

The Annunciation to Shepherds

Luke 2:8-16 (based on NRSV)

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields,
keeping watch over their flock by night.
And an angel of the Lord stood before them,
and the glory of the Lord shone around them,
and they were terrified.

But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid;
for look, I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people.
To you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.
This will be a sign for you:
You will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.”

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host,
praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among all people!”

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another,
“Hey, let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place,
that the Lord has made known to us.”
So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child, lying in the manger.