

# CHRISTMAS CELEBRATED

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In spite of a difficult year because of COVID-19 we celebrated Christmas. More than now there is the need to keep the Christmas message alive. We need the Christmas spirit. Giving and receiving kindnesses, singing the good news in worship. Joining with the angels down here who serve the needy. Out in the fields of life with the shepherds witnessing to and doing our share in feeding the flock.

Glorying in the twinkling stars and the blue skies above. Listening to the sounds of nature around us. On holidays, resting and refreshing our bodies, reading, and in meditation, prayer and worship, feeding our souls with the word of life. The message of Christmas is for every day.

The key note is joy. More than gifts and celebrations it is the truth that God is with us. Jesus walks with us every day. Paul summed it up thus: Rejoice in the Lord always, again I will say, rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near, do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be known to God. And the peace of God which passes all understanding will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:4)

The joy of Christmas is evident every day of the year. It is in living, and celebrating the fact, that in Jesus, God is on the stage of human history and with us every day and always.

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