Joseph went from Galilee to the city of David that is called Bethlehem. He was of the house and family of David. Joseph went with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child.

> While they were there, the time came for her to have her child. She laid him in a manger because there was no room for them in the inn.

> Shepherds were living in the fields and keeping the night watch over their flock.

The angel of the Lord appeared to them.

Do not be afraid. I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. In the city of David, a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord. You will find an infant

wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying: Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests. Let us go, then, to Bethlehem to see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.

They went in haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger.

When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child.

All who heard it were amazed.