



# Christmas Eve & Pageant

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# St. Michael's in the Hills Episcopal Church

CHRISTMAS EVE — 4:00 P.M.

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*Welcome on this holy evening as we celebrate Christ's birth.  
The prayers and words of the hymns are found in this leaflet.  
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**PRELUDE:** *Away in a Manger*

*Vom Himmel hoch, da komm ich her*

Trad., arr. Jeanne Cotter (b. 1964)

Johann Pachelbel (1653 - 1706)

**HYMN 83** (vss. 1-4) ..... *Adeste fideles*

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*

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant:* Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*People:* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

## COLLECT FOR CHRISTMAS

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray, together.

O God, you make us glad with the yearly festival of the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ, the light of the world; grant that we, who have known the revelation of that light on earth, may see the radiance of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. **Amen.**

# THE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

*The congregation sits. All are invited to join in singing the hymns which follow.*

## INTRODUCTION

Hymn 66, v. 1 (*Please remain seated.*).....Stuttgart

Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.

## SCENE 1: THE ANGEL GABRIEL COMES TO MARY AND JOSEPH

Hymn 66, v. 2 (*Please remain seated.*).....Stuttgart

Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art:  
dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Hymn 65, v. 1 (*Please remain seated.*).....Bereden väg för Herran

Prepare the way, O Zion, your Christ is drawing near!  
Let every hill and valley a level way appear.  
Greet One who comes in glory, foretold in sacred story.  
Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most holy name.

## SCENE 2: MARY AND JOSEPH TRAVEL TO BETHLEHEM

Hymn 79, v. 1 (*Please remain seated.*).....St. Louis

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;  
Yet in the dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;  
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

*At end of scene, all sing verse 2:*

For Christ is born of Mary; and gathered all above,  
While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love.  
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth!  
And praises sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.

## SCENE 3: SHEPHERDS HEAR THE GOOD NEWS

Hymn 96, vs. 1, 4 (*Please remain seated.*).....Gloria

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

*Glo — — — — ria in excelsis Deo. Glo — — — — ria in excelsis Deo.*

See him in a manger laid whom the angels praise above;  
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

*Glo — — — — ria in excelsis Deo. Glo — — — — ria in excelsis Deo.*

## SCENE 4: WISEMEN COME TO SEE JESUS

Hymn 128, v. 1 (*Please remain seated*).....*Three Kings of Orient*

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

Carol: *Star Song*.....words and music by Vivian Bork  
*Grace Wipfli and Sam Reszko*

## THE PEACE

*During the Peace, the pre-school through 1<sup>st</sup> grade children will join their parents; the rest of the pageant cast will sit in the choir chairs. The Kings will present the bread, wine and water for Communion.*

## OFFERTORY

*Our Christmas offering this year will be given to Family House.*

ORGAN VOLUNTARY: *Greensleeves*

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872 - 1958)

*When the offering is brought forward, all stand as able, and sing:*

OFFERTORY HYMN 115, V. 3.....*Greensleeves*

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.

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*The people remain standing, as able.*

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

*People:* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant:* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Celebrant and People sing [S130]*

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of five systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is B-flat major (two flats) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are full, full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na". The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line with chords and some melodic movement in the right hand.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and  
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are  
full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The people kneel or stand, as able. The Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People:*

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Mary and Joseph, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By him, and with him, and in him in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

*Celebrant and People:*

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**The Breaking of the Bread**

*Celebrant:* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People:* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.



Jesus, Lamb of God [S164]

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

*Celebrant:* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Administration of Communion

*All baptized persons are invited to receive Communion.*

*Gluten free wafers are available. Please ask the Clergy when you come to the rail.*

*If you do not wish to receive Communion, you are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing.*

*Simply notify the priest of your wish for a blessing for yourself or for your children.*

## COMMUNION MUSIC

*Please join in singing the following carols.*

### HYMN 101.....*Cradle Song*

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.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay close by me for ever, and love me I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care, and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

### HYMN 107.....*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 forevermore.  
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;  
Now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!  
Calls you one and calls you all to gain his everlasting hall.  
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

HYMN 105.....*God Rest You Merry*

God rest you merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay;  
remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas Day,  
to save us all from Satan's power when we were gone astray.  
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy; O tidings of comfort and joy!

From God our heavenly Father a blessed angel came  
and unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same:  
how that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name.  
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy; O tidings of comfort and joy!

"Fear not, then," said the angel, "Let nothing you affright;  
this day is born a Savior of a pure virgin bright,  
to free all those who trust in him from Satan's power and might."  
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy; O tidings of comfort and joy!

Now to the Lord sing praises, all you within this place,  
and with true love and charity each other now embrace;  
this holy tide of Christmas doth bring redeeming grace.  
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy; O tidings of comfort and joy!

HYMN III [*Kneeling, as able*].....*Stille Nacht*

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 afar,  
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.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*Celebrant and People:*

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

## CHRISTMAS BLESSING

May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

*The people stand, as able.*

## HYMN 100 *Joy to the World*.....*Antioch*

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 nature sing.

Joy to the world! The Savior reigns; let us our songs employ,  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;  
he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found,  
far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love,  
and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

## THE DISMISSAL

*Celebrant:* Unto us a child is born.

*People:* **O come let us adore him.**

*Celebrant:* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: *Joy to the World*

Emma Lou Diemer (b. 1927)

## Participants in the Pageant

Narrator:	Heather Keleher
Isaiah/ Advisor:	Meredith Randall
Gabriel:	Grace Wipfli
Mary:	Connie Carlisle
Elizabeth:	Mikayla Gomulinski
Donkey:	Olive Casey-DeBacker
Joseph:	Sam Reszko
Caesar:	Mitchell Gomulinski
Herod:	Steven Randall
Gatekeeper:	Father Foster
Weary Travelers:	Olive and Jilly Casey-DeBacker
Innkeeper 1:	Max Braun
Innkeeper 2:	"No Vacancy" Sign
Innkeeper 3:	Nolan Walker
Shepherd 1:	Justin Bays
Shepherd 2:	Barb Reszko
Angel 1:	Jilly Casey-DeBacker
Angel 2:	Jilly Casey-DeBacker
Balthazar:	Mikayla Gomulinski
Caspar:	Diane Braun
Melchior:	David Braun
Sheep:	Alex Braun

### *We especially thank...*

Barb Reszko and Justin Bays for directing the pageant rehearsals.

Vivian Bork for composing the Star Song.

Dr. David Saunders, Organist

All of the pageant helpers!

## *Gifts given to the Glory of God for Flowers*

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*In loving memory of :*

Ben Coe and in gratitude for all her family

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The Ohlson Family and James H. Morris	Anne Morris
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Maurice D. O'Connell	Joan L. O'Connell and family
Joyce and Hardy Ensing and other loved ones	Rohm-Ensing family
Beloved family and friends	Jeff Smith and Penny Cobau-Smith
James and Ethel Verner, Newell and Bernice Harrop	Ann Verner
John M. Wiley	Val Wiley
In honor of Helen and Leonard Wipfli, Betty and Eliot Tozer	Donna, Steve and Grace Wipfli

*Assisting with the Service*

**Celebrant:** The Rev. Foster Mays

**Altar Guild:** Laura Randall and Penny Cobau-Smith

**Eucharistic Ministers:** David Braun and Laura Randall

**Ushers:** Mark Keleher, Jeff Smith

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Christmas services so beautiful:  
the choir, altar guild, ushers, and lay readers.

*Thank You!*

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