

Leader: God sent an angel to tell the shepherds that a Savior had been born, a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger. The angels were filled with joy as they shared the good news of Christ with others. Let us pray that we too, may be filled with joy when we follow Christ by serving others.

All: Jesus, fill us with joy as we follow you
Leader: As we reach out to those in need
All: Jesus, fill us with joy as we follow you
Leader: As we help those who have less
All: Jesus, fill us with joy as we follow you
Leader: As we show thanks for what we have
All: Jesus, fill us with joy as we follow you



Leader: Lord, this Christmas make our hearts worthy to receive you. Have mercy on us for the times we fail to love one another. And for the times we hurt or argue with each other.

All: Lord have mercy
Leader: When we fail to listen to each other
All: Lord have mercy
Leader: When we fail to help each other
All: Lord have mercy
Leader: When we take each other for granted
All: Lord have mercy
Leader: When we put each other down
All: Lord have mercy
Leader: When we fail to do our best work
All: Lord have mercy



Leader: God asked Joseph to not be afraid to be the father of Jesus. When we're afraid to live our faith because of what others think:

All: Help us be faithful followers

Leader: When at Mass, help us to open our hearts to your Word and the Eucharist,

All: Help us be faithful followers

Leader: When we have sad or difficult days,

All: Help us be faithful followers

Leader: When it is hard to love or do the right thing,

All: Help us be faithful followers

Leader: When we'd rather receive than give

All: Help us be faithful followers.

All: Dear Jesus, help us to always follow you, the true Light of the world. Amen.



Leader: Mary said yes to being the mother of Jesus and received him into her heart.

All: Come into our hearts, Lord Jesus.

Leader: That we may love as Mary does.

All: Come into our hearts, Lord Jesus.

Leader: That we may be more like you.

All: Come into our hearts, Lord Jesus.

Leader: That we may recognize you in others

All: Come into our hearts, Lord Jesus.

Leader: So that we may love others more.

All: Come into our hearts, Lord Jesus.

Leader: O Mary, you were the first to receive Jesus into your heart. Pray to God for us that we may be as ready as you were to receive Jesus into our hearts.

All: Amen.