

The NATIVITY PAGEANT



December 24, 2024
3:00 p.m.
St. Francis in the Fields Episcopal Church
Harrods Creek

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Processional Hymn 107 *Good Christian friends, rejoice*

IN DULCI JUBILO

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today;
ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
Now ye hear of endless bliss; Jesus Christ was born for this!
He hath opened heaven's door, and we are blest for evermore.
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

The Collects and Grace

Offertory Hymn 102 *Once in Royal David's City*

IRBY

Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.

He came down to earth from heaven, who is God and Lord of all,
and his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall;
with the poor and mean and lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.

For he is our lifelong pattern; daily, when on earth he grew,
he was tempted, scorned, rejected, tears and smiles like us he knew.
Thus he feels all our sadness, and he shares in all our gladness.

And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming love;
for that child, so dear and gentle, is our Lord in heaven above;
and he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.

The Pageant

This is the story of the Nativity. The congregation is asked to *remain seated and clear of the aisles* throughout the presentation except where noted. Please join in singing the following hymns as the pageant progresses.

Hymn 56 *O come, O come, Emmanuel*

VENI, EMMANUEL

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.

(Refrain) Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, thou Wisdom from on high, who ord'rest all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show, and teach us in her ways to go.

Refrain

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.

For Christ is born of Mary;
and gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep
their watch of wond'ring love.

O morning stars, together
proclaim the holy birth!
And praises sing to God the King,
and peace to men on earth.

How silently, how silently,
the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts
the blessings of his heaven.

No ear may hear his coming,
but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him, still
the dear Christ enters in.

What Child Is This?

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?

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

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

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

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh,
come, peasant, king, to own him;
the King of kings salvation brings,
let loving hearts enthrone him.

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

Away in a Manger

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

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.
I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Angels We Have Heard on High

Angels we have heard on high,
singing sweetly through the night,
and the mountains in reply
echoing their brave delight.

Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why these songs of happy cheer?
What great brightness did you see?
What glad tidings did you hear?

Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

It came upon a midnight clear,
that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth
to touch their harps of gold:

“Peace on the earth, good will to men,
from heav'n's all gracious King.”

The world in solemn stillness lay
to hear the angels sing.

Yet with the woes of sin and strife
the world has suffered long;
beneath the heavenly hymn have rolled
two thousand years of wrong;

and warring humankind hears not
the tidings which they bring;
O hush the noise and cease your strife
and hear the angels sing!

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Please stand as you are able.

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;

(Refrain) O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him,

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

God from God, Light from Light eternal,
lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
only-begotten Son of the Father;

Refrain

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above,
glory to God, glory in the highest,

Refrain

See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle,
leaving their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;
we too will thither bend our joyful footsteps;

Refrain

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;

Refrain

Please be seated.

We Three Kings

Stanza 1 - Congregation

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

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

Stanzas 2-4 - Kings only

Congregation sings refrain

Stanza 5 - Congregation

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

Refrain

Silent Night

Please kneel as you are able.

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.

Silent night, holy night,
shepherds quake at the sight,
glories stream from heaven above,
heavenly hosts sing alleluia;
Christ, the savior, is born!
Christ, the savior, is born!

Silent night, holy night,
Son of God, love's pure light
radiant beams from thy holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Prayer and Benediction

The cast processes out with costume assistance.

The congregation remains to sing the final hymn.

Processional Hymn 87 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 the angelic host proclaim, Christ is born in Bethlehem!

(Refrain) Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!

Christ, by highest heav'n adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord;
late in time behold him come, offspring of the Virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate Deity.
Pleased as man with man to dwell; Jesus, our Emmanuel!

Refrain

Mild he lays his glory by, born that man no more may die,
born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth.
Ris'n with healing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,
hail, the sun of Righteousness! hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!

Refrain

The Dismissal

Clergy: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

MENDELSSOHN

**Please remain in your pew until the final hymn has concluded
and the congregation has been dismissed.**

Parents may pick up their children after the Dismissal.

NATIVITY PAGEANT CAST

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Camel Cooper Price and Walker Price

Kings Justin Leighty (Gold), Mark Liesinger (Frankincense), Alejandro Brown (Myrrh)

Pages William Paxton (Gold), Will Jennings and Camp Swindall (Frankincense), Mia Brown and Cooper Brown (Myrrh)

*Please note: There is to be NO flash photography during the pageant.
Please silence all cell phones while in the sanctuary.
Thank you for your cooperation.*

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Clergy The Rev. Barbara White

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Tuesday, December 24

3:00 p.m. - The Nativity Pageant

5:30 p.m. - Holy Eucharist, Rite II

10:30 p.m. - Choral Prelude and Festal Eucharist, Rite I

Wednesday, December 25

10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Sunday, December 29

8:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist, Rite I

10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist, Rite II

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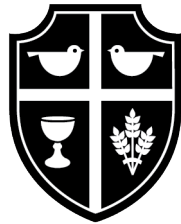
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