



SHEPHERD AND KING

Bethlehem, home of King David and his son King Solomon, was the birthplace of the King of Kings. As Mary and Joseph, both of the Davidic lineage, held the Prince of Peace, the three kings, as well as, lowly shepherds adored Jesus. The Good Shepherd's care extends to all of His flock - rich and poor alike.

THE THIRD JOYFUL MYSTERY THE NATIVITY

"The LORD begot me, the first-born of his ways. ... When he established the heavens I was there." ... A star shall advance from Jacob. ... "We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." ... [The magi] saw the child with Mary his mother. ... [They] offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ... When Herod realized that he had been deceived by the magi, he ... ordered the massacre of all the boys in Bethlehem ... two years old and under. *Prv 8:22,27, Nm 24:17, Mt 2:2,11,16*

Our Father...

Pharaoh then commanded all his subjects, "Throw into the river every boy that is born to the Hebrews." *Ex 1:22*

Hail Mary...

In swaddling clothes and with constant care I was nurtured. ... Pharaoh's daughter ... adopted him as her son and called him Moses; for she said, "I drew him out of the water." *Wis 7:4, Ex 2:10*

Hail Mary...

[T]he glory of the LORD filled the Dwelling. ... "Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground. I am ... the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob." *Ex 40:35, Ex 3:5-6*

Hail Mary...

For even his covenant with David, / the son of Jesse of the tribe of Judah, / Was an individual heritage through one son alone; / but the heritage of Aaron is for all his descendants. *Sir 45:25*

Hail Mary...

"I will make of you a great nation, / and I will bless you; / I will make your name great, / so that you will be a blessing." *Gn 12:2*

Hail Mary...

"I will bless those who bless you. ... / All the communities of the earth / shall find blessing in you." *Gn 12:3*

Hail Mary...

You, Judah, shall your brothers praise. ... God acknowledged him as the first-born, / and gave him his inheritance. *Gn 49:8, Sir 44:23*

Hail Mary...

Joy and gladness he will find, / an everlasting name inherit. *Sir 15:6*

Hail Mary...

From every man you shall accept the contribution that his heart prompts him to give me. These are ... gold, ... spices for the anointing oil and for the fragrant incense. *Ex 25:2-3,6*

Hail Mary...

Take up among you a collection for the LORD. Everyone, as his heart prompts him, shall bring ... gold, silver ... violet, purple and scarlet yarn; fine linen ... acacia wood; ... spices for the anointing oil and for the fragrant incense; onyx stones. *Ex 35:5-9*

Hail Mary... Glory Be... O My Jesus...