

Christmas Pageant Music
December 18, 2022

Welcome & Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Opening Hymn

“What Child is This?”

Hymn #115 v. 1 & 2

- 1 What child is this, who, laid to rest,
 on Mary’s lap is sleeping?
 Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
 while shepherds watch are keeping?

Refrain:

*This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary.*

- 2 Why lies he in such mean estate
 where ox and ass are feeding?
 Good Christian, fear: for sinners here
 the silent Word is pleading.

Refrain

--- *Narration* ---

Hymn

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

Hymn 56 v. 1& 4

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, thou Branch of Jesse’s tree,
Free them from Satan’s tyranny
That trust thy mighty power to save,
And give them victory o’er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

--- Narration---

Hymn

“Gabriel’s Message”

The angel Gabriel from heaven came,
His wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;
“All hail” said he, “thou lowly maiden Mary,
Most highly favored lady.” Gloria!

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head,
“To me be as it pleaseth God,” she said,
“my soul shall laud and magnify His holy Name.”
Most highly favored lady. Gloria!

-- Narration---

Hymn

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

Hymn 78 v. 1

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.

-- Narration---

Hymn

“The First Nowell”

Hymn 109 v. 1 & 2

1 The first Nowell the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields as they lay, keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter’s night that was so deep.

Refrain

*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel.*

2 They looked up and saw a star
shining in the east beyond them far,
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night.

Refrain

-- Narration--

Hymn

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

Hymn 87 v. 1

- 1 Hark! the herald angels sing
glory to the newborn King!
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic host proclaim
Christ is born in Bethlehem!

Refrain

*Hark! the herald angels sing
glory to the newborn King!*

-- Narration--

Hymn

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

Hymn 83 v. 1

- 1 O come, all ye faithful,
joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
come, and behold him,
born the King of angels;

*O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.*

-- Narration--

Hymn

“We Three Kings”

Hymn 128 v. 1

- 1 We three kings of Orient are,
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain,
moor and mountain,
following yonder star.

*O star of wonder, star of night,
star with royal beauty bright;
westward leading,
still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light!*

-- Narration--

Hymn

“We Three Kings”

Hymn 128 v. 5

- 5 Glorious now behold him arise,
 King and God and Sacrifice;
 heaven sings alleluia:
 alleluia the earth replies.

*O star of wonder, star of night,
star with royal beauty bright;
westward leading,
still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light!*

-- Narration--

Hymn

“Joy to the World”

Hymn 100 v. 1&2

- 1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come:
 let earth receive her King;
 let every heart prepare him room,
 and heaven and nature sing.
- 2 Joy to the world! the Savior reigns;
 let us our songs employ,
 while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains,
 repeat the sounding joy.
- 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.
- 4 He rules the world with truth and grace,
 and makes the nations prove
 the glories of his righteousness,
 and wonders of his love.

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