



Glory to God!

Processional Hymn - O Come All Ye Faithful

1. Oh, come all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant,
Oh, come ye, oh, come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him, Born the King of angels.

Refrain: Oh, come, let us adore him, oh, come, let us adore him,
Oh, come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

2. God from true God, and Light from Light eternal,
Born of a virgin, to earth he comes,
Only begotten Son of God the Father.

Refrain:

3. Sing choirs of angels, Sing in exultation;
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above,
Glory to God, all Glory in the highest.

Refrain:

4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, Born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n,
Word of the Father, Now in flesh appearing.

Refrain:

Invocation - Pastor

Responsive Reading

Cong: Where are you going, children, with your bright and happy voices?

Ch: To Bethlehem in Judah's hills where all the world rejoices!

Cong: What do you seek there in Bethlehem?

Ch: This is the Christ, the Son of God, who came this night to save you.

Cong: Who said He has come for me, this Child so small and tender?

Ch: The angel who from heaven came in glory and in splendor.

Cong: May I go with you tonight to worship and adore Him?

Ch: Yes, come with us to Bethlehem and bow your knees before Him.

Cong: Let us all then journey on to Christ, our heavenly treasure,

Ch: And join the angels in their song to show our joy and pleasure.

Psalm 150 - Responsively

P: Praise the Lord. Praise God in His Sanctuary;

C: Praise Him in His mighty heavens.

P: Praise Him for his acts of power;

C: Praise Him for His surpassing greatness.

P: Praise Him with the sounding of the trumpet,

C: Praise Him with the harp and lyre,

P: Praise Him with tambourine and dancing,

C: Praise Him with the strings and flute,

P: Praise Him with the clash of cymbals;---

C: Praise Him with resounding cymbals.

P: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.

C: Praise the Lord.

Choir: Psalm 150

Hallelujah, hallelujah, Praise the Lord in His holiness,
Praise the Lord in His firmament, Hallelujah, Praise ye the Lord,
hallelujah,

praise ye the Lord in the firmament of all His power.

Praise ye the Lord according to His greatness. Hallelujah!

Praise Him with sound of the trumpet, Praise Him with psalt'ry and harp,

Praise Him with sound of the trumpet, Praise Him with psalt'ry and harp, Hallelujah!

Praise Him with timbrel and dancing, Praise Him with timbrel and dancing,

Praise ye the Lord! O praise Him with stringed instruments.

Hallelujah!

O praise ye the Lord on cymbals loud and strong,
O praise ye the Lord on cymbals loud and strong, Hallelujah!
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah,
Let ev'ry thing all that have breath, praise the Lord, praise ye now
the Lord,
Praise the Lord, praise ye now the Lord, Hallelujah!

The Christmas Message - Pastor

The Offering

Choir: Night of Peace

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright.
Round yon virgin mother and child!
Holy Infant so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Night of peace when the world lay silent and still.
O star of wonder, lend thy light,
and with the angels let us sing all glory,
alleluias raise to the newborn King!
For Christ is born, Christ our Savior is born!
The Son of God, love's pure radiant beams
now the dawn of redeeming grace.
Sleep now in heav'nly peace

Silent night, holy night, Wondrous star, lend thy light.
With the angels let us sing Alleluia to our King.
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Recitations by the children of Good Shepherd

Hymn: Behold, a Branch is
Growing

1. Behold, a Branch is growing
Of loveliest form and grace
As prophets sang, foreknowing;
It springs from Jesse's race
And bears one little flow'r
In midst of coldest winter,
At deepest midnight hour.

3. The shepherds heard the story
Proclaimed by angels bright,
How Christ, the Lord of glory
Was born to earth this night.
To Bethlehem they sped
And in the manger found him
As angel heralds said

2. Isaiah had foretold it
In words of promise sure,
And Mary's arms enfold it,
A virgin meek and pure.
This child to her is given
At midnight calm and still.

4. This flow'r, so small and
tender,
With fragrance fills the air;
His brightness ends the
darkness
That kept the earth in fear.
True God and yet true man,
He came to save his people
From earth's dark night of sin.

Recitations by the children:

Hymn: O Little Town of Bethlehem

1. O little town of
Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and
dreamless sleep,
The silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets
shineth,
The everlasting light.
The hopes and fears of all the
years,
Are met in thee tonight.

2. For Christ is born of Mary,
And gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels
keep,
Their watch of wond'ring love.
O morning stars, together
Proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the
King, And peace to all the earth.

3. How silently, how silently,
The wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts
To human hearts,
The blessings of his heav'n!
No ear may hear his coming,
But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive
him still,
The dear Christ enters in.

4. O holy child of Bethlehem,
Descend to us we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in;
Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell;
Oh, come to us,
Abide with us,
Our Lord Immanuel!

Recitations by the children of Good Shepherd:

Hymn: Joy to the World

1. Joy to the world, the Lord is
come!
Let earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart
Prepare him room
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n, and heav'n, and
nature sing.

3. No more let sins and sorrows
grow
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make his blessings
flow
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.

2. Joy to the earth, the Savior
reigns!
Let all their songs employ,
While fields and floods,
rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding
joy.

4. He rules the world with
truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of his
righteousness
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders of
His love.

Recitations by the children of Good Shepherd:

Hymn: Away in a Manger

1. Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.
2. The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky,
And stay by my side until morning is nigh.
3. Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay
Close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in your tender care,
And take us to heaven to live with you there.

Recitations by the children of Good Shepherd:

Solo: I Wonder as I Wander

I wonder as I wander out under the sky,
How Jesus, the Savior, did come for to die.
For poor, ordinary people like you and like I.
I wonder as I wander out under the sky.

Sweet Mary laid Jesus within a cow's stall,
Came wisemen and farmers and shepherds and all.
While up in God's heaven a star's light did fall,
And God's promise of the ages to them did recall.

If Jesus had wanted for any small thing:
A cloud in the sky or a bird on the wing;
Or all of God's angels in heaven to sing,
He surely could have had it, because he was the King!

I wonder as I wander out under the sky,
How Jesus, the Savior, did come for to die.
For poor, ordinary people like you and like I.
I wonder as I wander out under the sky.

Recitations by the children of Good Shepherd:

Hymn: Glory to God the Angels Sing

1. Low in a humble manger,
Little Lord Jesus lay,
Watched by the virgin mother
There on a bed of hay;
Far from the worldly throngs,
When thru the night came
ringing
Glorious angel songs

2. Little the loving mother,
Dreamed of its meaning then,
How He should die on Calv'ry
Die for the sins of men;
Down thru the weary ages,
Out from the manger bed,
Streams all the light of heaven,
Soon o'er the world to spread.

Chorus:

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Glory to God, the angels sing,
Praises to Christ, the newborn King,
Peace be on earth, goodwill to men,
Hear we the angels sing again,
Glory to God, the angels sing;
Praises to Christ, the newborn King,
Peace be on earth, goodwill to men,
Goodwill to men.

Chorus:

Recitations by the Children of Good Shepherd:
Song: Child in the Manger

Child in the manger, infant of Mary
Outcast and Stanger, Lord of us all,
Child Who inherits all our transgressions
All our demerits upon Him fall.

Once the most holy Child of salvation
Gently and lowly lived here below.
Now as our glorious mighty Redeemer
See Him victorious over each foe.

Prophets foretold Him, Infant of wonder;
Angels behold Him on His throne.
Worthy our Savior of all our praises;
Happy forever: we are His own!

Recitations by the children of Good Shepherd:

Song: Calypso Carol

1. When Mary and Joseph came to Bethlehem
There was no place there to shelter them
They couldn't find a room in the inn there at all
So they settled for the cattle stall.

Chorus: So sing out people now and shout with joy
For Mary had a baby boy
Sing out people now and all draw near
For Christ the Savior is here.

2. While shepherds watched their flocks by night
They all saw such a wonderful sight
An angel appeared and said to them
"You'll find a new King in Bethlehem."

Chorus:

3. There were three wise men from a far off land
Who saw a star come close to hand
They followed that star as it moved to the west
And found a baby where it came to rest.

Chorus:

4. So when you stand around the Christmas tree
Remember God's gift to you and to me
The Savior came to set us free
So we can live for eternity.

Chorus:

Christmas Prayer

Hymn: Silent Night

1. Silent night! Holy Night!
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.
2. Silent night! Holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight.
Glories stream from heaven afar;
Heav'nly hosts sing, Alleluia;
Christ, the Savior is born! Christ, the Savior is born!
3. Silent night! Holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord at thy birth.

Benediction

Recessional Hymn: Go Tell It on the Mountain

Refrain: Go, tell it on the mountain,
Over the hills, and ev'rywhere,
Go tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born.

1. While shepherds kept their watching O'er silent flocks by night,
Behold, throughout the heavens There shone a holy light.

Refrain

2. The shepherds feared and trembled When lo, above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus That hailed our Savior's birth.

Refrain

3. Down in a lowly manger The humble Christ was born;
And God sent us salvation That blessed Christmas morn.

Refrain

Thank you!

We would like to take a moment to recognize the efforts of Susan Danielsen, Donna Tullberg, and the entire Sunday-school staff for their hard work and dedication to making Christmas Eve special and meaningful for all of us, but particularly the children of Good Shepherd! Please take a moment to see the joy and wonder on the children's faces as they tell US the Greatest Story Ever Told. The birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!