Now the birth of Je-sus Christ was as fol-lows: when His moth-er Mar-ya had been be-trothed to Jo-seph, be-fore they came to-geth-er she was found to be with child by the Hol-y Spir-it. And Jo-seph her hus-band, be-ing a right-eous man and not want-ing to dis-grace her, planned to send her a-way se-cret-ly.
But when he had considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife; for the Child who has been conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit.

She will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins." Now all this took place to fulfill what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet:
Now in those days a decree went out from Cæsar Augustus, that a census be taken of all the inhabited earth. And everyone was on his way to register for the census, each to his own city.

Be-hold, the vir-gin shall be with child and shall bear a Son, and they shall call His name Im-man-u-el,” which trans-lat-ed means, ”God with us.” And Jo-seph a-woke from his sleep and did as the an-gel of the Lord com-mand-ed him, and took Mar-y as his wife; and he called His name Je-sus.
Jo-seph also went up from Gal-i-lee, from the cit-y of Naz-ar-eth, to Ju-de-a, to the cit-y of Da-vid which is called Beth-le-hem, be-cause he was of the house and fam-i-ly of Da-vid, in or-der to reg-is-ter a-long with Mar-y, who was en-gaged to him, and was with child.

While they were there, the days were com-plet-ed for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her first-born son; and she wrapped Him in cloths, and laid Him in a man-ger, be-cause there was no room for them in the inn.
Now when they had gone, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up! Take the Child and His mother and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is going to search for the Child to destroy Him."

So Joseph got up and took the Child and His mother while it was still night, and left for Egypt. He remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Out of Egypt I called My Son."