

Christmas FOR YOU



Mary //
Joseph //
Shepherds //
Sheep //
Angels //
Wisemen //

Speakers



OPENING HYMN

O come, o Come Emmanuel 357

V. 1, 4, 5, 6



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som
 4 O come, Thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, Free them from
 5 O come, Thou Key of Da - vid, come, And o - pen
 6 O come, Thou Day - spring from on high, And cheer us

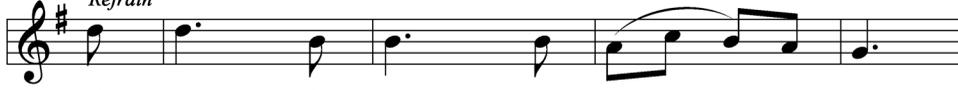


cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly
 Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny That trust Thy might - y
 wide our heav'n - ly home; Make safe the way that
 by Thy draw - ing nigh; Dis - perse the gloom - y



ex - ile here Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 pow'r to save, And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.
 leads on high, And close the path to mis - er - y.
 clouds of night, And death's dark shad - ows put to flight.

Refrain



Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el



Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

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Speaker 1:

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be.

(Luke 1: 26-29)

Speaker 2:

And the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom, there will be no end.”

(Luke 1:30-33)

Speaker 3:

And Mary said to the angel, “How will this be, since I am a virgin?” And the angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God... And Mary said, “Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her.

(Luke 1:34-35; 38)

Speaker 4:

Thus, the Savior of the world was conceived. He who was and is, and is to come. This is the one who was foretold in the first gospel promise: “I will put enmity between you and the woman and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.” This is the one who has come to take away the sins of the world.

(Revelation 4:8b; Genesis 3:15)

Speaker 1-4 (Group):

Mary is to bear a Son, a Savior; come for everyone.

Through death, he will redeem the world, and Satan’s grasp will be unfurled.

For you!

HYMN:

My Soul Rejoices (Mary's Magnificat) 993



1 My soul re - joic - es, My spir - it voic - es— Sing the
 2 His arm now bar - ing, His strength de - clar - ing— Sing the



great - ness of the Lord! For God my Sav - ior Has shown me
 great - ness of the Lord! The proud He scat - ters, Their rule He



fa - vor— Sing the great - ness of the Lord! With praise and
 shat - ters— Sing the great - ness of the Lord! Op - pres - sion



bless - ing, Join in con - fess - ing God, who is sole - ly Might - y and
 halt - ed; The meek ex - alt - ed. Full are the hun - gry; Emp - ty, the



ho - ly— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord! His mer - cy
 wealth - y— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord! Here is the



sure - ly Shall rest se - cure - ly On all who fear Him,
 to - ken All that was spo - ken To A - br'ham's off - spring



Love and re - vere Him— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord!
 God is ful - fill - ing— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord!

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Speaker 5:

When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly.

(Matthew 1:18b-19)

Speaker 6:

But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”

(Matthew 1:20-21)

Speaker 7:

All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us). When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him.

(Matthew 1:22-24a)

Speaker 8:

The declaration of the angel to Joseph promises great hope in the Messiah. This Messiah, spoken about by Isaiah, is the one who will suffer and die to save the world. “He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.”

(Isaiah 53:3)

Speaker 5-8 (Group):

Joseph took the angel’s word. He had to trust in what he heard.

Immanuel, the one to die, to bring us glory from on high.

For you!

HYMN:

Savior of the Nations, Come 332 (v. 1, 2, 3)



1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come, Vir - gin's Son, make
2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, By the Spir - it
3 Here a maid was found with child, Yet re - mained a



here Your home! Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth,
of our God, Was the Word of God made flesh—
vir - gin mild. In her womb this truth was shown:



That the Lord chose such a birth.
Wom - an's off - spring, pure and fresh.
God was there up - on His throne.

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Speaker 9:

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be registered, each to his own town. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child.

(Luke 2:1-5)

Speaker 10

And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

(Luke 2:6-7)

Speaker 11

The miracle that had been so long foretold has become flesh and is now dwelling among us. Out of the darkness that Israel faced came the light of the world, shining from a lowly manger. This infant Messiah is the one who will bear the iniquities of us all upon the cross. “But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.”

(John 1:14; Isaiah 9:2a, Isaiah 53:5)

Speakers 9-11, Mary, Joseph (Group)

Jesus lay in the manger low, A gift for me and you to know.

A wooden manger roughly made Foretells a cross where sins were laid.

For you!

HYMN:

Away in a Manger 364



1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for a bed,
2 The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes,
3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask Thee to stay



The lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down His sweet head.
But lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing He makes.
Close by me for - ev - er and love me, I pray.



The stars in the sky — looked down where He lay,
I love Thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky,
Bless all the dear chil - dren in Thy ten - der care,



The lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
And stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.
And take us to heav - en to live with Thee there.

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Speaker 12

And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.”

(Luke 2:8-12)

Speaker 13

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”

(Luke 2:13-14)

Speaker 14

When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.” And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child.

(Luke 2:15-17)

Speaker 15

A multitude of angels joyfully announced Jesus’ birth to the shepherds. This Jesus, of whom the angels sang, and the shepherds saw, is the Good Shepherd foretold by the prophets. He is the one who will lay down His life for His sheep. Through His death, he will restore our souls and prepare a table for us. This Christ child is the savior of us all.

(Psalm 23:3,5)

Speakers 12-15, Mary, Joseph, Angels, Shepherds, and Sheep (Group)

Shepherds marveled at the sight Of Jesus in that manger bright.

Good Shepherd sent to earth below Will bear the cross, great pain to know.

For You!

HYMN:From Heaven Above to Earth I Come (the Angels and Shepherds Hymn) **364**

(v. 1-3, 8, 15)



1 "From heav'n a - bove to earth I come To bear good
 2 "To you this night is born a child Of Mar - y,
 3 "This is the Christ, our God Most High, Who hears your
 8 Wel - come to earth, O no - ble Guest, Through whom the
 15 Glo - ry to God in high - est heav'n, Who un - to



news to ev - 'ry home; Glad tid - ings of great
 cho - sen vir - gin mild; This lit - tle child of
 sad and bit - ter cry; He will Him - self your
 sin - ful world is blest! You came to share my
 us His Son has giv'n! While an - gels sing with



joy I bring, Where - of I now will say and sing:
 low - ly birth Shall be the joy of all the earth.
 Sav - ior be From all your sins to set you free.
 mis - er - y That You might share Your joy with me.
 pi - ous mirth A glad new year to all the earth.

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Speaker 16

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." When Herod, the king, heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem was with him. As he assembled all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where Christ was to be born.

(Matthew 2:1-4)

Speaker 17

They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: "'And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.'"

(Matthew 2:5-6)

Speaker 18

Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him."

(Matthew 2:7-8)

Speaker 19

After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary, his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

(Matthew 2:9-12)

Speaker 20

These Wise Men from a pagan land knew that a King had been born. The birth of Jesus is good news for Jew and Gentile alike. This infant who the Wise men hailed has come to be the king of the world, to suffer, die, and rise for the salvation of all. For there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

(Galatians 3:28; 1 John 2:2)

Speakers 16-20, Mary, Joseph, Angels, Shepherds, Sheep, and Wise Men (Group)

Wise Men shared in the delight Of Jesus' birth that Christmas night.

Angel, shepherd, sheep all sing To Mary, Joseph, and the King.

Born for you!

CLOSING HYMN:

Joy to the World 387
(v. 1- Kids only)



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive her
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let men their songs em -
3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow Nor thorns in - fest the
4 He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the na - tions



King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him
ploy, While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
ground; He comes to make His bless - ings
prove The glo - ries of His righ - teous -



room And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture
plains Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing
flow Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is
ness And won - ders of His love, And won - ders of His



sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
joy, Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
found, Far as, far as the curse is found.
love, And won - ders, won - ders of His love.

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