

From Heaven Above

A Children's Christmas Service

for All Ages



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THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN BY CHILDREN: *Angels We
Have Heard on High LSB #368*

Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply,
Echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain—
Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
Which inspire your heav'nly song? *Refrain*

Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn King. *Refrain*

THE INVOCATION:

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING:

Pastor: From heaven above,
People: The angels sing.

Pastor: On earth below,
People: Our praises bring.

Thank you

Thank you Emily Mueller for directing our Children's Christmas program this year. We extend our thanks to all our teachers, and to our children for sharing the message with us today.

Thank you for joining us today for this special worship service. God grant you a blessed Christmas and a wonderful New Year!

Merry Christmas

PRAYER: (other prayers and intercessions may be added)

Pastor: We pray:

All: Father in heaven, You sent Your Son to earth to be our Savior. You sent the angels down to tell the Good News. You sent the shepherds out to tell the Good News. And You send us now to tell the Good News. Help us share the message of Your love throughout the world. In His name we pray. Amen.

BENEDICTION:

Pastor: The Lord above is with you wherever you go. May the peace of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be with you every day as you tell of His love to others. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN BY CHILDREN: *Go Tell It On The Mountain LSB #388*

Refrain:

Go tell it on the mountain,
Over the hills and ev'rywhere;
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 shone a holy light. *Refrain*

The shepherds feared and trembled
When lo, above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus
That hailed our Savior's birth. *Refrain*

Down in a lonely manger
The humble Christ was born;
And God sent us salvation
That blessed Christmas morn. *Refrain*

Pastor: Our Lord has come,

People: With us to dwell.

Pastor: Now we go out:

People: Good News to tell!

HYMN BY CONGREGATION: *What Child Is This LSB #370*

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.
Nails, spear shall pierce Him through,
The cross be borne for me, for you;
Hail, hail the Word made flesh,
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.
Raise, raise the song on high,
The virgin sings her lullaby;
Joy, joy, for Christ is born,
The babe, the son of Mary!

THE CHRISTMAS MEDITATION BY PASTOR

THE MESSAGE PRESENTED BY THE CHILDREN

KATEYLN: 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.

NACOLE: 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 2:1-7

HYMN BY CHILDREN: *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 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 cradle till morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,
And take us to heaven to live with Thee there.

All Children: From heav'n above,
People: To earth in love!

HYMN: *From Heaven Above to Earth I Come* LSB #358:15

(Children and Congregation)
Glory to God in highest heav'n,
Who unto us His Son has giv'n!
While angels sing with pious mirth
A glad new year to all the earth.

RESPONSIVE READING:

Pastor: From heaven above,
People: The angels sing.

Pastor: On earth below,
People: Our praises bring.

Pastor: Our Lord has come,
People: With us to dwell.

Pastor: Now we go out:
People: Good News to tell!

Pastor: The angels gave
Children: Good News to tell!

Pastor: The shepherds ran
Children: Good News to tell!

Pastor: Now we go out:
People: Good News to tell!

OFFERING

HYMN: *From Heaven Above to Earth I Come* LSB #358:13–14

(Children)

Ah, dearest Jesus, holy Child,
Prepare a bed, soft, undefiled,
A quiet chamber set apart
For You to dwell within my heart.

(Congregation)

My heart for very joy must leap;
My lips no more can silence keep.
I, too, must sing with joyful tongue
That sweetest ancient cradlesong.

THE APOSTLES' CREED:

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

NACOLE:

From heav'n above, our Lord came down
To wear for us a thorny crown.
He died to save us from our sin;
He rose again, our life to win!

BROCK:

The angels came, great news to tell.
The shepherds saw Immanuel.
Now, we can share the truth we know
As messengers, where'er we go.

**KENLEY, MOLLY, OTTO, AUBRI, EVA,
AMELIA, TENLEY:**

Coming down from heav'n above,
Jesus came to us in love.
God Himself became a child,
Mary's Baby, sweet and mild.

All Children: From heav'n above,
People: To earth in love!

HYMN: *From Heaven Above to Earth I Come* LSB #358:1–2

(Children)

“From heav'n above to earth I come
To bear good news to ev'ry home;
Glad tidings of great joy I bring,
Whereof I now will say and sing:

(Congregation)

“To you this night is born a child
Of Mary, chosen virgin mild;
This little child of lowly birth
Shall be the joy of all the earth.”

IZZIE: 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.”

BROCK: 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 2:8–14*

HYMN BY CONGREGATION: O Come, All Ye Faithful
LSB #379:1–3

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!

Highest, most holy,
Light of Light eternal,
Born of a virgin, a mortal He comes;
Son of the Father
Now in flesh appearing! *Refrain*

Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God
In the highest: *Refrain*

CALEB, LIESEL, SHAY:

Angels filled the sky with light,
Singing out into the night:
God has sent His Son for all:
Find Him in a cattle stall.

All Children: From heav'n above,
People: To earth in love!

HYMN: *From Heaven Above to Earth I Come* LSB #358:5–6

(Children)

“These are the signs that you shall mark:
The swaddling clothes and manger dark.
There you will find the infant laid
By whom the heav’ns and earth were made.”

(Congregation)

How glad we’ll be to find it so!
Then with the shepherds let us go
To see what God for us has done
In sending us His own dear Son.

KATELYN: 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.

IZZIE: And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. *Luke 2:15–20*

MADI:

The shepherds marveled at the Word.
Their minds were shocked; their hearts were stirred.
They ran to see this wonder new:
The Savior born for me and you!

DJ:

And when they saw the promised Lord,
Their joy and adoration soared.
They spread the news both far and wide:
Across the quiet countryside!

All Children: From heav'n above,
People: To earth in love!