

## Reading and prayer 26<sup>th</sup> December 2020

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. Luke 2: 15-20

Loving God and Father, for us you sent a Saviour. Though we merited nothing you gave us everything. We praise and glorify you. You speak your words of love through the angel, the shepherds, through the birth of a small baby; help us to hear you through the nativity story of long ago and make it real for us today. Give us Grace to live out the gift of eternal life given to us. Amen

