

Christmas Pageant 2022

Reading 1 Luke 2:1-7

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. **2** This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. **3** All went to their own towns to be registered. **4** Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. **5** He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. **6** While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. **7** And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

(Mary and Joseph enter the sanctuary and sit on the altar steps in the center)

All kids sing: **Where was Jesus born today in the morning, in the morning?**

Adults sing: **In a stable far away in the morning, in the morning.**

Adult angel sings: **Al le lu ia ! Al le lu ia ! Al le lu ia! Al le lu ia!**

(Little angels flap wings and flutter in place.)

Choir sings: **Safe and warm within the hay, in the morning in the morning.**

Reading 2: Luke 2:8-15

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. **9** An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. **10** But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. **11** Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. **12** This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.” **13** Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

14 “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.” **15** When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.”

(Adult shepherds enter the sanctuary, bow, and move off to the sides of Mary and Joseph).

Reading 3: Matthew 2:1-11

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem ² and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” ³ When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴ When he had called together all the people’s chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵ “In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written:

⁶ “But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for out of you will come a ruler
who will shepherd my people Israel.

⁷ Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. ⁸ He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.”

⁹ After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. ¹¹ On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Children sing: **Do you know if gifts were there in the morning, in the morning?**

Adults sing: **There was incense, gold and myrrh, in the morning, in the morning.**

Children sing: **Who was there to welcome Him in the morning, in the morning?**

Adults sing: **Oxen, sheep and seraphim in the morning, in the morning.**

IMMEDIATELY ANGELS COME DOWN FROM ALTAR. THEY FLY DOWN THE SIDE AISLES AND COME UP THE CENTER AISLE. THEY POSITION THEMSELVES BEHIND MARY AND JOSEPH AT THE MANGER

*****(CHOIR WILL BE SINGING ALLELUIAS WHILE ANGELS ARE FLYING)

Adult angel and choir sing WHILE THE ANGELS FLY:

Al le lu ia ! Al le lu ia ! Al le lu ia! Al le lu ia!

Cherubim and seraphim singing: Al le lu ia ! Al le lu ia ! Al le lu ia! Al le lu ia ! Al le lu ia !

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After the angels are at the manger, MAGI LEAVE THE UPPER ALTAR AND follow the STAR to the manger, KNEEL and set gifts in front of Jesus and move to the side.

Reading 4: Luke 2:17-20

¹⁷ When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, ¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

All children sing: Thank you all for what you say, in the morning, in the morning.

Choir sings: Jesus Christ was born today in the morning, in the morning.

Angel and children sing: In a stable far away in the morning in the morning.

Readings 5: Isaiah 9:6-7

⁶ For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

⁷ Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

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