



# Recitation Script



## Christmas Eve Prophecy

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## OVERVIEW

### Key Points

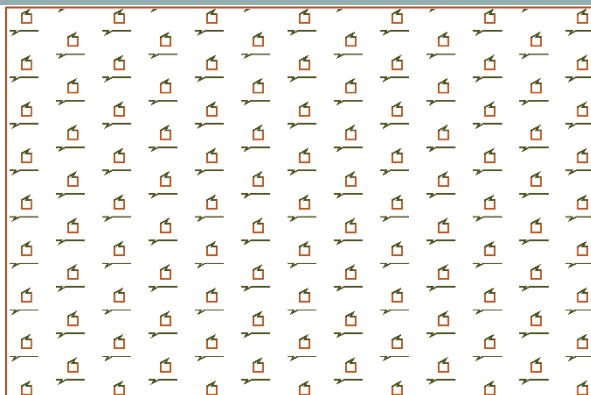
This Christmas Eve service is guided by a worship leader using recitations from 6 people that uniquely identify Jesus Christ as the messiah.

### Recitation Delivery Notes

Christmas themed worship songs may be interspersed throughout this series of recitations. The worship leader notes provide only the basic idea and should be elaborated at the worship leader’s discretion.

RECITER #1	RECITER #2	RECITER #3	RECITER #4	RECITER #5	RECITER #6
Genesis 3:13-15	Genesis 9:26-27	Genesis 12:1-3	Micah 5:2	Isaiah 53:1-3	Luke 2:1-6
Isaiah 53:7-12	Genesis 26:3-4	Genesis 35:11-12	Zechariah 12:10a	Galatians 4:4-5	
Matthew 1:20-23	Geneisis 49:10	Isaiah 11:1	Matthew 2:1-6	Acts 13:38-39	
Revelation 1:5b	2 Samuel 7:8-12	1 Peter 2:22-24			
	Ephesians 1:4-5				
	Ephesians 1:21-23				

### Video



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### Key Quotes

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. (Galatians 4:4-5 ESV)

“A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.” (Isaiah 11:1 NIV)

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RECITER	PASSAGE
Worship Leader	The chosen one would be the Seed of Eve
Reciter #1	Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." The Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel." Genesis 3:13-15 (ESV)
Worship Leader	Born to a family shaped by prophecy. He would be in the line of Noah's son, Shem.
Reciter #2	"Blessed be the Lord, the God of Shem; and let Canaan be his servant. May God enlarge Japheth, and let him dwell in the tents of Shem, and let Canaan be his servant." Genesis 12:1-3 (ESV)
Worship Leader	A descendant of Abraham...
Reciter #3	Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." Genesis 12:1-3 (ESV)
Worship Leader	A descendant of Isaac...
Reciter #2	Stay in this land for a while, and I will be with you and will bless you. For to you and your descendants I will give all these lands and will confirm the oath I swore to your father Abraham. I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and will give them all these lands, and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, Genesis 26:3-4 (NIV)
Worship Leader	And a descendant of Jacob.
Reciter #3	And God said to him (Jacob), "I am God Almighty; be fruitful and increase in number. A nation and a community of nations will come from you, and kings will be among your descendants. The land I gave to Abraham and Isaac I also give to you, and I will give this land to your descendants after you." Genesis 35:11-12 (NIV)
Worship Leader	He would come from the tribe of Judah...
Reciter #2	The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until tribute comes to him; and to him shall be the obedience of the peoples. Genesis 49:10 (NIV)
Worship Leader	...and from the family line of Jesse
Reciter #3	A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. Isaiah 11:1 (NIV)
Worship Leader	An offspring of the house of David.

RECITER	PASSAGE
Reciter #2	<p>“Now then, tell my servant David, ‘This is what the Lord Almighty says: I took you from the pasture, from tending the flock, and appointed you ruler over my people Israel. I have been with you wherever you have gone, and I have cut off all your enemies from before you. Now I will make your name great, like the names of the greatest men on earth. And I will provide a place for my people Israel and will plant them so that they can have a home of their own and no longer be disturbed. Wicked people will not oppress them anymore, as they did at the beginning and have done ever since the time I appointed leaders over my people Israel. I will also give you rest from all your enemies.’”</p> <p>“The Lord declares to you that the Lord himself will establish a house for you: When your days are over and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, your own flesh and blood, and I will establish his kingdom.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">2 Samuel 7:8-12 (NIV)</p>
Worship Leader	In a place foretold
Reciter #4	<p>But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Micah 5:2 (ESV)</p>
Worship Leader	For a purpose that God pre-ordained
Reciter #1	<p>He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. By oppression and judgment he was taken away. Yet who of his generation protested? For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was punished. He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth. Yet it was the Lord’s will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the Lord makes his life an offering for sin, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the Lord will prosper in his hand. After he has suffered, he will see the light of life and be satisfied; by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities. Therefore I will give him a portion among the great, and he will divide the spoils with the strong, because he poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Isaiah 53:7-12 (NIV)</p>
Worship Leader	So that we could know him
Reciter #5	<p>Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain. Like one from whom people hide their faces he was despised, and we held him in low esteem.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Isaiah 53:1-3 (NIV)</p>
Worship Leader	So that we could know him
Reciter #4	<p>“And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and supplication</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Zechariah 12:10a (NIV)</p>
Worship Leader	At the right time
Reciter #5	<p>But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Galatians 4:4-5 (ESV)</p>

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Worship Leader	To a woman foretold by Isaiah
Reciter #1	<p>as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us).</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Matthew 1:20-23 (ESV)</p>
Worship Leader	To a family shaped by prophecy
Reciter #6	<p>In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) And everyone went to their own town to register. 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. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. 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.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Luke 2:1-7 (NIV)</p>
Worship Leader	In a place foretold by Micah
Reciter #4	<p>After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. When he had called together all the people’s chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. “In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written: ““But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.””</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Matthew 2:1-6 (NIV)</p>
Worship Leader	For a purpose that God pre-ordained
Reciter #2	<p>even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will,</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Ephesians 1:4-5 (ESV)</p> <p>far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Ephesians 1: 21-23 (ESV)</p>
Worship Leader	So that we can know Him
Reciter #5	<p>“Therefore, my friends, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. Through him everyone who believes is set free from every sin, a justification you were not able to obtain under the law of Moses.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Acts 13:38-39 (NIV)</p>

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Worship Leader	So that we can know Him
Reciter #3	He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. 1Peter 2:22-24 (NIV)
Worship Leader	So that we can know Him
Reciter #1	and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, Revelation 1:5b (NIV)

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