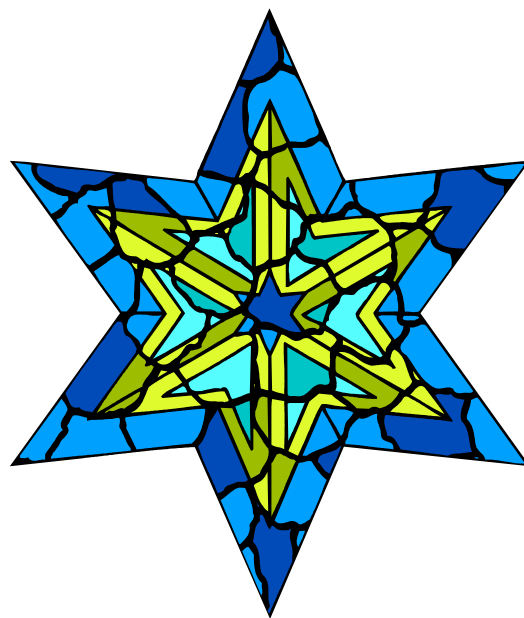


The joy of discovery
that moment
when hope and expectation
were gloriously met
by the illumination of one bright star.
We cannot imagine
what words were spoken by visitors
or if first impressions
left them somewhat confused.
Messiah, Saviour, a King
born in the barest of palaces.
Yet they saw and fell down
on their knees in adoration.
Lord, they saw you and knew
whom they had met.
As we meet around crib
candle or advent wreath
draw us into that stable
in our imagination.
In the quiet moments of prayer
this Christmas, that brief oasis
from the bustle of the world
bring alive to us
the smell of the hay
the sound of the animals
the cry of a baby.
Draw us close to our Saviour
Messiah and King as we bring
not Gold, Myrrh or Frankincense
but the gift of our lives
the only offering we can bring.





Station 4

As you begin your outward journey remember Christ came as the Light of the World.

His light will be with you on your journey if you ask to Him to walk with you and guide you.

On the card are some words about light.

Take a candle and imagine taking Christ's light into all the dark places you will encounter.

Take your candle away with you to remind you of Christ's light with you, especially this Christmas.

In your own time move onto Station 5



When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

John 8:12 (New International Version)

As dawn breaks through
gently erasing
the darkness of the night
heralding the start
of each new day
enable us to do the same
rising out of the darkness of our night
into the light
of your revealing love.

John Birch, Celtic Prayer and Resources

Renew your promise
to reveal among us the light of your presence.
May your word be a lantern to our feet
and a light upon our path
that we may behold your coming among us.

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Station 5



Jesus came into the world for us because God loved us all so much.

That love will always be there; it never ends.

The words on the card remind us of how much we are loved by God.

Rest here and soak up God's love for you and all those you care for.

Take a heart with you to remind you that God's love is with YOU always, wherever you are.

You might like to write something on your heart.

In your own time move on to Station 6

