

## The Song of the Shepherds

### Scripture Reading — Luke 2:15-20

*The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen. . . . — Luke 2:20*

We are not told the content of the shepherds' praise as they returned to their fields that night long ago. But let me make a few suggestions.

Perhaps their song recalled the angels' chorus: "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests" (Luke 2:14). Surely the shepherds had just experienced the favor of the Lord. Perhaps as they recalled the angel's words "Do not be afraid," as well as the light of God's glory over the fields of Bethlehem, they also had new insight into Psalm 27: "The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear?" This event may also have given new meaning to the words of Psalm 23: "The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing."

The birth of Jesus, the Son of God, continues to give us cause for rejoicing and singing. He is still the only sure foundation that gives us confidence today and for the future.

So it's important that we not keep quiet. It's important that we rejoice as we tell others of Jesus, the Prince of Peace and the Redeemer of the world.

How have you shared this good news lately?

### Prayer

*We thank you, heavenly Father, that in your great mercy and love you not only revealed yourself to us but also gave your only Son for us. May we join our voices with those of the shepherds not only in singing your praises but also in telling others of your amazing grace and salvation. In Jesus our Savior's name, Amen.*

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