

# CHRISTMAS THANKS

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Thank God for the prophets of the Old Testament who foretold the coming of the Lord. The wonderful news to Mary. His birth in the little town of Bethlehem. The inn keeper who gave Mary and Joseph safe and secure lodging in a stable, because there was no other room. For the warmth and company of the stable animals. The shepherds in the fields watching their flocks summoned by an angel to welcome the new-born royal baby.

The angels who filled the heavens with glorious singing and praise to God at the news. The presence of the bright star over the place where he lay, guiding the Magi to bring him gifts, fit for a king. The warning in a dream for the little family to return to Nazareth by an-other way, to be safe from Herod's terrible jealousy. For our Christmas where we are free to joyfully sing carols of praise and celebrate God's wonderful gift to each of us, and to the world of Jesus.

## *Reflection:*

One way to remember the Christmas story is to place a bowl on the table for the Christmas Bowl Ap-peal.

"The word became a human being and, full of grace and truth, lived among us. We saw His glory, the glory which He received as the Father's only Son." (John 1:14)

Thanks be to God.

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