

"O Come Let Us Adore Him"  
A Christmas Pageant

O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL (*Children's choir*)

NARRATOR: Christmas begins with the book of Genesis: "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth . . . and God saw everything that He made, and behold it was very good."

Then sin came into the beautiful world to mar it. Humankind disobeyed God, and fellowship with God was broken.

But God planned a gift for all humankind - a way to bring His children back to Him.

This way was Christmas. God decided to send His son into the world, and He chose the people of Israel to prepare an earthly home for Him. "There shall come a star out of Jacob." He said, "and a scepter shall rise out of Israel."

God told His people, through the prophet Isaiah, about the Savior who was coming.

PROPHET ISAIAH: "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given. And the government will be upon his shoulder; And his name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace."

NARRATOR: Where was this child to be born? Through a man named Micah, God gave the answer:

PROPHET MICAH: "Bethlehem, you are one of the smallest towns in Judah, but out of you I will bring a ruler for Israel."

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL (*Children's choir*) (*enter Mary from side*)

NARRATOR: God chose a young girl named Mary, who lived in the town of Nazareth in Galilee to be the mother of His Son. Mary was engaged to a man named Joseph of the house of David. God sent His angel, Gabriel, to tell Mary that she has been chosen.

(*enter Gabriel*)

GABRIEL: "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will give birth to a child, a son, and you shall call His name Jesus . . . and of His Kingdom there will be no end."

MARY: "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord, let it be to me according to your word."

NARRATOR: At that time Emperor Augustus ordered a census to be taken throughout the Roman Empire . . . Everyone then went to register himself, each to his own home town.

Joseph went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to the town of Bethlehem in Judea . . . He went to register with Mary, who was going to marry him. While they were in Bethlehem, 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 manger - there was no room for them to stay in the inn.

AWAY IN A MANGER (*Children's choir*) (*Mary & Joseph enter to chancel steps*)

NARRATOR: There were some shepherds in that part of the country who were spending the night in the fields, taking care of their flocks.

*(Enter shepherds & sheep from various locations, stopping at stars taped to floor)*

*(Group of angels appears)*

An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone over them. They were terribly afraid; but then the angel spoke:

"HEAD" ANGEL: "Don't be afraid, I am here with good news for you, which will bring great joy to all the people.

This very day, in David's town, your Savior was born - Christ the Lord! And this is what will prove it to you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

NARRATOR: Suddenly a great army of heaven's angels appeared with the angel, singing praises to God:

ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH (*Angels: v. 2; Children's choir: refrain*)

NARRATOR: The shepherds said to one another,

SHEPHERD: Let us go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord as told us.

RISE UP, SHEPHERD, AND FOLLOW (*Shepherds; Children's choir: refrain*)

NARRATOR: So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph - and the baby lying in the manger.

O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM (*Shepherds, etc. come & kneel before ...*)

NARRATOR: Some men who studied the stars came from the East to Jerusalem and asked:

KING 1: Where is the baby born to be King of the Jews?

KING 2: We saw His star.

KING 3: We wish to worship Him.

WE THREE KINGS (vs. 2, 3, 4 sung by Kings upon entering with pages. Children's choir: refrain)

NARRATOR: They saw the child with his Mother Mary, and knelt down and worshipped Him. They brought out their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, and presented them to Him.

Today we can come to the Christ Child just as truly as the shepherds and the Wise Men did. God will give us that joyous fellowship with Him - lost so long ago.

SILENT NIGHT (all participants sing)

NARRATOR: This is the Christmas gift that God gives to you and to me and to everyone on earth.

JOY TO THE WORLD (all participants sing)