The Birth of Jesus

At the time Emperor ordered a to be taken throughout the Empire. . . . Everyone, then, went to register himself, each to his own hometown. Joseph went from the town of in Galilee to the town of in Judea, the birthplace of King David.
. . . He went to register with , who was promised in marriage to him. She was pregnant, and while they were in , the time came for her to have her baby. She gave birth to her first son, wrapped him in cloths and laid him in a —there was no room for them to stay in the .

 There were some in that part of the country who were spending the night in the fields, taking care of their flocks. An of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone over them. They were terribly afraid, but the angel said to them, “Don’t be !
I am here with for you, which will bring great joy to all people. This very day in David’s town your Savior was born—Christ the Lord!” (Luke 2:1,3–12)

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