

# Advent Wreath Readings ~ 12/9

## Scripture ~ Matthew 1:18-21

This is how the birth of Jesus Christ took place. When Mary his mother was engaged to Joseph, before they were married, she became pregnant by the Holy Spirit. Joseph her husband was a righteous man. Because he didn't want to humiliate her, he decided to call off their engagement quietly. As he was thinking about this, an angel from the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, don't be afraid to take Mary as your wife, because the child she carries was conceived by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you will call him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

*[ light 2 advent candles ]*

## Reading

Today, like Mary, we wait for the Christ child. We celebrate all that God has already done and say, "My soul glorifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior". We reflect on the wonder of the precious name of Jesus, our Savior and Prince of Peace.

## Prayer

God of peace, help us to remember that you have come to save us and fill us with your peace as we trust in your mighty name. Amen.