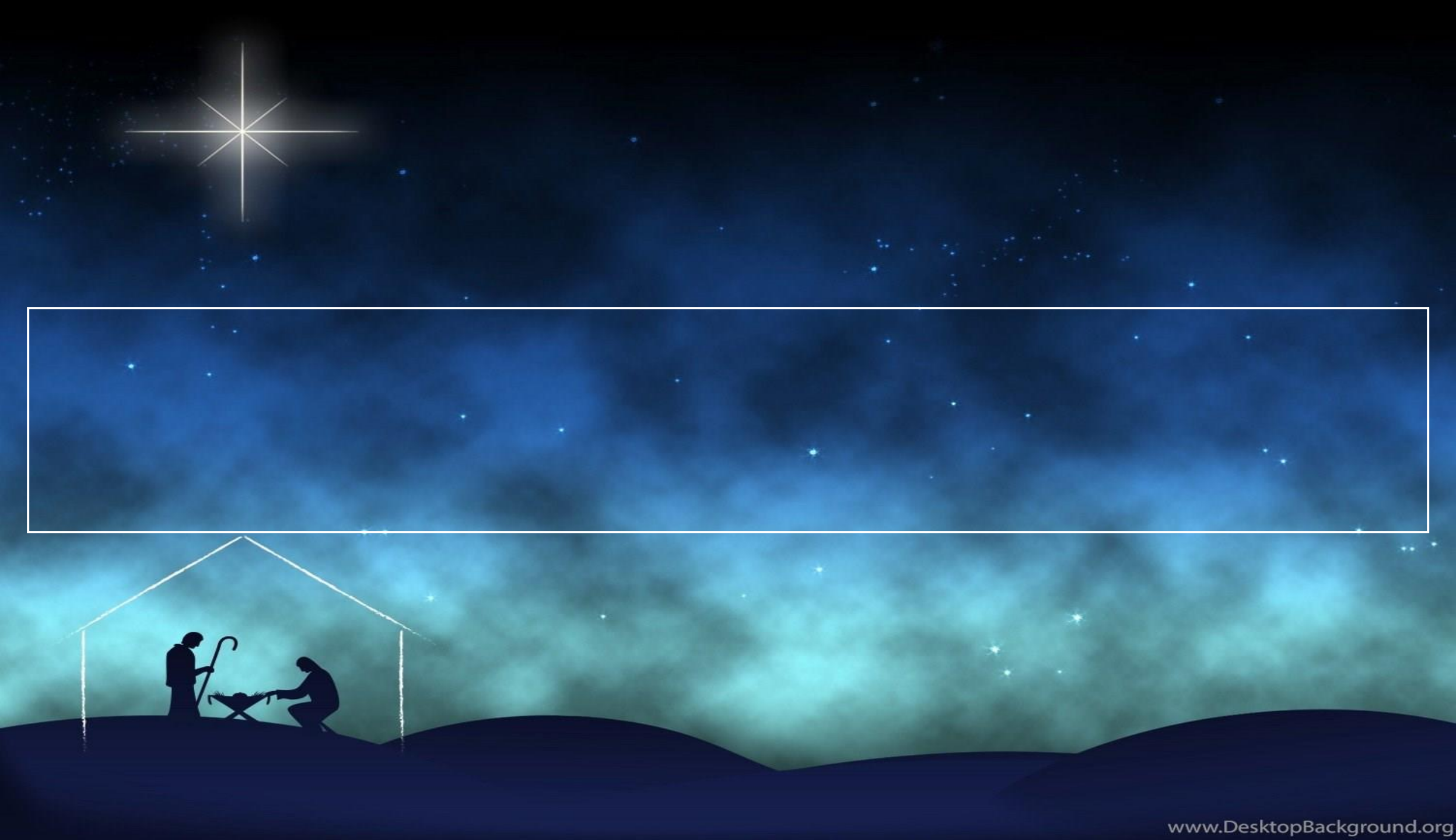
“Baby Jesus
- A Gift to be Shared!”



Pastor Don Kephart

Song of Praise





Congregational Candle Lighting

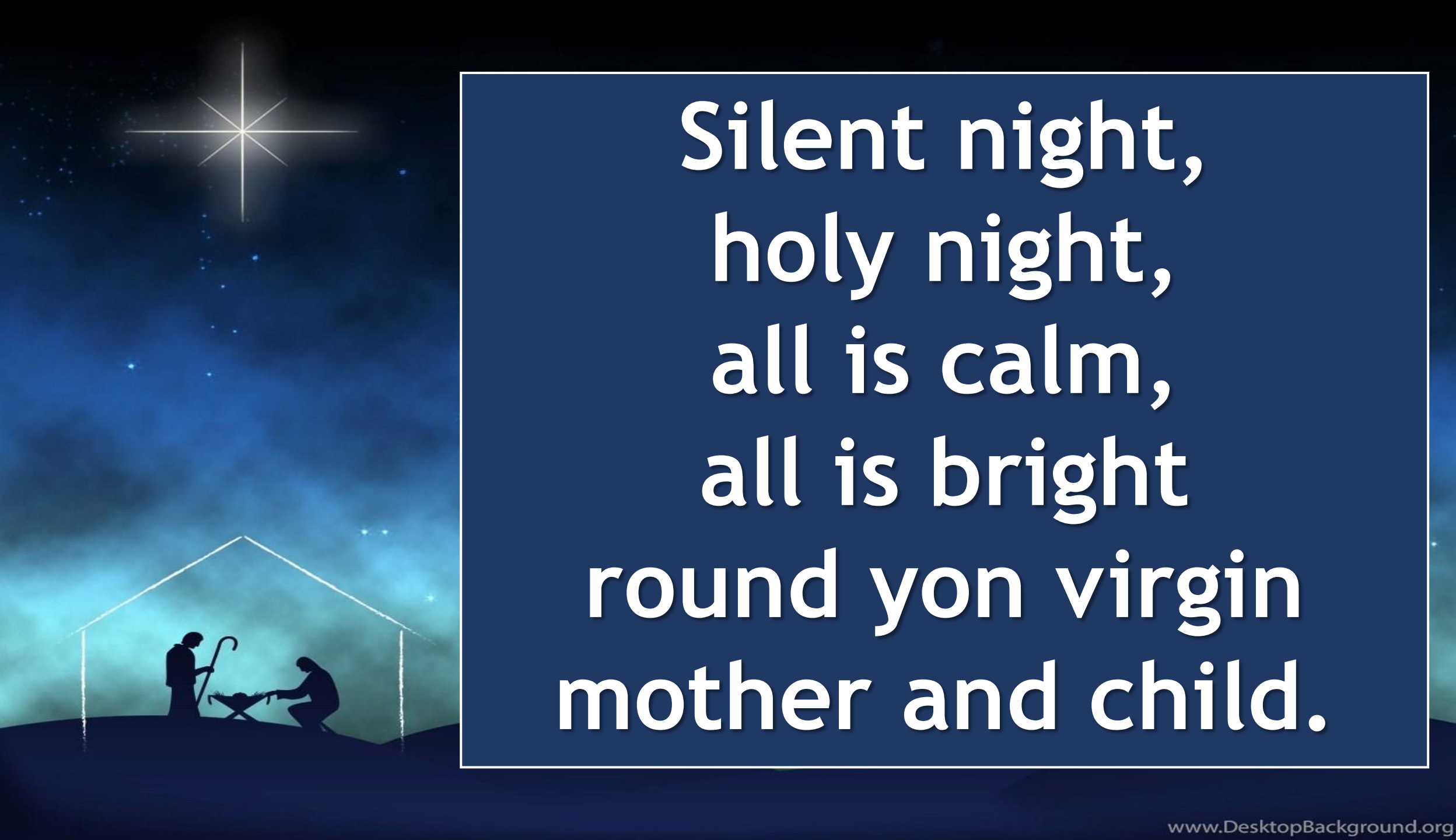




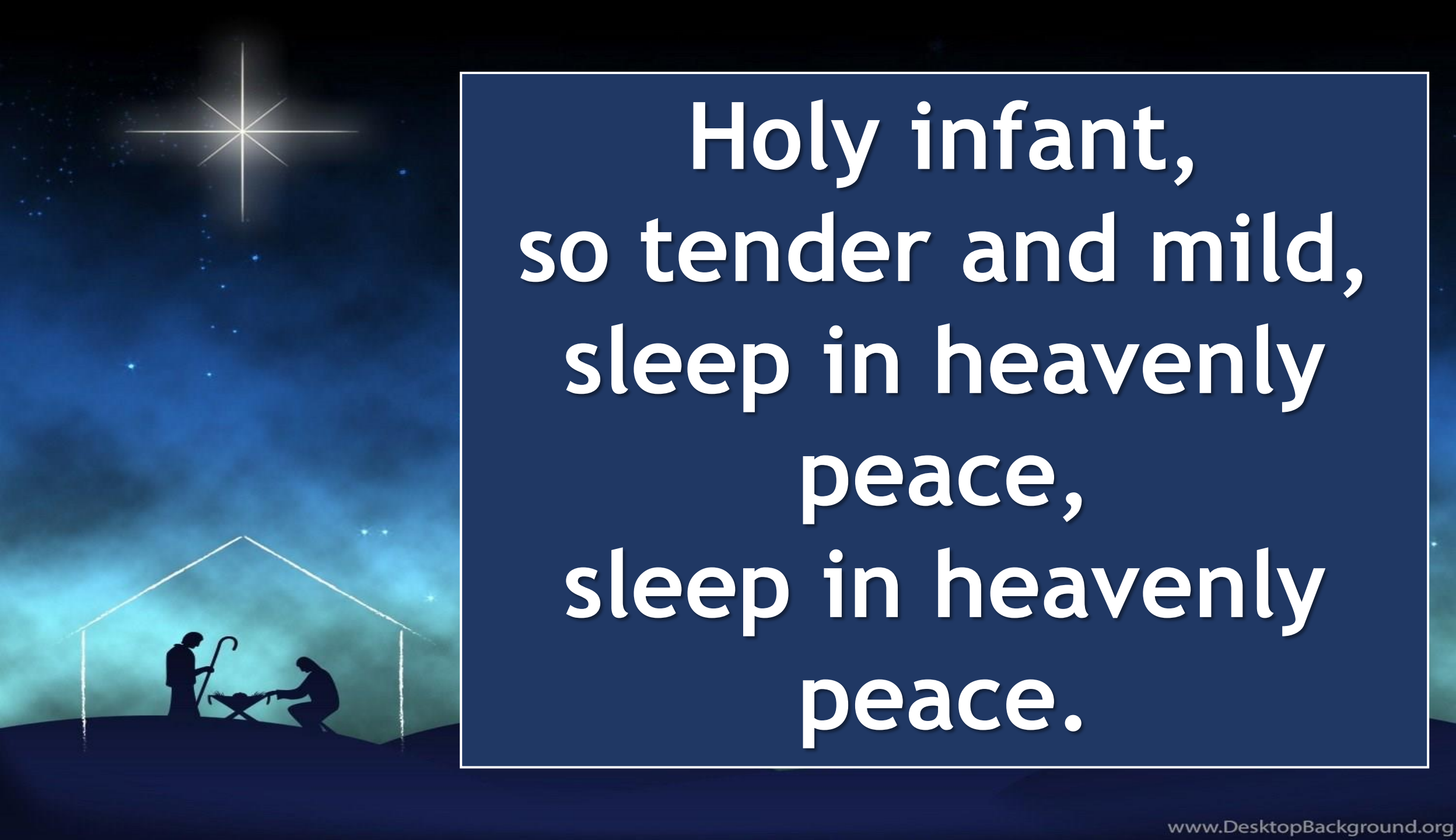
Hymn #239
Silent Night, Holy Night



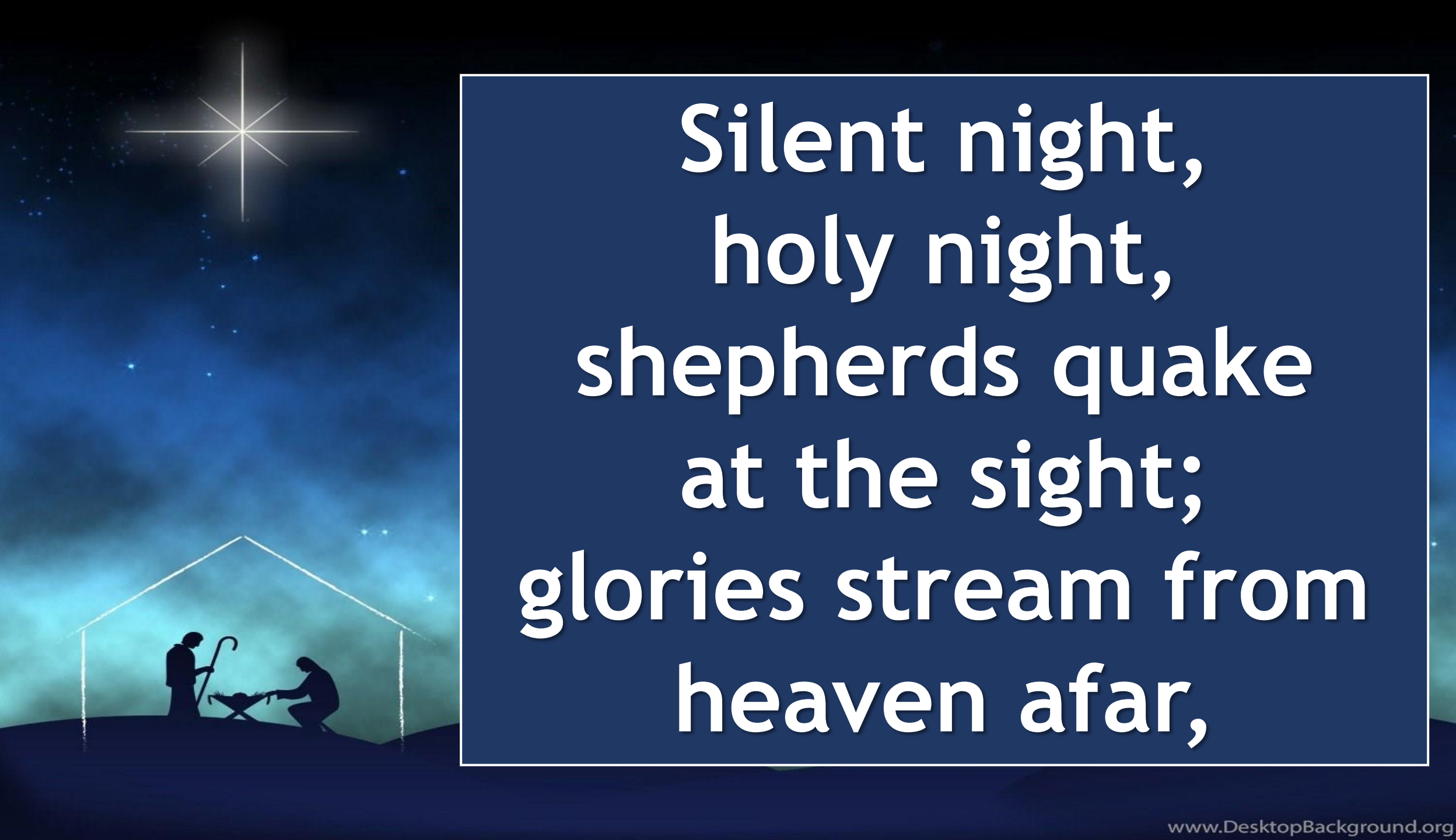
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A night sky with a bright star and a silhouette of the nativity scene. The background is a dark blue night sky with a bright, multi-pointed star in the upper left. Below the star, the silhouettes of the Virgin Mary and the infant Jesus are visible, with Mary kneeling and the child lying in a manger. The scene is set against a dark, hilly landscape. The text is overlaid on a dark blue rectangular background on the right side of the image.

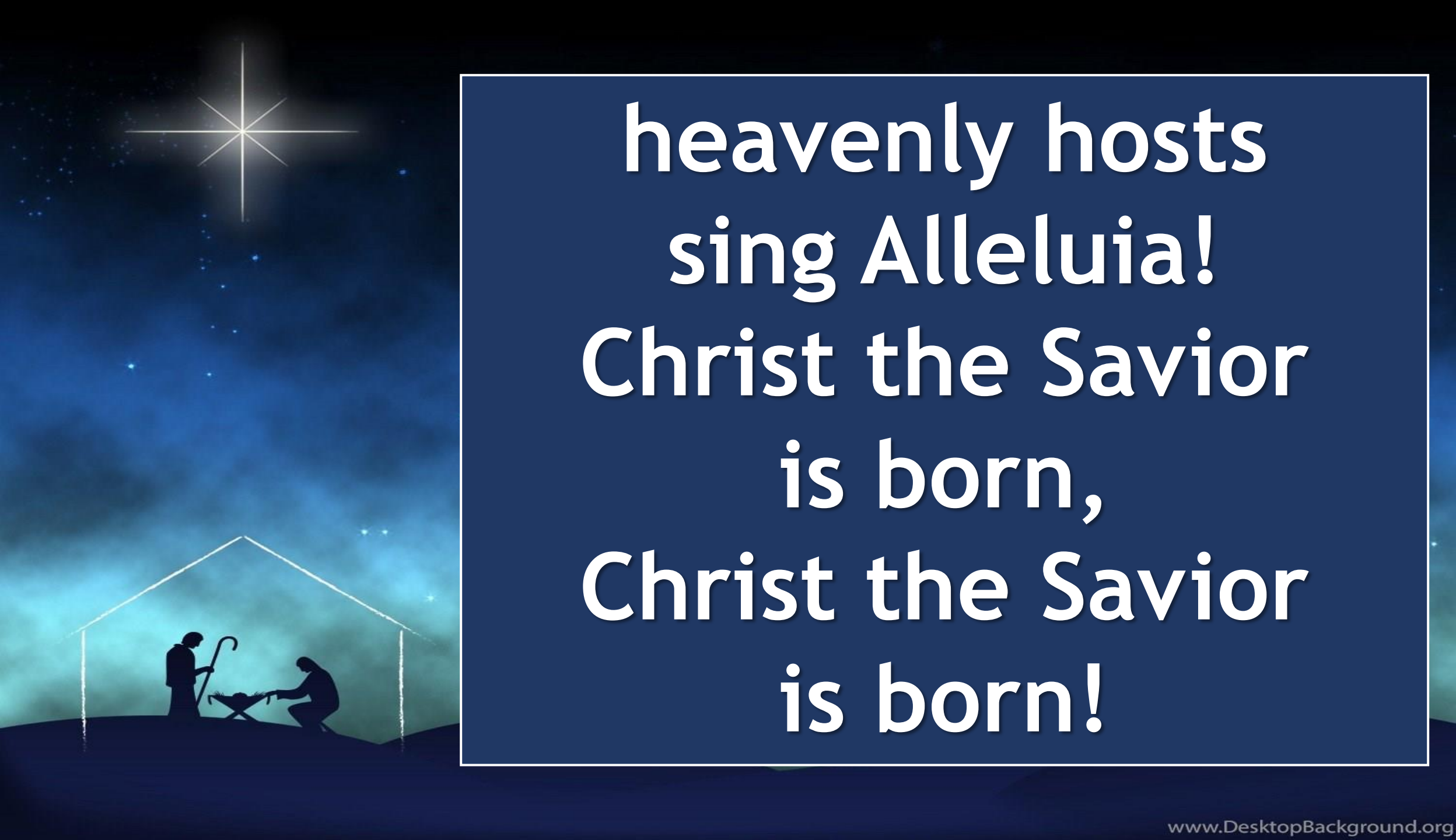
**Silent night,
holy night,
all is calm,
all is bright
round yon virgin
mother and child.**

A silhouette of a nativity scene is visible in the lower-left corner of the image. It shows a stable with a manger containing a baby, with a man standing and another kneeling. The background is a dark blue night sky with a bright star and some smaller stars.

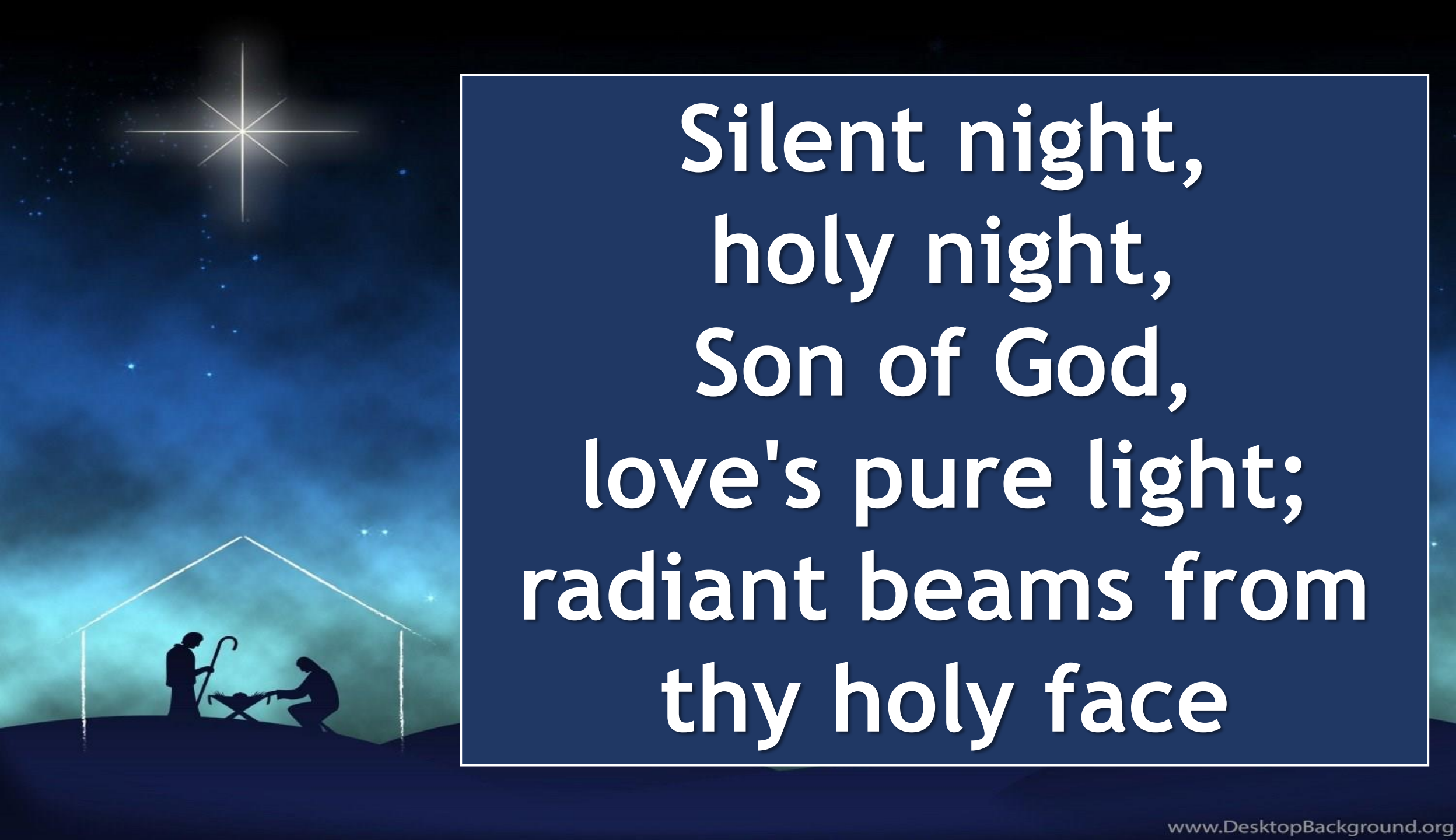
**Holy infant,
so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly
peace,
sleep in heavenly
peace.**

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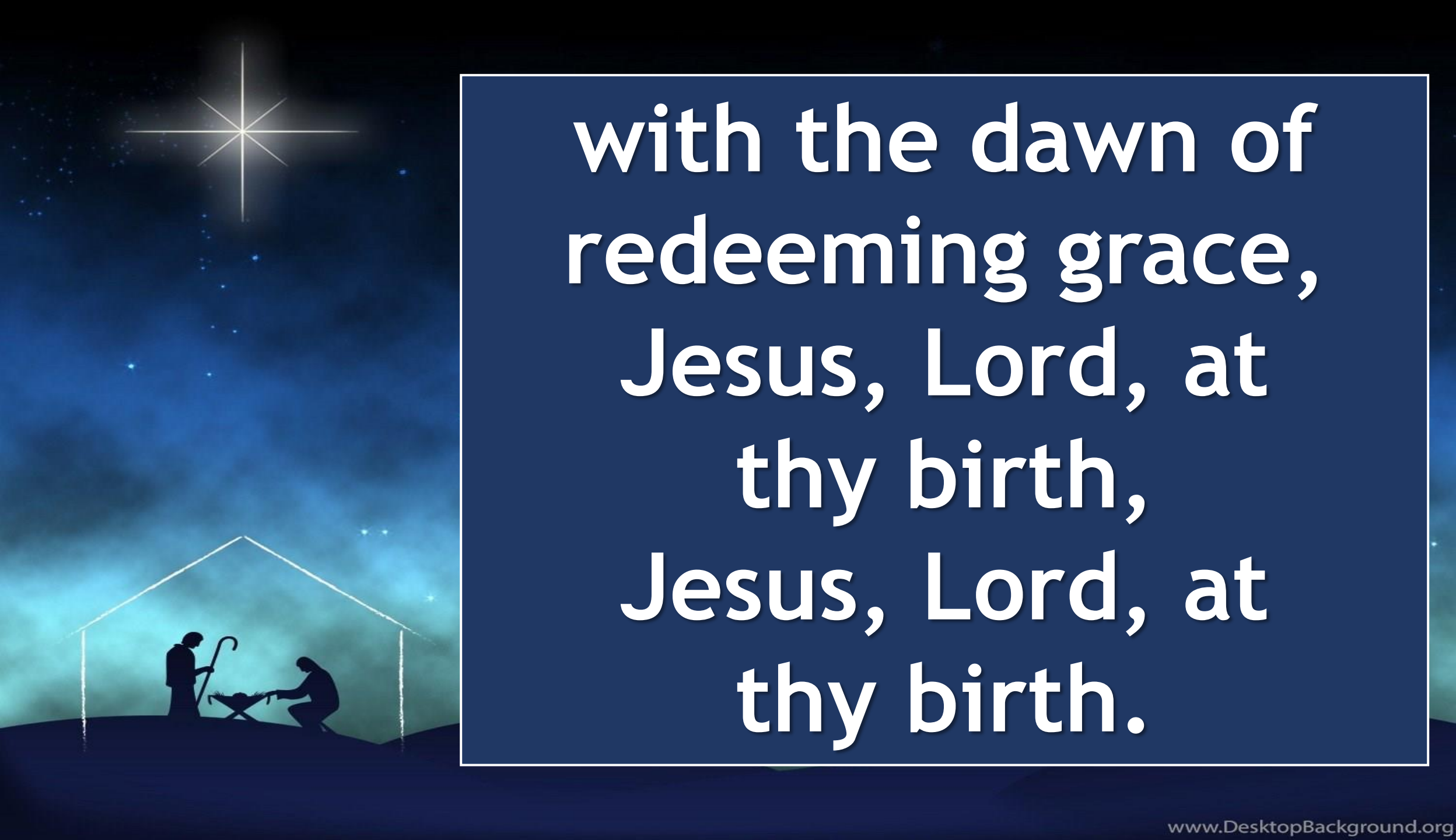
**Silent night,
holy night,
shepherds quake
at the sight;
glories stream from
heaven afar,**

A silhouette of a nativity scene is visible in the lower-left corner of the image. It shows a stable with a manger containing the infant Jesus, with Mary kneeling in prayer and Joseph standing nearby. The background is a dark blue night sky with a bright, multi-pointed star in the upper left and several smaller stars scattered across the scene.

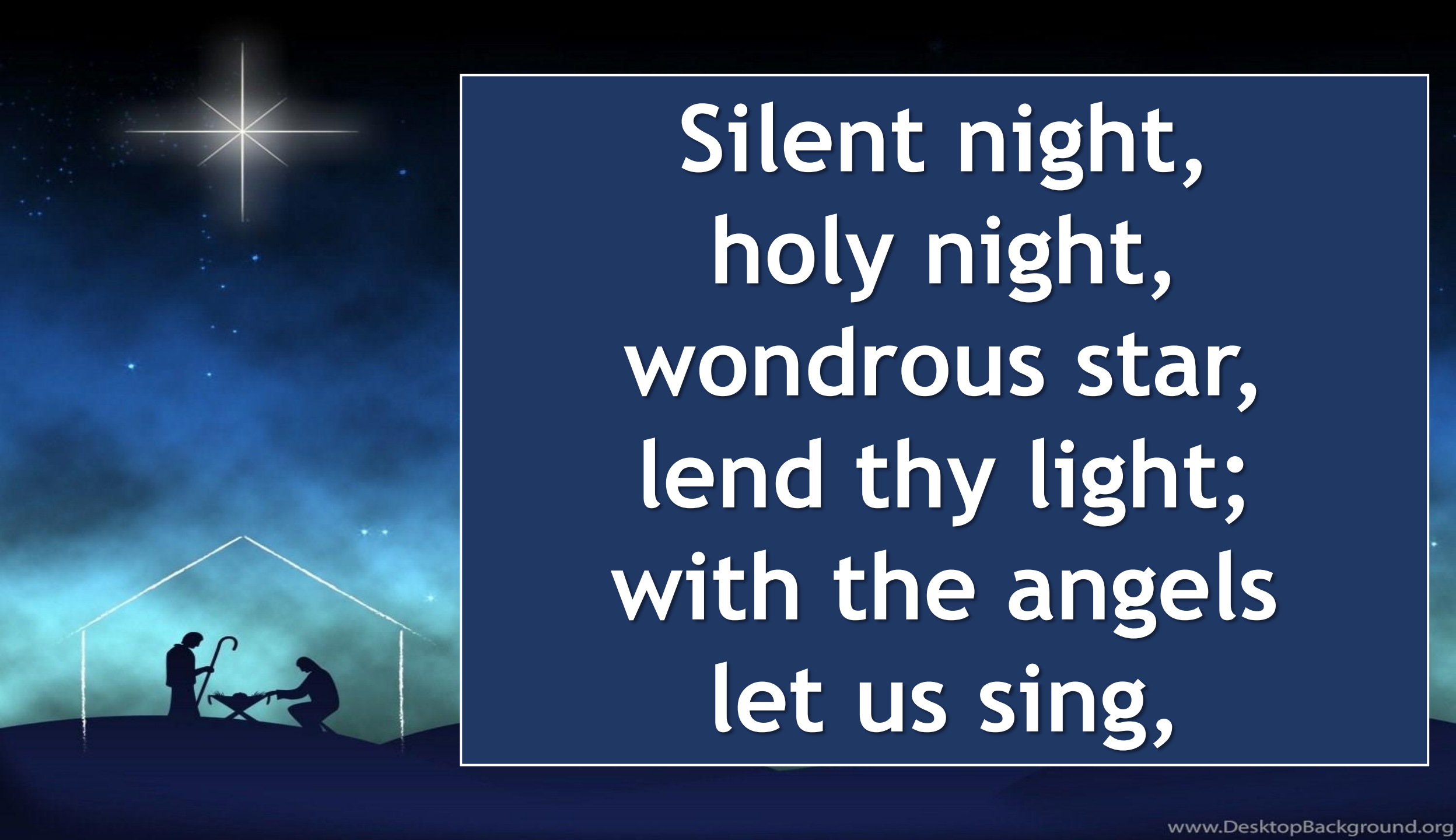
**heavenly hosts
sing Alleluia!
Christ the Savior
is born,
Christ the Savior
is born!**

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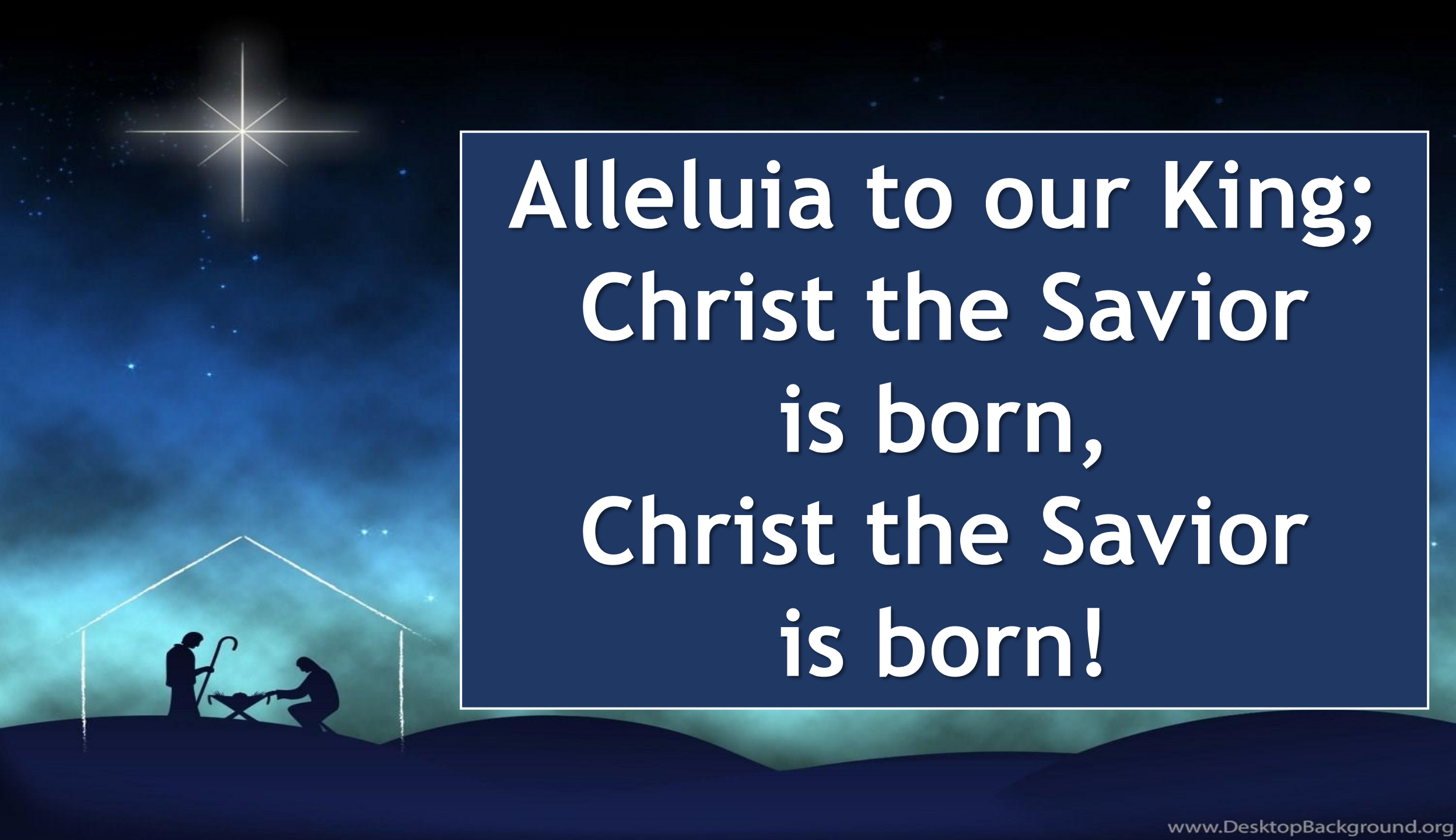
**Silent night,
holy night,
Son of God,
love's pure light;
radiant beams from
thy holy face**

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**with the dawn of
redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at
thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at
thy birth.**

A night sky with a bright star and a silhouette of the Nativity scene. The background is a dark blue night sky with a bright, multi-pointed star in the upper left. Below the star, the silhouettes of the Virgin Mary, Joseph, and the infant Jesus in a manger are visible against a lighter blue glow. The text is overlaid on a dark blue rectangular box on the right side of the image.

**Silent night,
holy night,
wondrous star,
lend thy light;
with the angels
let us sing,**


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**Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior
is born,
Christ the Savior
is born!**

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Benediction

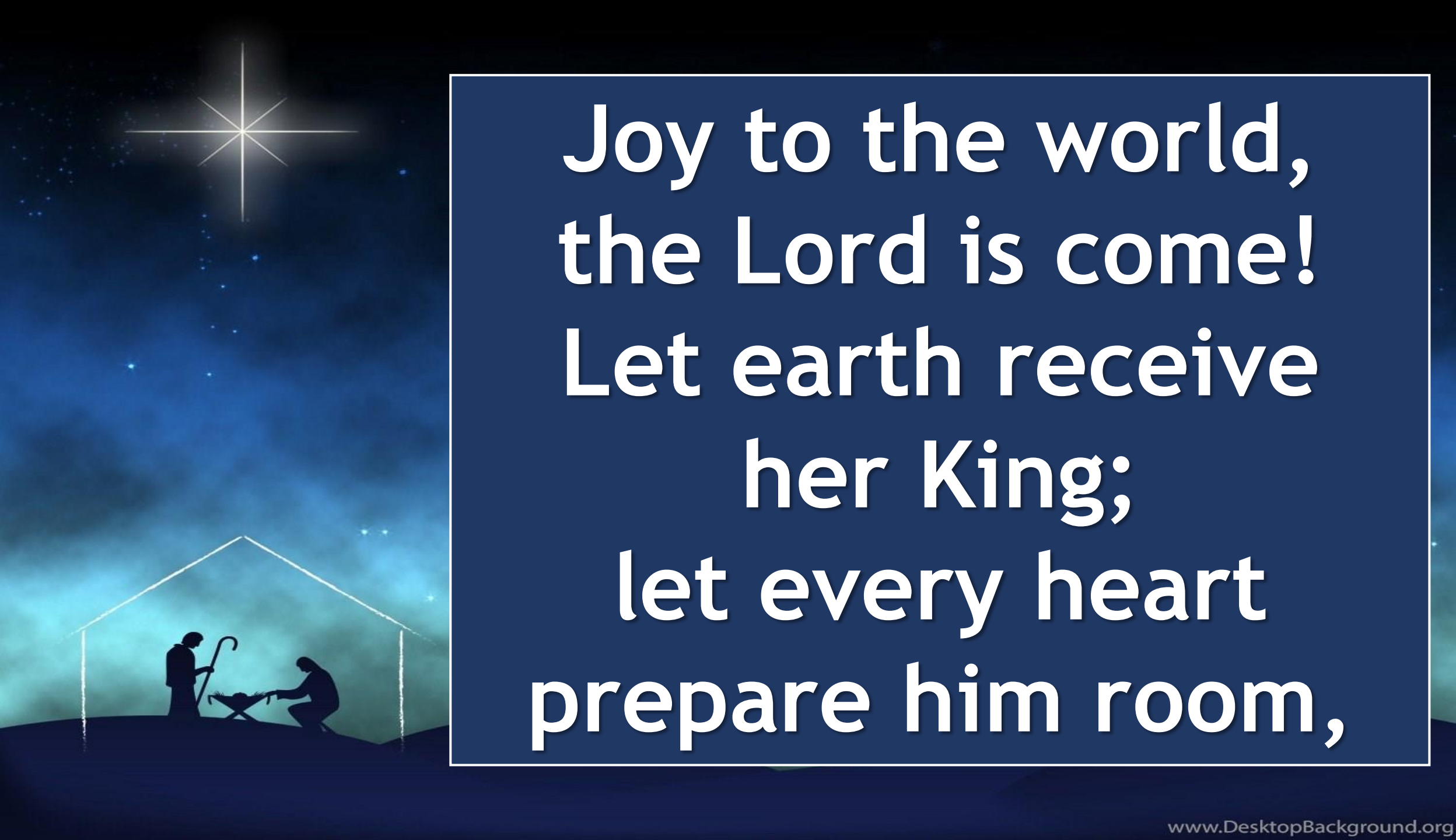
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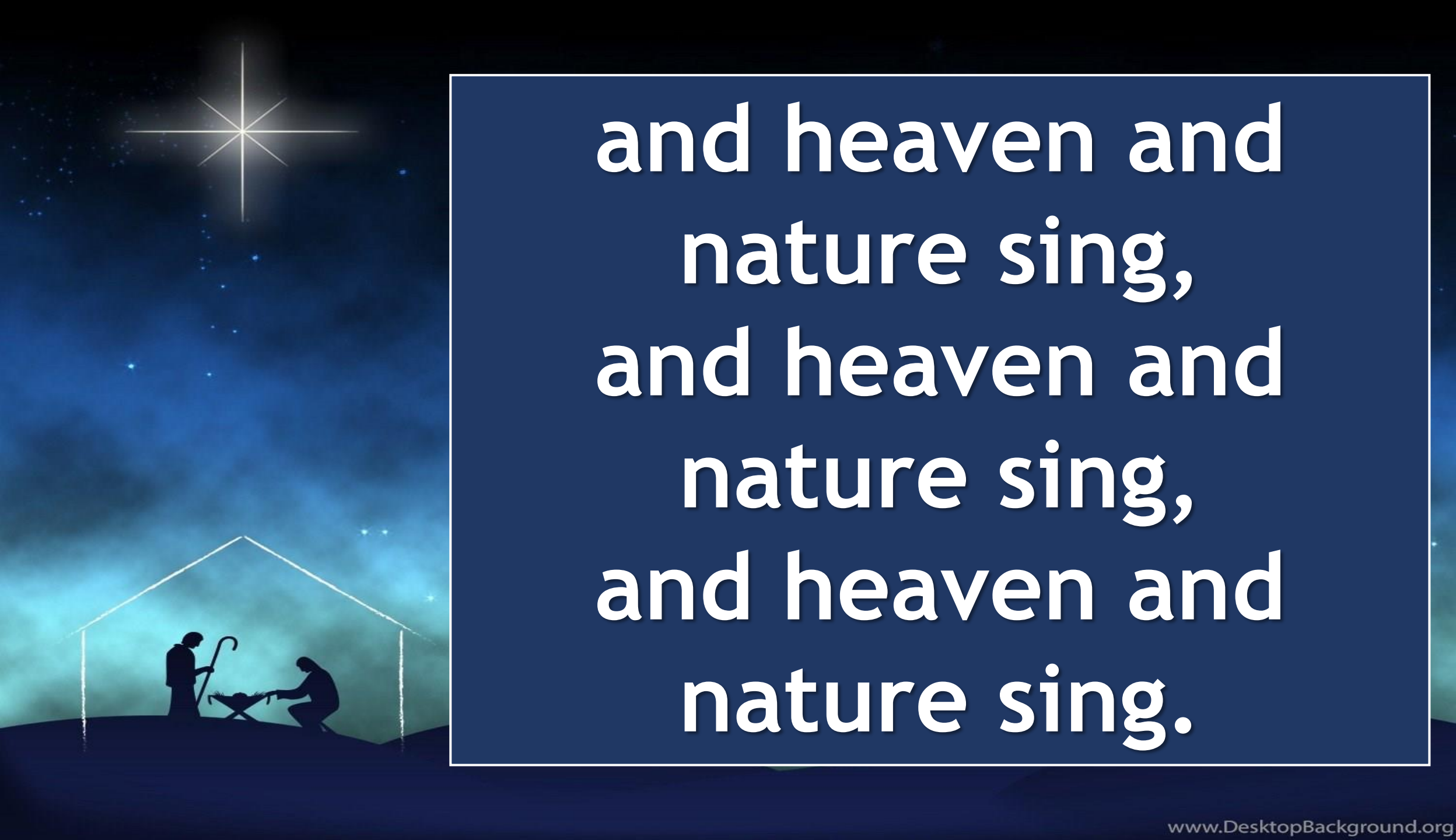
Postlude - Hymn #246
Joy to the World



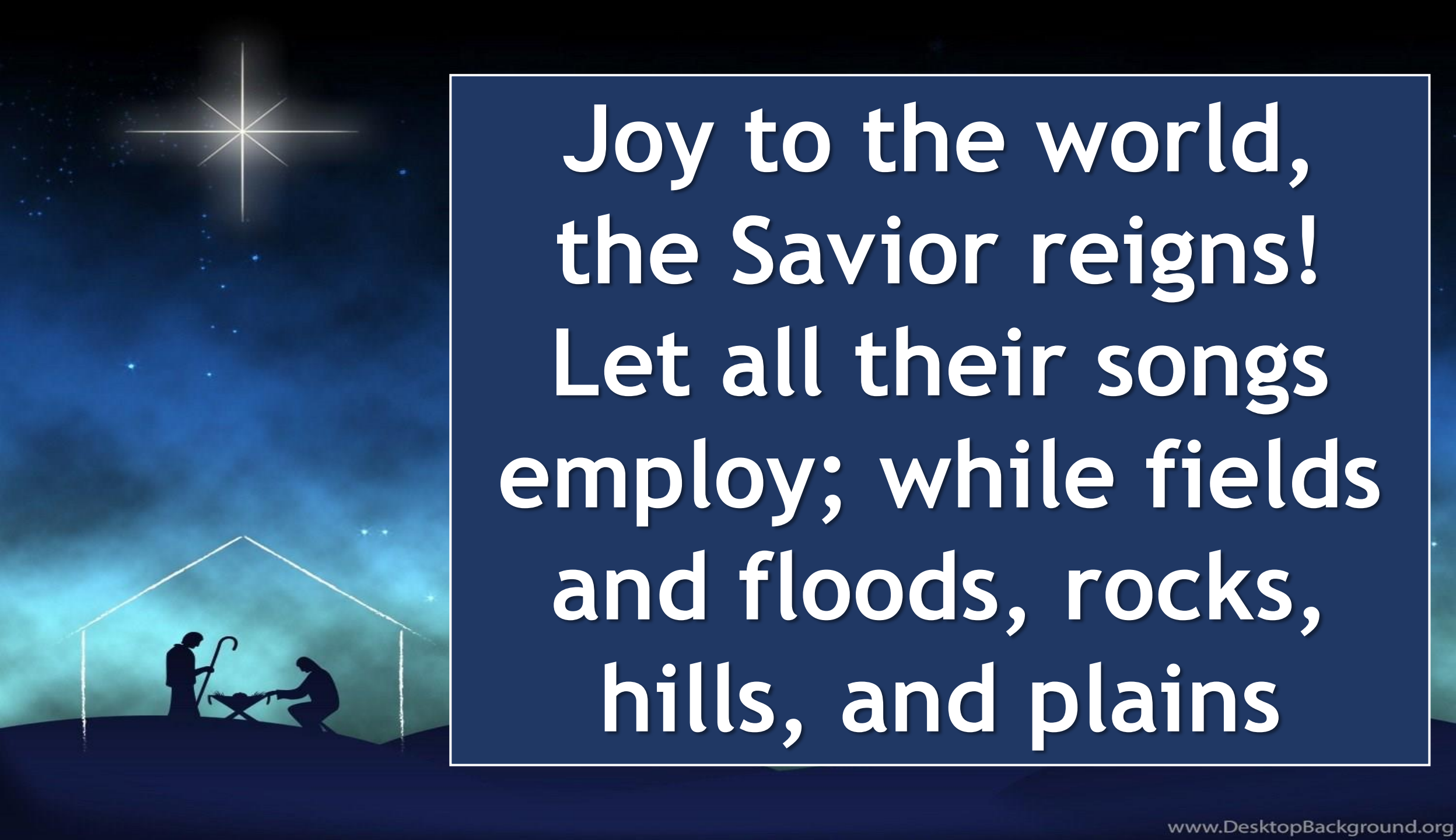
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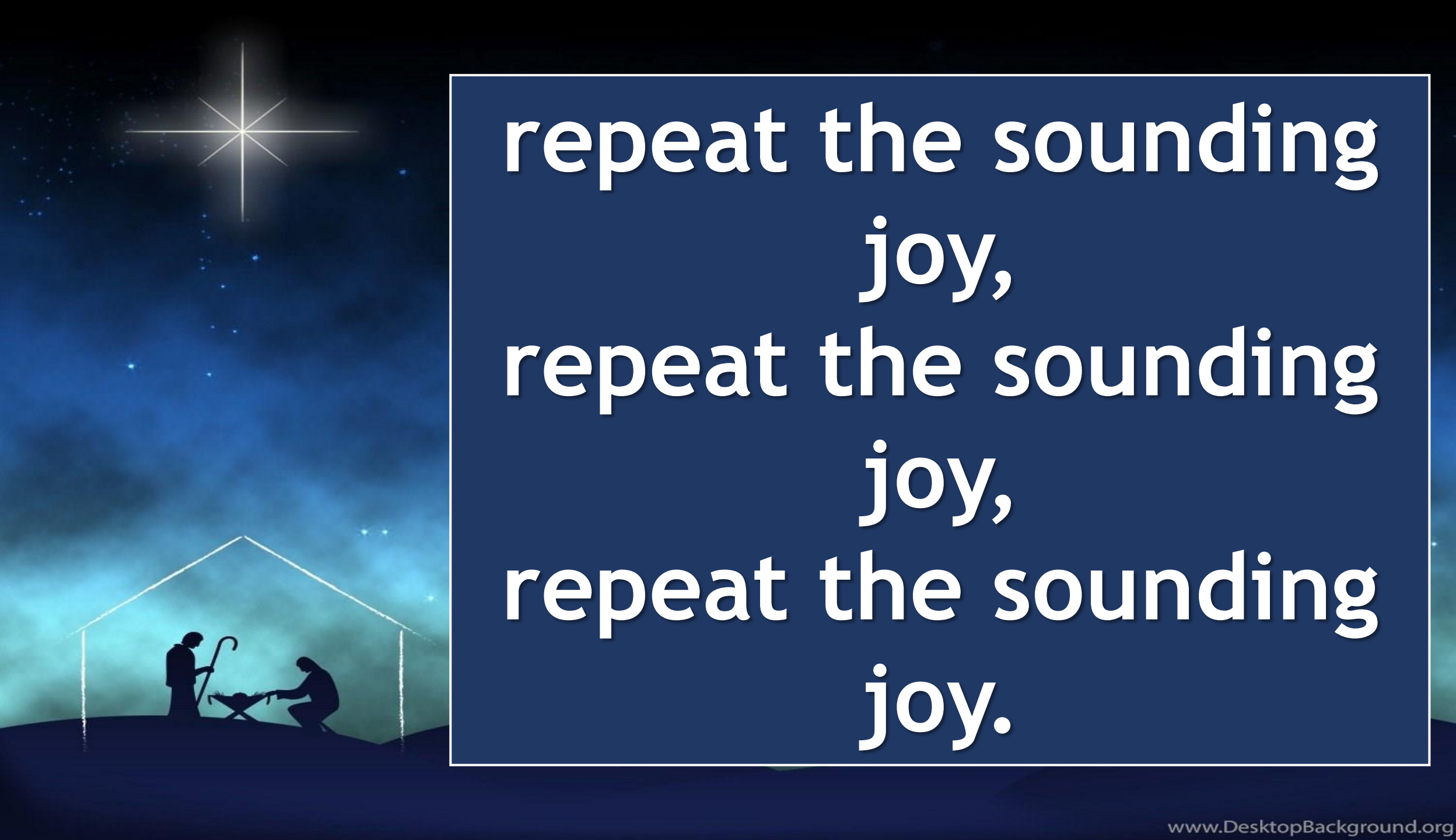
**Joy to the world,
the Lord is come!
Let earth receive
her King;
let every heart
prepare him room,**



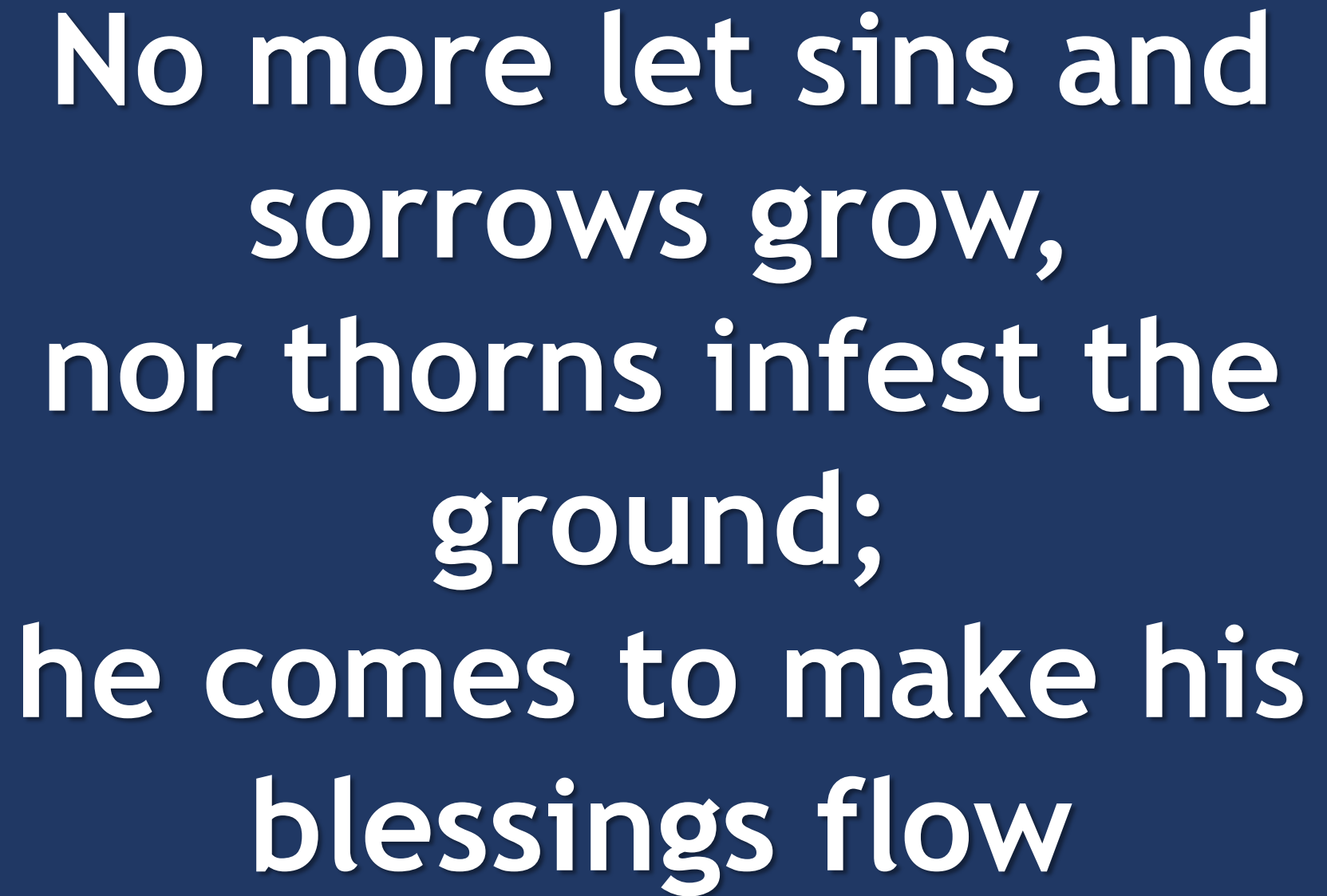
and heaven and
nature sing,
and heaven and
nature sing,
and heaven and
nature sing.

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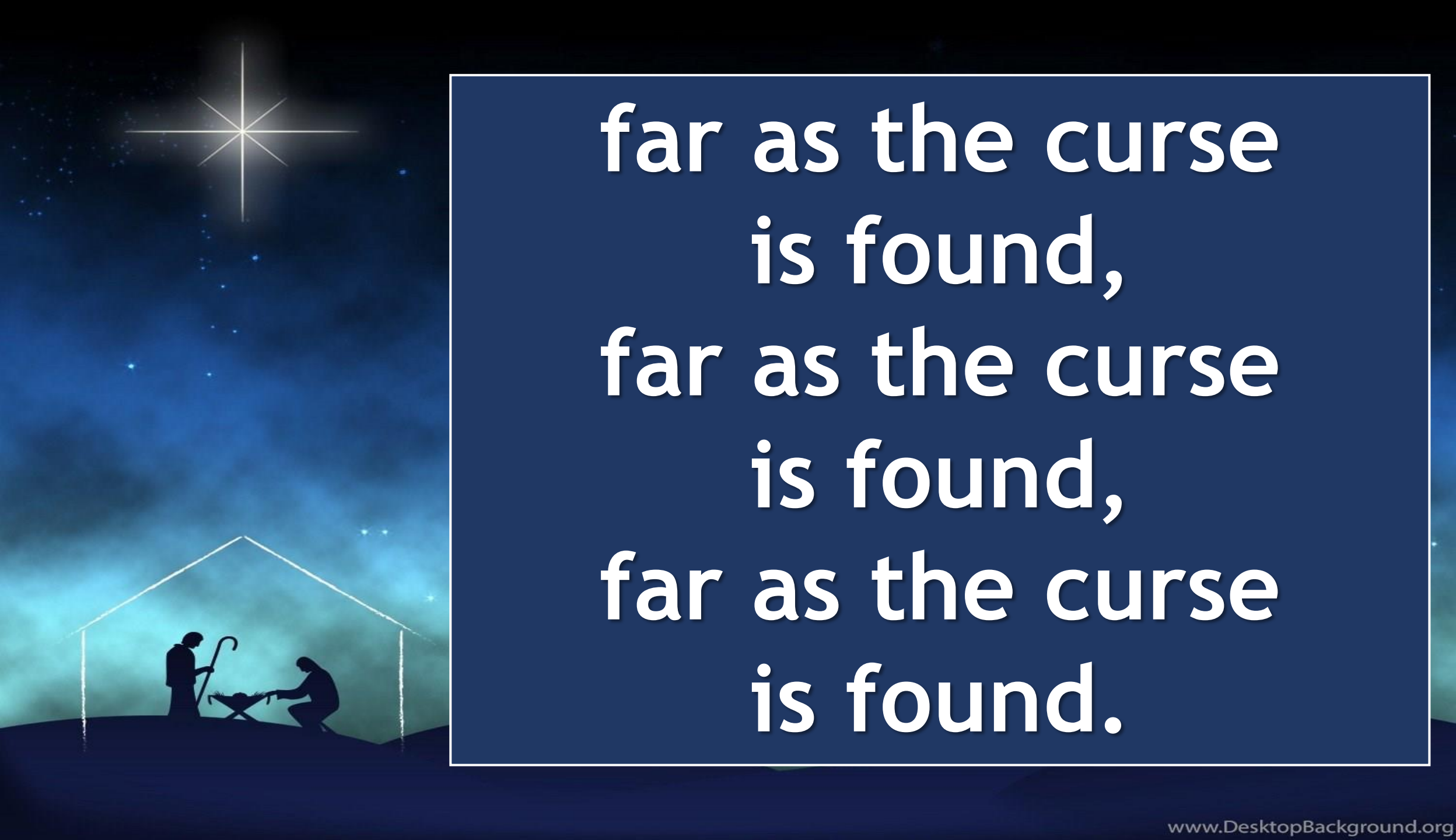
**Joy to the world,
the Savior reigns!
Let all their songs
employ; while fields
and floods, rocks,
hills, and plains**

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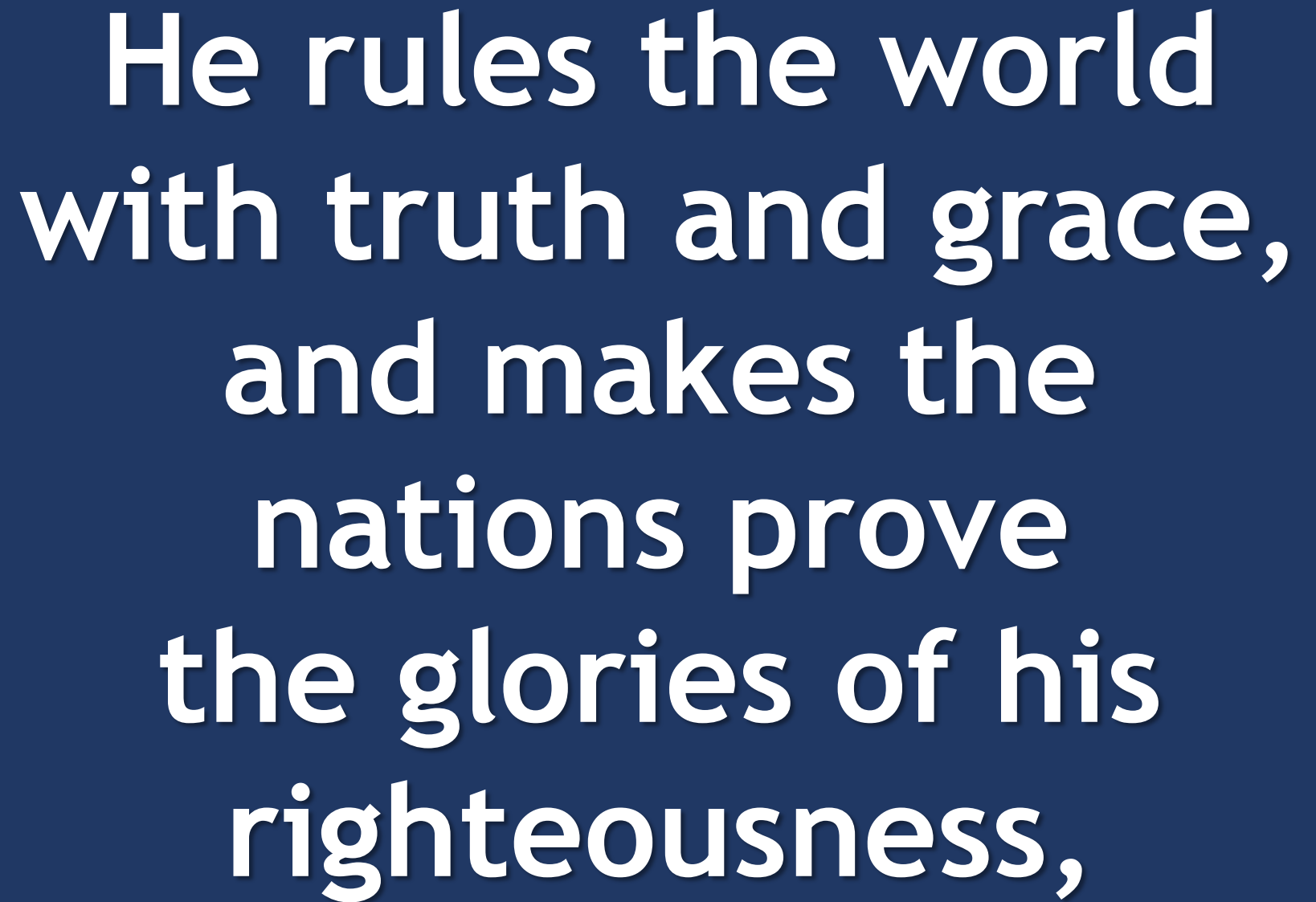
repeat the sounding
joy,
repeat the sounding
joy,
repeat the sounding
joy.

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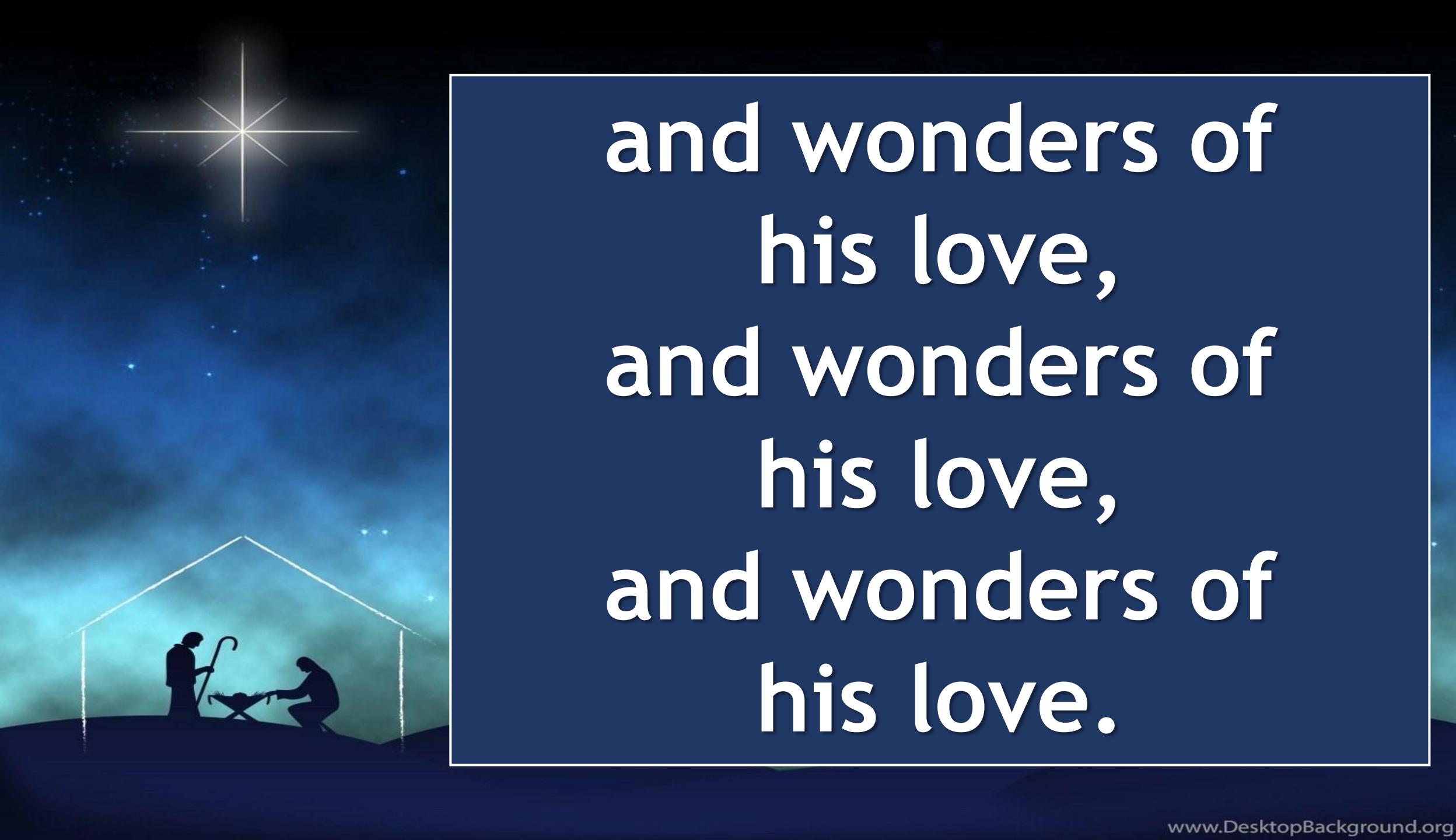
**No more let sins and
sorrows grow,
nor thorns infest the
ground;
he comes to make his
blessings flow**




far as the curse
is found,
far as the curse
is found,
far as the curse
is found.

A night scene with a starry sky. A bright, multi-pointed star is visible in the upper left. In the lower left, silhouettes of figures are shown in a manger scene, with one figure kneeling and another standing. The background is a dark blue sky with a lighter blue glow near the horizon.

**He rules the world
with truth and grace,
and makes the
nations prove
the glories of his
righteousness,**



and wonders of
his love,
and wonders of
his love,
and wonders of
his love.

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Thank you for joining
us in worship!