## The Nativity of the Lord

Feast Day: December 25th

The Nativity of the Lord invites us to enter the holy night of Bethlehem, where God is born among us. In the quiet of a stable, Jesus Christ, true God and true man, comes into the world, wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger. This moment reveals the depth of God's love: He becomes small so that we might be raised up.

Mary, the gentle Mother of God, welcomes her Son with faith and wonder, treasuring all things in her heart. Saint Joseph stands watch in silent obedience, trusting fully in God's plan. Together, they adore the Child who is the Savior of the world.

The shepherds, humble and poor, are the first to kneel before the newborn King. Their journey reminds us that God draws near to the lowly and invites every heart to come and adore Him. The angels' song of peace still echoes, calling us to receive Christ with joy and gratitude.

In the Nativity, we meet Emmanuel - God with us. As we gaze upon the Infant Jesus, we are invited to lay aside fear, pride, and distraction, and to welcome Him into our hearts. May the light of Christ born in Bethlehem bring peace to our souls and renew our love for God and one another.

Lord Jesus, born in Bethlehem, be born anew in our hearts. Fill us with Your peace and light, and lead us in love and humility. Amen.



## Essential Truths About Jesus

- Son of God
- Savior
- Emmanuel (God with us)
- Light of the World
- Prince of Peace
- Good Shepherd