



James 1:2 (ESV)

Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials
of various kinds.

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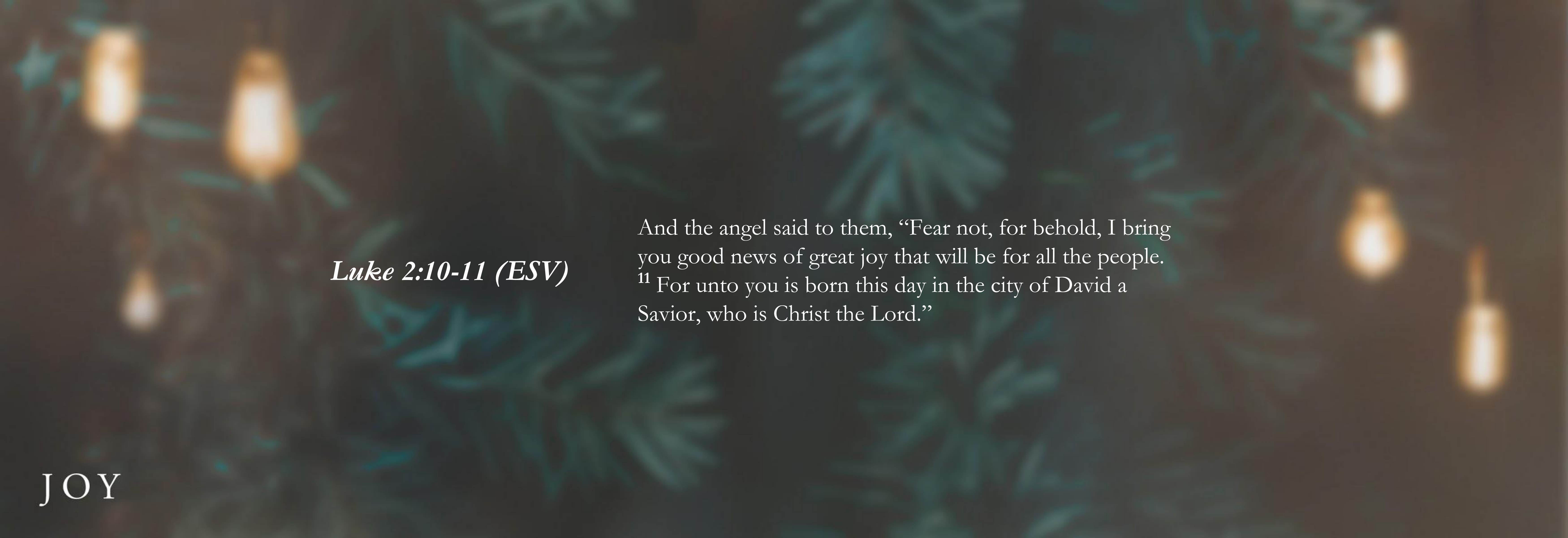


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Luke 2:8-9 (ESV)

And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear.

JOY



Luke 2:10-11 (ESV)

And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.
¹¹ For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.”

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Luke 2:12-14 (ESV)

“And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, ¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”

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Angels are messengers.

Angels dwell in heaven.

The appearance of an angel indicates that God is at work.

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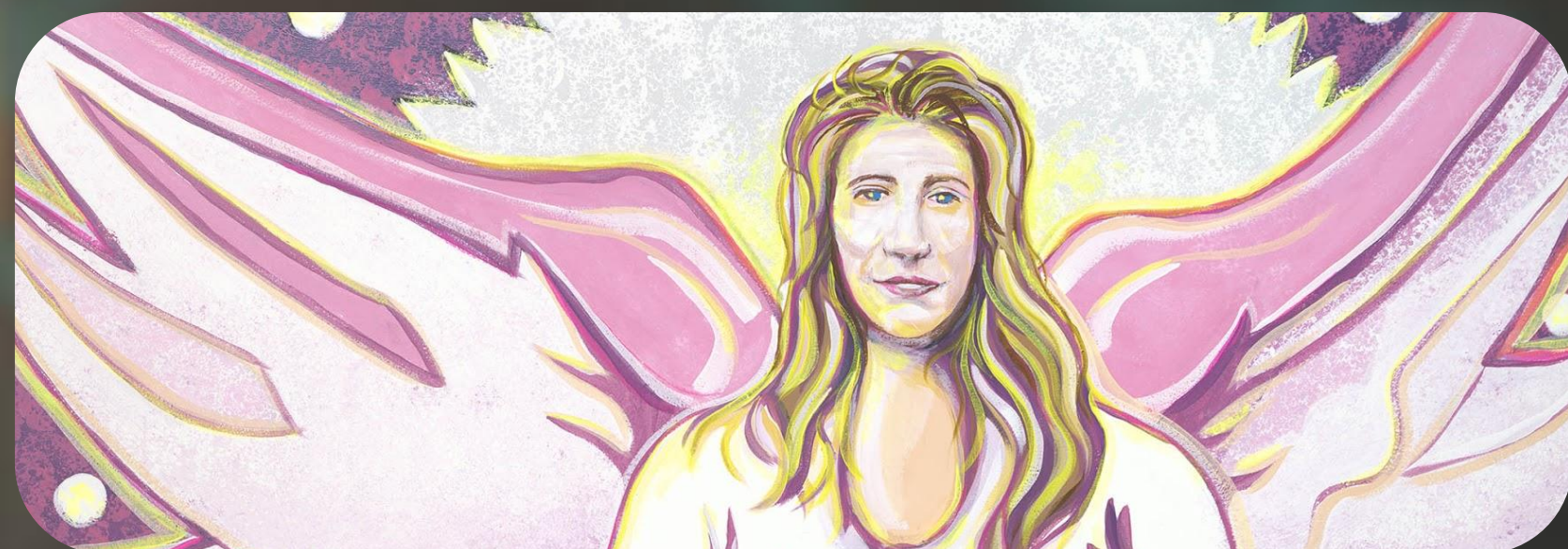


Shepherding was a lowly occupation.

Shepherds were generally considered untrustworthy.

Shepherds were ceremonially unclean.

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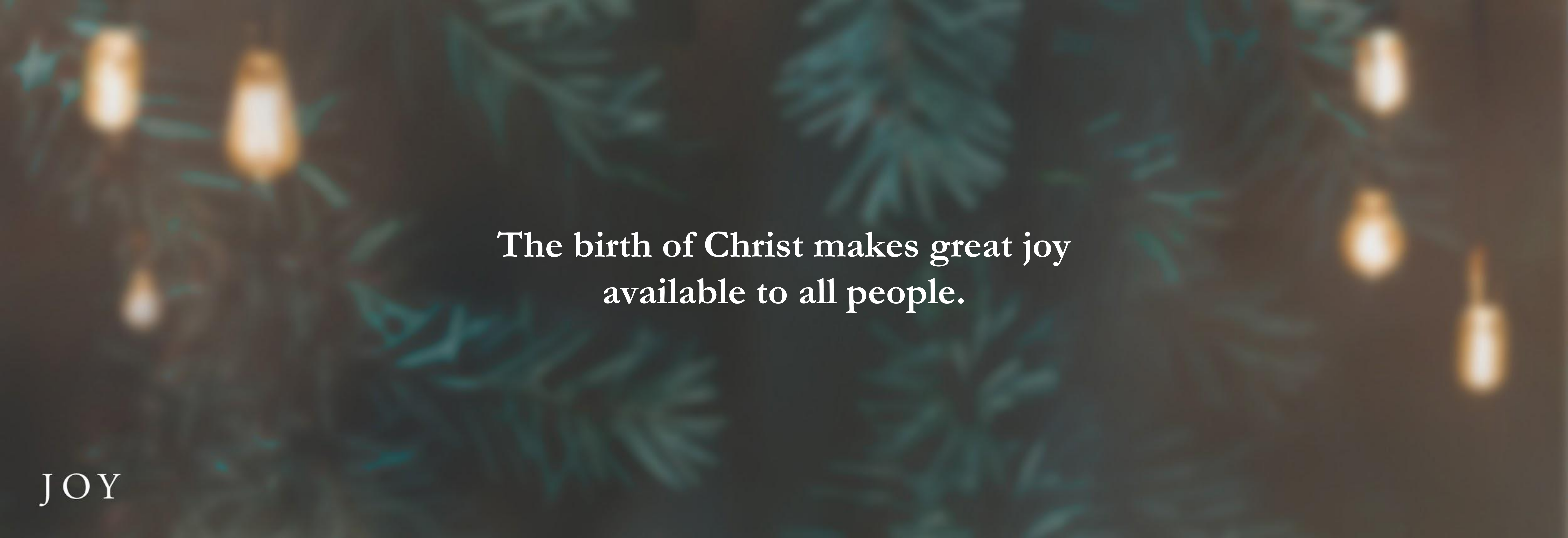


Heaven came to earth . . .



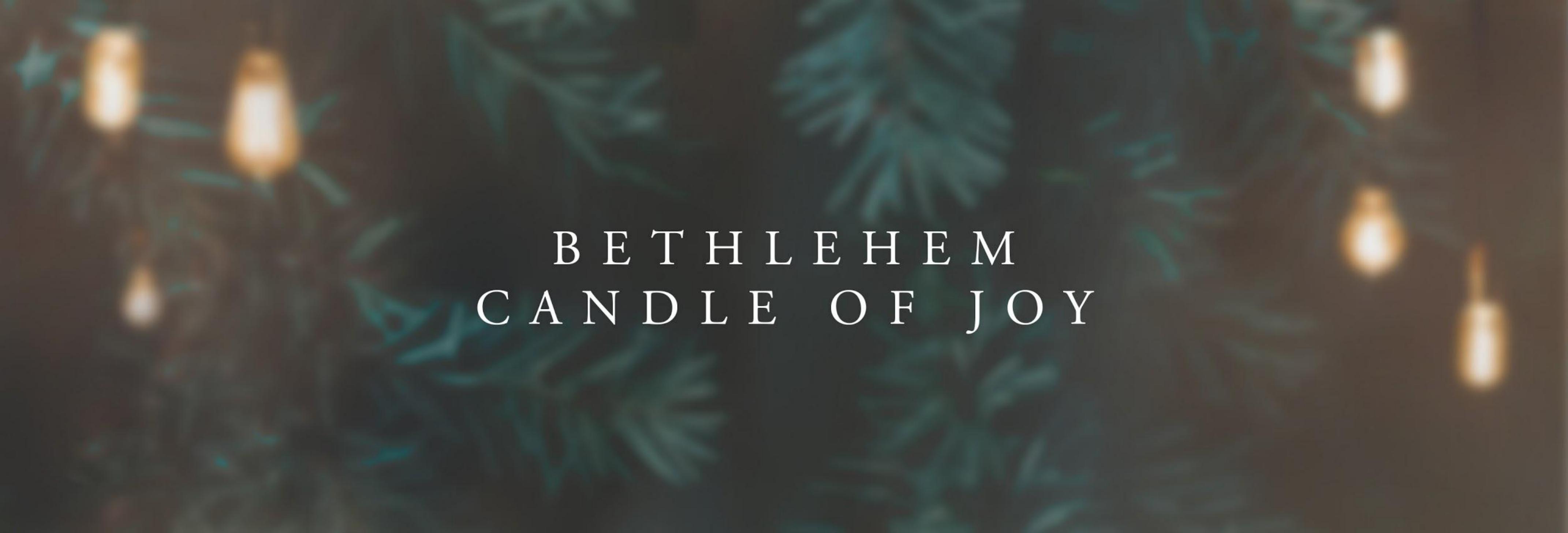
. . . with a message of joy for everyone.

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The birth of Christ makes great joy
available to all people.

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