

*Christmas Eve*



*Candlelight Vigil*

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## Information & Instructions

As a child, Christmas Eve held such awe and wonderment as our family solemnly made the yearly trek to a darkened and hushed church sanctuary to hear the story of Christ's birth and share a simple, yet beautiful Christmas Eve candlelight service. It was as if Christmas truly began at that moment - when all of our candles had been lit, and we had sung *Go Tell it On the Mountain* as a congregation, and then walked home in the chilly night air to soup and hot punch, and homemade Christmas candies.

In the beginning, this simple Christmas Eve Candlelight Vigil was something I lovingly put together for my own family based on the lingering, beautiful memories of my childhood. Now, it is my gift to you.

Our family celebrates this vigil every year together in the hush of our own living room, a single candle burning on the mantle (and a little background lighting for old eyes trying to read small print.) We buy short taper candles like the ones found [HERE](#) and drip protectors like [THESE](#). We gather our family hymnals and Mommy leads the singing while Daddy leads the Scripture reading. It has become for my children what it was, and continues to be, for me - the moment in time when expectation and anticipation become celebration! Our Messiah is born!

While I do allow this Christmas Eve Candlelight Vigil to be used by churches, I do ask that you keep all website and copyright information intact. If you have any questions, comments, or stories of your celebrations using this Christmas Eve Candlelight Vigil, you can email me at: [amy@raisingarrows.net](mailto:amy@raisingarrows.net)

May all your longing be fulfilled this Christmas, and may Jesus Christ truly be your focus!

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One quiet, darkened candle stands waiting. Four thousand years of waiting in cold, desolate sadness. Waiting for the advent of a Savior - the promised One - the fulfillment of our longing.

[Isaiah 61:1-2](#)

The faithful are watching, waiting for the moment when Word becomes flesh and darkness becomes light.

[Isaiah 9:6-7](#)

*Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*

[Luke 1:26-38](#)

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

[Matthew 1:18-25](#)

*God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen*

[Luke 2:1-5](#)

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

[Luke 2:6-7](#)

Christ has come! The darkened candle has been lit! The Savior of the world, the Word incarnate, fully man, fully God, the Deliverer, delivered in a stable, laid in a manger, has come at last!

*It Came Upon a Midnight Clear  
Away in the Manger*

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## [Luke 2:8-14](#)

*Angels We Have Heard on High  
Hark, the Herald Angels Sing*

## [Luke 2:15-16](#)

*The First Noel  
O Come, All Ye Faithful*

## [Luke 2:17-20](#)

*Silent Night*

## [Luke 2:25-38](#)

*What Child is This?*

## [Matthew 2:1-12](#)

*We Three Kings*

See the gold. Smell the myrrh and frankincense. Who is this child before whom noblemen bow? He is the Savior of the world, who will grow from a little boy into a man who restores sight to the blind; so that all may see the Light.

## [John 1:1-5](#)

*Joy To The World* (*sharing the light from candle to candle, all are lit as we sing*)

The joy we sing of is not meant to be hidden. Our anticipation has become celebration for all the world to see! We carry the Light of the world into the world!

## [Matthew 28:18-20](#)

*Go Tell It On the Mountain*