



Rays of Carmel

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Merry Christmas dear Carmelites!

“Heralds of Faith”

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The night was still, nothing to be heard but the silent twinkling of the stars overhead. All the earth awaits the sweet mystery to unfold.

The eye of man searches the Heavens. Where is the One who made all that their eyes could behold?

Darkness covers the soul, suffering, struggle, despair. Yearning for the light as Prophets foretold.

Off in a distant corner of the Heavens a Bright Star slowly makes its way across the sky. A hush falls over the Earth, expectancy, wonder... why?

A cave warm and dark, a shelter for beasts, welcomes a woman in labor with her gentle husband at her side.

Under the glow of warm embers, and in the sight of the beasts, a child is born in the silence of the night while overhead a star appears brighter and brighter as it spreads its light far and wide.

Oh Man! Arise and See! Your King Cometh! This new little Babe, holy and pure, a King for all Ages to rescue the poor. Come and Adore!

Here is your Deliverer. Forsake your sinful ways, O Man. Repent—Open your hearts—Open your eyes—Unstop your ears. Listen to the Herald from Voices of Faith! Look around you and find your God! Seek Him in faces of loved ones, needy souls old and young, rich and poor.

Come – Touch the Cradle – Receive all the blessings prepared for you for all Ages. Trust and Adore!



~JESUS~

Through a virgin, you have brought forth a new birth in our world;

Through your miracles, a new power;

Through your suffering, a new patience,

In your resurrection, a new hope,

And in your ascension, a new Majesty. (LOH, Ps. Prayer)