

CHRISTMAS EVE
A NATIVITY PLAY & THE HOLY EUCHARIST
DECEMBER 24, 2024
4:00 PM



ST. MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



SAN MIGUEL Y TODOS LOS ÁNGELES
IGLESIA EPISCOPAL

2024 NATIVITY PLAY CAST LIST

Narrators: Joplin Henry & Beatrice Smith

Gabriel: Adelaide Blumhardt-Braga

Mary: Acadia Henry

Joseph: Landon Portugal

Caesar: Raleigh Siegwarth

Innkeeper 1: Ewan Barnett

Innkeeper 2: Dorothy Brousseau & Avalyn Lang

Shepherds: George LeBaron, Ewan Barnett, Caspian Smith, Jack Craun, Iris Siegwarth,
Lily Siegwarth, Raleigh Siegwarth, Robert Rowett, Olin Seidl

Angel of the Lord: Catherine Brousseau

Angels: Alice Bagwell, Neve Barnett, Amelia Seetin, Josephine Seetin,
Dorothy Brousseau, Avalyn Lang

Baby Jesus: Anders Puls

Kings: Benjamin Lighthart-Faletra, Charlie LeBaron, Miles Lohuis

Animals: Astrid Puls, Barack Holt Newton, William Sackett, Esther Sackett,
Mimi Blumhardt-Braga

Assistants to the Director: Lucy Shields, Gioia Russo, Isabella Borges

St. Michael & All Angels, located in Multnomah County, rests on the traditional homelands of the Multnomah, Kathlamet, Clackamas, Molalla, Tumwater, Watlala bands of the Chinook, the Tualatin Kalapuya, and many other indigenous nations of the Columbia River. We acknowledge the ancestors of this place and understand that we are here because of the sacrifices forced upon them. By recognizing these communities, we honor their legacy, their lives, and their descendants.

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Prelude on "The holly and the ivy"

Herbert Sumsion
(1900-1995)

Please stand as able

HYMN 83

O come, all ye faithful (vv. 1 & 3)

Adeste fideles

- 1 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;

O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him,

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

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

Refrain

GREETING

Presider Blessed be the One, Holy, and living God.

People Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Presider May God be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray together

All All glory to you, gracious God,
for the gift of your Son,
the one you sent to save us.
With the angels, let us praise your name,
and tell the earth his story,
that everyone may believe, rejoice, and proclaim your love;
through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Please be seated throughout the play.

THE CHRISTMAS STORY

Narrator In this holy season we celebrate good news of great joy: God has sent his Son to live among us and fulfill his purpose. Hear the words of the prophet Isaiah, foretelling the birth of the Messiah and the coming of his Kingdom.

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, and his delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

The birth of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary.

Gabriel Hail, O favored one, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women. Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there will be no end.

Mary How shall this be, since I have no husband?

Gabriel The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born of you will be called holy, the Son of God. For with God nothing will be impossible.

Mary Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.

Narrator And the angel departed from her.

Please remain seated

HYMN 56

O come, O come, Emmanuel (vv. 1-2)

Veni, veni, Emmanuel

- 1 O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!
- 2 O come, thou Wisdom from on high, who orderest all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show, and teach us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

Narrator In those days, a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be enrolled.

Caesar I, Caesar Augustus, Emperor of Rome, decree that all citizens of my kingdom are to go to the town of their birth. There they shall have their names entered into the record books so that I might collect taxes from everyone!

Narrator And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city 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 enrolled with Mary his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to have the baby.

Joseph Look, Mary! I see the lights of David's city.

Mary Thanks be to God. I can scarcely go another step.

Joseph Take heart, Mary. Here is an inn. We will ask for lodging.

Innkeeper 1 Who's there?

Joseph Two travelers, seeking lodging.

Innkeeper 1 What can you pay?

Joseph We are poor people; we ...

Innkeeper 1 I have no room for such as you!

Mary Is there some other inn, please?

Innkeeper 1 Try over that way! Perhaps they may take you!

Joseph Come, Mary. This must be the place.

Innkeeper 2 Papa says the inn's full up! No lodging to be had!

Joseph I beseech you ... my wife's time is upon her.

Innkeeper 2 Oh, no! Oh, my! What can I do for this poor woman? I know! Come, I'll put you in the stable. It isn't much, but it's warm and dry. Will that do?

Mary You are very kind.

Narrator And she gave birth to her first-born son, wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger because there was no place for them in the inn.

Please remain seated

HYMN 112

In the Bleak Midwinter (vv. 1 & 4)

Cranham

1 In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan,
earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;
snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,
in the bleak midwinter, long ago.

4 What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
if I were a wise man, I would do my part;
yet what I can I give him give my heart.

Narrator Now in that region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

Shepherds Oh, it's a cold one tonight. Yep, that it is. That's true enough. You can say that again! All right, young shepherds. We know this is your first night to watch the flock overnight. That's right! Everyone have your own little lamb? Taking care of your lamb is your most important job tonight.

Older shepherds, we can take turns watching over the rest of the flock. I'll take the first watch. The rest of you can get some rest.

And remember young shepherds, there's nothing to be afraid of. It's cold and it's dark, and it will feel like a long, long night - but trust me, nothing exciting ever happens.

Narrator And an angel of the Lord appeared to them.

Shepherds Look! – What's that? – Lord have mercy on us! – Heaven defend us! – Help! – It's a ghost! – It's a demon!

Angel of the Lord

Be not afraid: for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign to you: you will find a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.

Narrator And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

Angels Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth!

Please remain seated

HYMN 99

Go tell it on the mountain

Go Tell It on the Mountain

*Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
go tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born!*

- 1 While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. *Refrain*
- 2 The shepherds feared and trembled when lo! above the earth
rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth. *Refrain*
- 3 Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,
and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. *Refrain*

Shepherds The Messiah is born! Did you hear them? They said the Messiah is born! Praise the Lord! They said he's lying in a stable, in Bethlehem! Let's go right now and find him!

Narrator When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds went with haste and found Mary, Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Please remain seated

HYMN 96

Angels we have heard on high (vv. 1-3)

Gloria

- 1 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.
- 2 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.
- 3 Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Narrator Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the King, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem. For they had seen his star in the East and had come to worship before him. And lo, the star which they had seen in the East went before them till it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.

Please remain seated

HYMN 128

We three kings of Orient are (v. 1)

Three Kings of Orient

1 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!

Narrator And going into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts: gold and frankincense and myrrh.

King 1 Hail, King of Kings. I offer you this gift of gold.

King 2 Hail, King of Kings. I offer you this gift of frankincense.

King 3 Hail, King of Kings. I offer you this gift of myrrh.

Narrator And Mary his mother kept all these things, pondering them in her heart.

Please stand as able

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Please greet each other with a sign of peace

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

The Virgin Mary had a baby boy West Indian, possibly Jamaican
as sung to Edric Connor by James Bryce in 1942

The Virgin Mary had a baby boy,
And they say that his name was Jesus.

*He come from the glory, He come from the glorious kingdom.
Oh yes, believer!*

He come from the glory, He come from the glorious kingdom.

The angels sang when the baby born,
And they say that his name was Jesus.

The shepherds came where the baby born,
And they say that his name was Jesus.

Please stand as able

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Adapted from the Iona Community

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up to God.**

Presider Let us give thanks to God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Presider continues

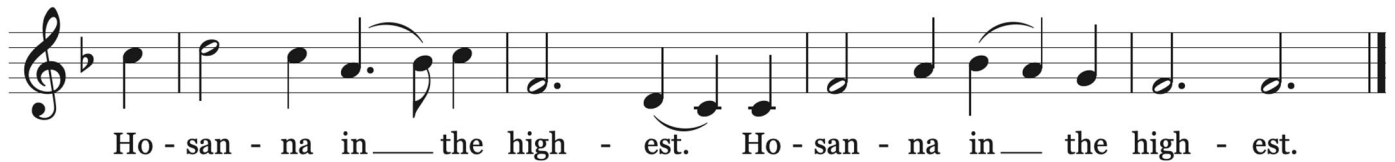
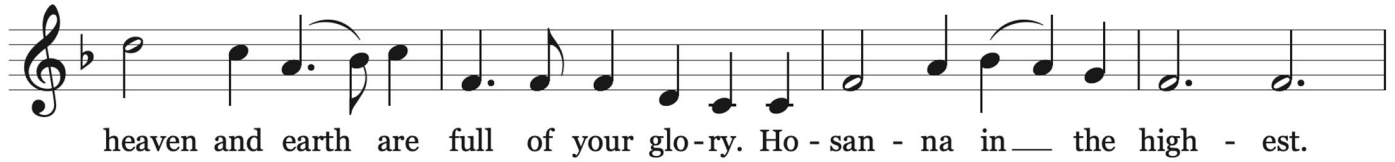
God, you made us, and the world, and everything in it. All that is good comes from you. You have always loved us but people do not always love you. You sent Jesus to be born among us, to show us how to live, and to guide us on the way of Love.

Jesus gave us his life so that through your Spirit we can all be your people, loving you and one another.

So now we praise you and sing:

SANCTUS

Land of Rest



Setting: American folk melody; arr. Marcia Pruner; harm. Annabel Morris Buchanan (1889-1983)
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The Presider continues

We are here because on the night before he died Jesus shared a meal with his friends. There he took some bread and gave thanks to you, God. He broke it into pieces, and gave it to them. “This is my body,” he said. “Do this, and remember me.”

Later, he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to you. He shared it with them and said “This is my blood, that brings new life. Do this, and remember me.”

And so, remembering Jesus, who died, was raised to new life, and is now alive forever, we are glad to share that life and live in him.

Send your Holy Spirit on this bread and wine so that they may nourish us with the life of Jesus and, through this food, give us strength to live as your people.

We pray you’ll help us spread your light and share your love throughout the world. We pray you’ll comfort and heal those who hurt, and lift up those who are down. We pray you’ll hold close to you those who have died and help us to remember them with thankful hearts.

Help us care for your world and for each other in the way that Jesus showed us. With all your people in every time and every land, we worship you and say:

All **We praise you. We thank you. We bless you. AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Presider As Jesus taught us, we are bold to say

All 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

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Presider We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

People We who are many are one Body, for we all share the one Bread.

THE INVITATION

The Presider says

Come to this table, all who have much faith and all who would like to have more; all who have been here often and all who have not been for a long time; all who have tried to follow Jesus, and all who have failed; come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

All are welcome to share in Holy Communion.

Please be seated until invited by the Ushers to move forward.

To receive only a blessing, place arms in an "x" across your chest as the priest approaches.

To share the bread, extend hands open, palms up, one on top of the other.

To share the cup, take hold of the base and guide it to your mouth.

If not desiring to receive the wine, fold arms in an "x" over your chest as the cup passes by.

COMMUNION MOTET*Ding! dong! merrily on high*

arr. The Shorter New Oxford Book of Carols

Ding! dong! merrily on high In heav'n the bells are ringing;
 Ding! dong! verily the sky Is riv'n with angel singing.

Gloria! Hosanna in excelsis!

E'en so here below, below Let steeple bells be swungen,
 And 'Io, io, io!' By priest and people sungen.

Gloria! Hosanna in excelsis!

Pray you, dutifully prime Your matin chime, ye ringers!
 May you beautifully rime Your evetime song, ye singers!

*Gloria! Hosanna in excelsis!***HYMN 115***What child is this*

Greensleeves

- 1 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.*

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

Refrain

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

Refrain

HYMN 109*The first Nowell (vv. 1-2, 6)*

The First Nowell

1 The first Nowell the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields as they lay, keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel.*

2 They looked up and saw a star
shining in the east beyond them far,
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night.

Refrain

6 Then let us all with one accord
sing praises to our heavenly Lord;
who hath made heaven and earth of nought,
and with his blood our life hath bought.

Refrain

HYMN 111*Silent night*

Stille Nacht

1 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.

2 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!

3 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 AFTER COMMUNION

Presider Let us pray.

All Holy God, tonight you have united earth and heaven in sending your Son to take our human nature. May we who have tasted heavenly things share in the life of his eternal reign. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE BLESSING

The presider blesses the people

May Christ fill you with joy and peace this night; and may the blessing of God be among you, now and always. Amen.

Please remain standing

HYMN 100

Joy to the world! (vv. 1-2, 4)

Antioch

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re -
2 Joy to the world! the Sa - vior reigns; let us our
*3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -
4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the

ceive her King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room, and
songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, re -
fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow far
na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness, and

heaven and na - ture sing,
 peat the sound - ing joy,
 as the curse is found,
 won - ders of his love,

and heaven and na - ture
 re - peat the sound - ing
 far as the curse is
 and won - ders of his

- 1 and heaven and na - ture sing, and
- 2 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re -
- 3 far as the curse is found, far
- 4 and won - ders of his love, and

sing,
 joy,
 found,
 love,

and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.
 re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 far as, far as the curse is found.
 and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

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 peat the sound - ing joy,
 as the curse is found,
 won - ders of his love,

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt. Music: *Antioch*, George Frideric Handel (1685-1759); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

THE DISMISSAL

The Deacon or Priest dismisses the people, saying

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

All Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Fantasia on "In dulci jubilo," BWV 729

J. S. Bach
 (1685-1750)

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