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# Sunday School Christmas Pageant

December 4, 2022

## Welcome

## Call to Worship

Leader: Come! Whoever you are, wherever you are, come!

People: **We come, in the midst of a busy time of year, to find the peace of Christ.**

Leader: The Christmas story shows us that through Christ, God can bring peace into any time and place.

People: **Prince of peace, enter into our pain and bring your peace which surpasses all understanding!**

## Prelude

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

arr. Albin C. Whitworth

## Hymn

## Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

1. Come, thou long - ex - spect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy  
2. Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and

peo - ple free; from our fears and sins re - lease us,  
yet a King, born to reign in us for - ev - er,

let us find our rest in thee. Is - rael's strength and con - so -  
now thy gra - cious king - dom bring. By thine own e - ter - nal

la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art; dear de - sire of  
spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone; by thine all suf -

ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.  
fi - cient mer - it, raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

## **Opening Prayer**

**Almighty God, everlasting Father, Prince of peace, we seek you. We seek you and your peace. You have told us “do not be anxious, give your concerns to me, and I will bring you peace”. So, now we turn to you. When life is messy, we turn to you. When we are in emotional, physical or spiritual pain, we turn to you. When we don’t know what to do, we turn to you. Use your young disciples to bring peace into our lives on this special Sunday. Amen.**

## **The Lord’s Prayer**

### **Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God**

#### **Offertory**

Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne

arr. Albin C. Whitworth

#### **\*Offertory Hymn**

Emmanuel, Emmanuel

Emmanuel, Emmanuel,  
His name is called Emmanuel.  
God with us, revealed in us,  
His name is called Emmanuel.

## **Carol Sing**

### **Angels We Have Heard on High**

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o’er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.

### **O Little Town of Bethlehem**

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.

### **Away in a Manger**

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.  
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,  
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

### **The First Noel**

The first Noel the angel did say  
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;  
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,  
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

### **Hark! the Herald Angels Sing**

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 th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

### **We Three Kings**

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 light, star with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

### **The Little Drummer Boy**

Come, they told me, (pa rum pum pum pum)  
A newborn King to see, (pa rum pum pum pum)  
Our finest gifts we bring, (pa rum pum pum pum)  
To lay before the King, (pa rum pum pum pum,  
rum pum pum pum, rum pum pum pum)  
So to honor Him, (pa rum pum pum pum)  
When we come.

### **Silent Night**

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.

## **Joy to the World**

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare Him room,  
And heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.

## **Go Tell It on the Mountain**

Refrain:

Go, tell it on the mountain,  
Over the hills and everywhere;  
Go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,  
Behold throughout the heavens there shown a holy light.

The shepherds feared and trembled, when lo! above the earth,  
Rang out the angel chorus that hailed the Savior's birth.

Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,  
And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.

# **Christmas Pageant Cast**

**Narrator** – *Kileen McNeill*  
**Mary** – *Maddy Dunn*  
**Gabriel** – *Hannah Pratt*  
**Elizabeth** – *Kayla Hackett*  
**Joseph** – *Zach Mannel*  
**Second Angel** – *Evelyn Ganard*  
**Town Messenger** – *Jillian Pratt*  
**Townsperson #1** – *Chase Savage*  
**Townsperson #2/3** – *Arcadia Peña*  
**Townsperson #4** – *Olivia Ragazzi*  
**Soldier with Decree** – *Clay Van Daley*  
**Innkeeper** – *Lexi Gilbert*  
**Innkeeper's Wife** – *Samantha Gilbert*  
**Shepherd #1** – *Kayla Hackett*  
**Shepherd #2** – *Olivia Davis*  
**Shepherd #3** – *Eulisa Lawrence*

**Shepherd #4** – *Hannah Cavileer*  
**Shepherd #5** – *Kaitlyn Hill*  
**Chief Priest** – *Liam Gilbert*  
**Herod** – *Alex Newhall*  
**Soldier #1** – *Bryce Dunn*  
**Soldier #2** – *Colin Daly*  
**Soldier #3** – *Michael Newhall*  
**Soldier #4** – *Tyler Smith*  
**Camel #1** – *Gus Donahue*  
**Camel #2** – *Chase Savage*  
**Camel #3** – *Jillian Pratt*  
**Caspar** – *Reverend Dave*  
**Melchoir** – *Jeff Kwan*  
**Balthazar** – *Joe Sabath*  
**Baby Jesus** – *Elouise Petrecca*

**Songs:**

Mary's Little Boy Child – *Kileen McNeill*  
Shepherd, Shepherd  
Mary Had a Baby  
Mary, Did You Know? – *Kileen McNeill*

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**Choir Cantata:** December 18.

**Holiday Worship Schedule:**

- Christmas Eve: 5 PM (Contemporary Service in Great Hall) and 7 & 11 PM (Traditional Services in Sanctuary). Both are candlelight!
- Christmas Day and New Year's Day: 10 AM in Sanctuary

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