

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE, 2020

OPENING

PROCESSIONAL HYMN "O Come, Little Children"

Sunday School v. 1

1) Oh, come, little children, oh, come one and all,
To Bethlehem haste, to the manger so small,
God's Son for a gift has been sent you this night
To be your Redeemer, your Joy and Delight.

Congregation & Sunday School vv. 2-4

2) He's born in a stable for you and for me,
Draw near by the bright gleaming starlight to see,
In swaddling clothes lying so meek and so mild,
And purer than angels, the heavenly Child.

3) See! Mary and Joseph with love-beaming eyes
Are gazing upon the rude bed where He lies,
The shepherds are kneeling with hearts full of love,
While angels sing loud hallelujahs above.

4) Kneel down and adore Him with shepherds today,
Lift up little hands now, and praise Him as they.
Rejoice that a Savior from sin you can boast,
And join in the song of the heavenly host.

CONGREGATION RESPONSIVE READING Isaiah 9:6-7

P: Unto us a child is born—unto us a son is given!

C: And the government shall be upon His shoulder.

P: And His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor,

C: The Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

P: Of the increase of His government and peace

C: There shall be no end.

P: Upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom--

C: To order it and to establish it,

P: With judgment and with justice,

C: From henceforth, even forever!

P: The zeal of the LORD of hosts

C: Will perform this!

PRAYER:

I. GOD PROMISED THE SAVIOR FROM SIN AND DEATH TO ADAM & EVE

NARRATOR *Ezekiel* The world as created had no need for a Savior. Adam and Eve were sinless in the Garden of Eden. They were in the image of God, righteous and holy. like God. God commanded them not to eat from the tree in the middle of the Garden. If they did, they would die! The devil came into the Garden and lied to Eve about it. He told her that eating from the tree would be great! They ate from the tree. They deliberately disobeyed God. They sinned. Their punishment was death We hear verses from Genesis 1-3:

GENESIS 1-3 (selected verses)

Hadley, Rosalie

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good.

The LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden, and there He put the man whom He had formed.

Emmanuel, Hannah

The LORD God commanded, "Of every tree in the garden you may freely eat, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat.

For in the day that you eat of it, you shall surely die."

The serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. For God knows that in the day you eat of it, your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

Samuel, Anastasia

The woman saw that the tree was good, . . . She took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.

The LORD God called to Adam, "Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?"

Then the man answered, "The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate."

The LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?"

The woman said, "The serpent deceived me and I ate."

Blake, Rosemary

The LORD God said to the serpent, "I will put enmity (fighting) between you (Satan) and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed (Jesus). He (Jesus) shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel."

To the woman He said: I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception. In pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you.

To Adam He said, "Cursed is the ground for your sake. . . In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread till you return to the ground. For out of it you were taken. For dust you are and to dust you shall return.

And Adam called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living.

NARRATOR: It was a sad day for Adam and Eve, and the world--because of sin, there is pain and death. But did you hear the two happy parts? 1) God promised that the Seed of the woman, Jesus, would come to bruise and break the devil's head and power! Through Jesus sinners would not be ruined by sin and death. Sins are forgiven! Death is powerless! Satan is defeated! And the second happy part . . . 2) Adam named his wife "Eve," the mother of all living! Notice Adam did not name her the mother of all dying. Adam in faith believed what God had said. In the Seed of the woman, sin, Satan, and death would be crushed. In Jesus, there would be new Life—here on earth and forever in heaven!

RECITATION BY LITTLE ONES: "Jesus Our Savior"

Evangeline, Jensen, Cassia

Jesus, our Savior,
Came long, long ago.

God sent Him to save us,
The Bible says so.

He slept in a manger,
God's Son from above.

He came to forgive us.
How great is His love!

SONG Students and Congregation: "Little Children, Can You Tell?"

Sunday School vv. 1-2

1) Little children, can you tell,
Do you know the story well,
Every girl and every boy,
Why the angels sing for joy,
On the Christmas morning?

2) Yes, we know the story well;
Listen now, and hear us tell
Every girl and every boy,
Why the angels sing for joy,
On the Christmas morning

Congregation vv. 3-4

3) For a little Babe that day
Cradled in a manger lay,
Born on earth our Lord to be;
This the wondering angels see
On the Christmas morning.

4) Joy our little hearts shall fill,
Peace and love, and all good-will;
Jesus, born at Bethlehem,
Opens wide God's heaven again!
On the Christmas morning

II. GOD PROMISED THE SAVIOR FROM SIN AND DEATH ALSO TO OTHERS

NARRATOR *Thaddeus* This same Good News that God promised to Adam and Eve, He promised again to the later Old Testament people—to Abraham, his son Isaac, and grandson Jacob:

Hadley, Rosalie

Genesis 12:1-3 Now the LORD had said to Abram, . . . "I will make you a great nation . . . and in YOU all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

NARRATOR: In other words, from Abram's descendants, one would be a blessing for all. **Jesus** is Abraham's descendant who brings salvation to all the world. ----- God also promised King David something special.

Emmanuel, Hannah

2 Samuel 7:12-14 "When your days are fulfilled and you rest with your fathers, I will set up your seed after you, who will come from your body, . . . and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever!

I will be his Father, and he shall be My son.

NARRATOR: The Kingdom of Jesus, born from David's family and yet God's Son, lasts forever. ----- Even years later, when the people of Israel were in trouble because of their sins, God promised that a virgin would give birth to a son, who would truly help them.

Samuel, Anastasia

Isaiah 7:14: Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son and shall call His name Immanuel.

NARRATOR: And remember Immanuel means GOD WITH US. Jesus is the Immanuel—the God with Us—who rescues us from every enemy, Satan himself! ----- Then the Prophet Micah even spoke of the exact town where the God-With-Us-King would be born.

Blake, Rosemary

Micah 5:2 "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of you shall come forth to Me the One to be Ruler in Israel, whose goings forth are from of old, from everlasting."

SONG BY LITTLE ONES: "In A Little Stable"

1. In a little stable Far across the sea, Was a little baby Just like you and me.	2. Not a bed or cradle, Not a pillow deep, But a lowly manger Was His place to sleep.	3. Oh, how I love Jesus, Who was little then; For He surely loves me, Little though I am!
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HYMN Congregation: "Once in Royal David's City"

1) 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.	2) 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.
3) But our eyes at last shall see Him Through His own redeeming love, For that Child, so dear and gentle, Is our Lord in heav'n above. And He leads His children on To the place where He is gone.	4) Not in that poor, lowly stable With the oxen standing by Shall we see Him, but in heaven, Set at God's right hand on high. Then like stars His children crowned, All in white, His praise will sound!

III. THE SAVIOR FROM SIN AND DEATH WAS BORN AT BETHLEHEM

NARRATOR *Miles* The judgment God spoke upon Adam and Eve, He also pronounces upon us. We are Adam and Eve's children. We are born with sin, and God still says, Death for sin! But the sure promise and hope that God gave to Adam and Eve after they sinned, He also gives to us. Jesus says, "Come to Me all you that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest. . . you shall find rest for you souls." (Matthew 11:28) So it is that with much joy, that we remember Jesus' birth on earth at Christmas

LUKE 2:1-7

Blake and Rosemary

And it came to pass in those days that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered.
This census took place while Quirinius was governing Syria.
So all went to be registered, everyone to his own city.

Anastasia, Samuel

Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into 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 wife, who was with child.
So it was, that while they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered.

All Students

And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

SONG All Students: "Away in a Manger"

1) 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.

2) The cattle are lowing, the poor Baby wakes,
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.

3) 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.

LUKE 2:8-14

Hannah, Emmanuel

Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them. The glory of the Lord shone round about them, and they were greatly afraid.

Hadley, Rosalie

Then the angel said to them,

"Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people.

Blake, Rosemary

"For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord!"

"And this will be the sign to you: you will find the Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger."

All Students

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, goodwill toward men!"

SONG Choir and Sunday School: "Glory to God the Angels Sing"

Choir

1) Low in a humble manger,
Little Lord Jesus lay,
Watched by the virgin mother,
There on the fragrant hay,
Keeping her loving vigil
Far from the worldly throng,
When thru the night came ringing,
Glorious angel songs.

Sunday School

2) "Glory to God," the angels sing,
"Praises to Christ, the newborn King.
Peace be on earth, goodwill to men."
Hear we the angels sing again—
"Glory to God," the angels sing,
"Praises to Christ, the newborn King.
Peace be on earth, goodwill to men,
Goodwill to men!"

Choir

3) Little the loving mother
Dreamed of their meaning then,
How He should die on Calvary,
Die for the sins of men.
But down the weary ages,
Out from that manger bed,
Streams all the light of heaven
Soon o'er the world to spread.

Sunday School

4) "Glory to God," the angels sing,
"Praises to Christ, the newborn King.
Peace be on earth, goodwill to men."
Hear we the angels sing again—
"Glory to God," the angels sing,
"Praises to Christ, the newborn King.
Peace be on earth, goodwill to men,
Goodwill to men!"

LUKE 2:15-20

Anastasia, Samuel

So it was, when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that the shepherds said one to another, "Let us now go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us."

And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger.

Hannah, Emmanuel

Now when they had seen Him, they made widely known the saying which was told them concerning this Child. And all those who heard it marveled at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

Hadley, Rosalie

But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart

Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told them.

SONG "Luke 2" (words Luke 2:1-15 above)

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

PRAISE FROM BABES! Matthew 21:15-16

But when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that He did and the children crying out in the temple and saying, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" they were indignant and said to Him, "Do You hear what these are saying?" And Jesus said to them, "Yes, have you never read: OUT OF THE MOUTH OF BABES AND NURSING INFANTS YOU HAVE PERFECTED PRAISE? "

PRAYER:

SONG Choir: ""Christmas Hallelujah!" (by Cloverton, words adapted)

1) I've heard about this baby boy
Who's come to earth to bring us joy
And I just want to sing this song to you.
God promised Him for us, we know
God promised Him long years ago.
Now it's with joy we sing this Hallelujah.
Hallelujah

2) A couple came to Bethlehem
Expecting child, they searched the inn
To find a place, for You were coming soon.
There was no room for them to stay
So in a manger filled with hay
God's only Son was born, oh Hallelujah
Hallelujah

3) The shepherds left their flocks by night
To see this baby wrapped in light
A host of angels led them all to You
It was just as the angels said
You'll find Him in a manger bed
Immanuel and Savior, Hallelujah
Hallelujah.

4) I know You came to rescue me!
This baby boy would grow to be
A man and one day die for me and you.
My sins would drive the nails in You
That rugged cross was my cross, too
Still every breath You drew was Hallelujah
Hallelujah.

5) But death was not the end that day
On Easter morn You rose to save,
To give us life instead of death, life new.
Dear Jesus we rejoice this day
You're born to take our sins away
And open heaven's doors with Hallelujah!
Hallelujah!

IV . THE BIRTH OF JESUS BRINGS US ESCAPE FROM SIN AND DEATH !

NARRATOR *Ezra* How is it again that Jesus, who came as a little a baby, brings us forgiveness of our sins and rescues us from death? Baby Jesus was NOT just Mary's baby—He was also GOD's Son! The virgin Mary conceived this child by a miracle of the Holy Spirit— true man and also true God! Jesus grew up like every other person, except He was without sin. He ate, He drank, He walked, He got tired, He cried, He even died—on the cross. He was in every respect man, yet He was God and sinless, living sinlessly In our place! When Jesus died on the cross, He was punished for **our** sins. He took death **in our place**, as the sacrifice of peace for all of our sins. But death and the grave couldn't hold Him; He was and is God. On the third day He came out of the grave, alive! And He gives that victory to us! By faith in him we have forgiveness for all our sins, we have resurrection from the grave, we have life forever in heaven. Here is JOY and COMFORT at Christmas. The Savior is born! In Him we are safe and are saved!

All Students

John 3:16 God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life!

Blake, Rosemary, Anastasia, Samuel

Isaiah 53:5 He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities. The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed.

Hadley, Rosalie

Matthew 9:2 Son, be of good cheer! Your sins are forgiven you!

Hannah, Emmanuel

Romans 6:23 The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord!

All Students

Luke 2:10-11 "BEHOLD, I BRING YOU GOOD TIDINGS OF GREAT JOY WHICH WILL BE TO ALL PEOPLE, FOR UNTO YOU IS BORN THIS DAY IN THE CITY OF DAVID A SAVIOR, WHO IS CHRIST THE LORD!"

HYMN Congregation "Joy to the World"

1) Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King!
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room,
:: And heav'n and nature sing!

3) 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!

2) Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let men their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
:: Repeat the sounding joy!

4) He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
:: And wonders of His love!

CLOSING

BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECESSIONAL HYMN Sunday School and Congregation: "Silent Night!"

1) *Sunday School*

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) *Congregation and Sunday School*

Silent night! Holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heav'nly hosts sing, Alleluia,
Christ, the Savior is born!
Christ, the Savior is born!

3) *Congregation and Sunday School*

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.

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THANK YOU EVERYONE

A BLESSED CHRISTMAS IN THE BIRTH OF OUR SAVIOR!

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