

Christmas 2024

Candles and Carols – A Christmas Experience

Luke 2:8-20 NLT

BEGIN IN SANCTUARY (LPB Acapella w/congregation)

O, come let us adore Him

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O, come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord

Sister Leslie -- Greetings/Prayer

Youth Ministry -- Scripture

Isaiah 9:6-7

For unto us a Child is born,

Unto us a Son is given;

And the government will be upon His shoulder.

And His name will be called

Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God,

Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Of the increase of His government and peace

There will be no end,

Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom,

To order it and establish it with judgment and justice

From that time forward, even forever.

The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

Hope of all hopes, dream of our dreams,
a child is born, a son is given to us: a living gift.
The power of leadership, and the weight of authority,
will rest on His shoulders.

His name? His name we'll know in many ways—
He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Dear Father everlasting, ever-present never-failing,
Master of Wholeness, Prince of Peace.

His leadership will bring such prosperity as you've
never seen before sustainable peace for all time.
This child: God's promise to David—a throne forever,
among us, to restore sound leadership that cannot be
perverted or shaken.

He will ensure justice without fail and absolute equity.
Always.

The intense passion of the Eternal, Commander of
heavenly armies, will carry this to completion.

For a child is born to us, a son is given to us.
The government will rest on his shoulders.

And he will be called:
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
His government and its peace
will never end.

He will rule with fairness and justice from the throne of
his ancestor David for all eternity.
The passionate commitment of the Lord of Heaven's
Armies will make this happen! Amen, Amen!

Praise Dance Ministry – *Messiah, Francesa Battistelli*
Pastor Chuck -- Instructions for transition to gym

NARRATOR: The Second Chapter of Luke
“That night there were shepherds staying in the
fields nearby, guarding their flocks of sheep.

“O Come; O Come Emmanuel” (Lead: Kristen Myricks)

O come, O come Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lowly exile here until
The Son of God appear

Rejoice, rejoice Emmanuel
Shall come to thee oh Israel
O come thou dayspring come and cheer
Our spirits by thine advent here
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night
And death's dark shadows put to flight

Rejoice, rejoice Emmanuel
Shall come to thee oh Israel
So, we wait
We wait for You
God we wait
You're coming soon

O come desire of nations bind
All peoples in one heart and mind
Bid envy strife and quarrels cease
Fill the whole world with Heaven's peace
Fill the whole world with Heaven's peace

Like a bride waiting for her groom
We'll be a church ready for You
Ev'ry heart longing for our King we sing
Even so come Lord Jesus come
Even so come Lord Jesus come
Even so come Lord Jesus come

O come o come Emmanuel
O come o come Emmanuel
O come o come Emmanuel

NARRATOR: Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, the radiance of the Lord's glory surrounded them, and they were terrified.

O Holy Night – Choir, (Lead: Lennie Green)

O Holy night! The stars are brightly shining
It is the night of our dear Savior's birth
Long lay the world in sin and error pining
'Til He appeared, and the soul felt its worth

A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn
Fall on your knees; O hear the Angel voices!
O night divine, O night when Christ was born
O night, O Holy night, O night divine!

Led by the light of Faith serenely beaming
With glowing hearts by His cradle we stand
So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming
Here come the Wise Men from Orient land
The King of kings lay thus in lowly manger

In all our trials born to be our friend
He knows our need, to our weakness is no stranger
Behold your King; before Him lowly bend
Behold your King; before Him lowly bend

Truly He taught us to love one another
His law is love and His Gospel is Peace
Chains shall He break, for the slave is our brother
And in His name, all oppression shall cease

Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we
Let all within us Praise His Holy name
Christ is the Lord; O praise His name forever!

His power and glory evermore proclaim
His power and glory evermore proclaim

NARRATOR: They were terrified, but the angel reassured them.

LENNIE: “Don’t be afraid! I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David!

Joy To The World – (Lead: Rick & Reginae Reynolds)

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

The joy, the joy
The joy of the Lord is my strength
The joy, the joy
The joy of the Lord is my strength
Oh-oh-oh, He is my hope

The joy, the joy
The joy of the Lord is my strength
Woah-woah-woah-woah-woah-woah-woah

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns
Let men their songs employ
While fields and floods
Rocks, hills and plains

Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy

The joy, the joy
The joy of the Lord is my strength
The joy, the joy
The joy of the Lord is my strength

Oh-oh-oh, He is my hope
(Oh the joy) the joy, the joy
The joy of the Lord is my strength
Woah-woah-woah-woah-woah-woah-woah-woah

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 joy, the joy
The joy of the Lord is my strength
(Oh the joy of the Lord) the joy, the joy
The joy of the Lord is my strength

(Woah-oh-oh)
Oh-oh-oh, He is my hope
(Oh the joy of the Lord)

The joy, the joy
The joy of the Lord is my strength
The joy, the joy
The joy of the Lord is my strength

(Oh the joy)
the joy, the joy
The joy of the Lord is my strength
(Woah-oh-oh)
Oh-oh-oh, He is my hope
(The joy)
the joy, the joy
The joy of the Lord is my strength

Let strength rise, let joy rise
Let strength rise, let joy rise
Let strength rise, let joy rise
Woah-woah-woah-woah

More than a feeling burning in my soul
I've got this joy and it won't let me go
Woah-woah-woah-woah

It's like a fire shut up in my bones
Not just a feeling it's a living hope
Woah-woah-woah-woah

It's like a fire shut up in my bones
Not just a feeling it's a living hope
It's a living hope
It's a living hope
It's a living hope
It's a living hope

This joy that I have the world didn't give me
And the world can't take it away
The world can't take it away

The joy, the joy
The joy of the Lord is my strength
The joy, the joy
The joy of the Lord is my strength

Oh-oh-oh, He is my hope
The joy, the joy
The joy of the Lord is my strength

LENNIE: And you will recognize him by this sign:
You will find a baby wrapped snugly in strips of
cloth, lying in a manger.”

Mary Did You Know – Rosalyn Pratt, soloist

NARRATOR: Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others—the armies of heaven—praising God and saying, “Glory to God in highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased.”

Hark the Herald Angels Sing (Choir/Congregation)

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 angelic hosts proclaim,
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!”

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 a virgin’s womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;

Hail th'incarnate Deity,
Pleased with us in flesh to dwell,
Jesus our Emmanuel.

Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"

Hail the heav'nly Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
Ris'n with healing in His wings.

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.

Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"

Angels We Have Heard on High
(Choir/Congregation)

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!

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

Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

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!

See Him in a manger laid,
Whom the choirs of angels praise;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,
While our hearts in love we raise.

Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

NARRATOR: When the angels had returned to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, “Let’s go to Bethlehem! Let’s see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.”

The First Noel – (Lead: Kimyata Cooper)

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel
Born is the King of Israel!

NARRATOR: They hurried to the village and found Mary and Joseph. And there was the baby, lying in the manger.

Away in a Manger (Choir/Congregation)

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 fit us for Heaven to live with Thee there.

NARRATOR: After seeing him, the shepherds
told everyone what had happened and what the
angel had said to them about this child.

Lord, You're Holy (Lead: Valorie Brinson)

Lord You're holy
Lord You're holy
Lord, You're holy
Lord, You're holy

And we lift You up
And magnify Your name

Lord, You're holy
Lord, You're holy

And we lift You up
And magnify Your name

As I look around and I see
All the works that Your hands have made
The awesomeness of You
And how Your love will never fail

Mere words cannot express what I feel
Inside
I can't describe Your glory divine
But as a token of my love
This is what I'll do
I lift my hands and cry holy

Lord, You're holy
Lord, You're holy
And we lift You up
And magnify Your name

Lord, You're holy
Lord, You're holy

And we lift You up
And magnify Your name

There's not enough words that I can say
To tell You how much I appreciate
All the wonderful things You've given me
Your loving kindness
Your tender mercies

It's my desire to praise You
And tell You how much I love You
You're worthy of all the honor
Lord You're worthy of all the praise

I don't know how
You can love me
How You could give me
So much mercy

You didn't have to suffer and die for me
Way back on Calvary
But I just wanna thank You
I thank You
I thank You
I praise You

Wonderful, glorious, holy, and righteous
Victorious, conqueror, triumphant and
Mighty
Healer, deliverer, shield and defense
Strong tower and my best friend
Omnipotent, omnipresent
Soon coming king
Alpha, omega, Lord of everything
Holy, holy, holy is Your name
Holy, holy, holy is Your name

NARRATOR: All who heard the shepherds' story
were astonished, but Mary kept all these things in
her heart and thought about them often.

Hallelujah Medley (Lead: Sister Stephanie)

What a beautiful name it is
What a beautiful name it is
The name of Jesus Christ our King

What a beautiful name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a beautiful name it is, the name of Jesus

Hallelu, oh Hallelu
Is the highest praise
Be all glory and honor, dominion and power, forever
and ever, amen

SOP -- Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah,
hallelujah, hallelujah, He is wonderful.

ALT -- All praises be to the King of Kings for the Lord
our God, He is wonderful.

TEN/BASS -- Hallelujah, salvation and glory, honor and
power, He is wonderful.

NARRATOR: The shepherds went back to their
flocks, glorifying and praising God for all they had
heard and seen. It was just as the angel had told
them.

***Jesus What A Wonderful Child (Leads: Robert Hunt,
Cynthia Humphrey, Robin Parker Davis, Valerie
Brinson)***

Jesus, Jesus, O what a wonderful child
Jesus, Jesus, so lowly, meek and mild
New life, new hope, to all he brings
Listen to the angels sing

Glory, glory, glory to the newborn King

Robert: He was herald by the angels
Born in a lowly manger

Cynthia: Virgin Mary was his mother
And Joseph was his earthly father

Robin: Three wise men came from afar
They were guided by a shining star

Valorie: To see the King where he lay
In a manger filled of hay

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, Jesus

Glory, glory to Jesus

Glory, glory, glory to Jesus

Glory, glory, glory to the newborn King

Pastor Chuck -- Closing/Dismissal to Café for refreshments

Between the Cross and the Christmas Tree

Between the Cross and the Christmas Tree,
God's love was on display.

Between the Cross and the Christmas Tree
Love has made a way

And I'm standing here by the grace of God
With just one thing to say
The Lord is worthy of our love
Let's Celebrate His love today

The angels sang a chorus that proclaimed the Savior's
Birth

The Cross completed the plan of God to bring us
peace on earth

Between the Cross and the Christmas Tree
Jesus came to save

Between the Cross and the Christmas Tree
The gift of life He gave

And I'm standing here by the grace of God
With just one thing to say
The Lord is worthy of our love
Let's celebrate His love, today!

Altos: Celebrate His love, Celebrate His love,
Celebrate His love, For He's worthy!

Sops: Celebrate His love, Celebrate His love,
Celebrate His love, For He's worthy!

Tenors: Celebrate Him, Celebrate His love, For He's
worthy!

Basses: Celebrate Him, Celebrate His love, For He's
worthy!