



Christmas Eve Pageant

Worship Service

Sunday, December 24, 2017 @ 6:30 p.m.

*You are invited to stand, if able.
You are encouraged to read/sing the **bold** print.

PRELUDE: A Medley of Carols

Eleanore Honey

WELCOME

Hewitt Holmes

*OPENING CAROL: #38 "Angels We Have Heard on High"

GLORIA

1. **Angels we have heard on high sweetly
singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply, echoing their
joyous strains. *Gl-o-ria, in excelsis Deo! Gl-o-
ria, in excelsis Deo!***

**What the gladsome tidings be which inspire
your heavenly song? *Gl-o-ria, in excelsis
Deo! Gl-o-ria, in excelsis Deo!***

2. **Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your
joyous strains prolong?**

3. **Come to Bethlehem and see Christ whose
birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord,
the newborn King. *Gl-o-ria, in excelsis Deo!
Gl-o-ria, in excelsis Deo!***

ADVENT WREATH: THE CHRIST CANDLE LIGHTING

Karwacki Family

*CANDLE CAROL: #6 "A Candle Is Burning" (vv. 1, 4-5)

AWAY IN A MANGER

1. **A candle is burning, a flame warm and bright,
a candle of hope in December's dark night.
While angels sing blessings from heaven's
starry sky,
our hearts we prepare now for Jesus is nigh.**

**baby for Christmas, a wonderful birth
for Jesus is bringing God's love to our earth.**

4. **A candle is burning, a candle of love,
a candle to point us to heaven above.**

5. **We honour Messiah with Christ-candle's flame,
our Christmas Eve candles glad tidings proclaim.
O come, all you faithful, rejoice in this night,
as God comes among us, the world's true light.**

PRAYER:

The waiting is over; God's Anointed One is here! **We will praise God for the coming of Jesus Christ.**

The journey is over; Mary's Son is born! **We will praise God for the gift of the Saviour.**

Darkness is overcome; light blazes from the lowly stable. **We will praise God, for hope alive in a tiny child.**

Conflict is overcome; there is calm over the whole earth. **We will praise God, for the One who brings peace.**

THE PRAYER OF JESUS (The Lord's Prayer)

VU, pg. 916

**Our Father (Mother), who is in heavens, may your name be made holy, may your dominion come,
may your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today the bread we need; and forgive us**

our debts, as we have forgiven our debtors; and do not put us to the test, but rescue us from evil. For yours is the dominion, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

* CAROL: #36 "Angels, from the Realms of Glory"

REGENT SQUARE

1. **Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
ye who sang creation's story, now proclaim
Messiah's birth:**
*Refrain: Come & worship, come & worship,
worship Christ, the new-born King.*
2. **Shepherds in the field abiding, watching o'er
your flocks by night, God with us is now
residing, yonder shines the infant Light ...**
3. **Sages, leave your contemplations;
brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great desire of nations; ye have
seen his natal star: *(Refrain)***
4. **Saints before the altar bending, watching
long in hope and fear,
suddenly the Lord, descending, in his
temple shall appear: *(Refrain)***

WE GIVE OUR OFFERING:

OFFERTORY: "O Mensch, bewein dein Sünde groß," BWV 622

J.S. Bach

*OFFERING SONG: #55 "In the Bleak Midwinter" (4)

CRANHAM

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.

OFFERING PRAYER:

Give thanks for God's wonderful gift in Jesus

Our gifts are a symbol of our thanksgiving; we want all people to have abundant life.

Use these gifts to encourage each other, use these gifts to care for those in need in Barrie.

Use these gifts to support the mission of the wider Church.

We will share in the work of Jesus today! Amen.

*CAROL: #67 "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 Hallelujah,
Christ the Saviour is born, Christ the Saviour 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.**



...OF THE NATIVITY

(The congregation is asked to join in the music as indicated)

The Narrator: These are the words...Mary and Joseph...Just as you had planned"

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

4. O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us,
we pray;
Cast out our sins and enter in, be born to
us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great
glad tidings tell:
Oh, come to us, abide with us, our Lord
Emmanuel!
(VU # 64)

The Narrator: Just before the time Mary...the place where the animals ate.

1. Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus lay down His sweet
head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down
where He lay,
The little lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

2. 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 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 fit us for heaven, to live with thee there.

(VU # 69)

The Narrator: On the night when Jesus...peace to people everywhere."

1. 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 host proclaim, Christ is born in
Bethlehem...Hark! The herald angels sing,
glory to the newborn King.

2. Christ by highest heaven adored, Christ, the
everlasting Lord
Late in time behold He'll come, offspring of a
Virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, hail the
incarnate deity
Pleased with us in flesh to dwell, Jesus, our
Emmanuel. Hark! The herald angels sing,
glory to the newborn King.

2. Hail, the heaven born Prince of Peace, hail, the Son of Righteousness
Light and life to all He brings, risen with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by, born that man no more may die, Born to raise us from the earth, born to give us
second birth. Hark! The herald angels sing, glory to the newborn King.
(VU # 48)

The Narrator: And then the angels left...just as the angel had said."

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills
and everywhere.
Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus
Christ is born.

2. The shepherds feared and trembled
when lo, above the earth
rang out the angel chorus that hailed
our Saviour's birth! (Refrain)

1. While shepherds kept their watching
o'er silent flocks by night,
Behold, throughout the heavens there
shone a holy light. (Refrain)

3. Down in a lonely manger the humble
Christ was born, and God sent our
salvation that blessed Christmas
morn. (Refrain)
(VU # 43)

The Narrator: When Jesus was born...worship Jesus, the special baby.”

- We three kings of Orient are, bearing gifts we traverse afar.
Field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.**
Refrain: **O star of wonder, star of night, Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect Light.**
- Glorious now behold Him arise, King and God and Sacrifice.
Alleluia, alleluia! Sounds through the earth and skies.** (Refrain)

The Narrator: And they followed that star...And, now, would you join with us singing:

- 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.**
- Joy to the earth! The Saviour reigns: let all their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

*EXPRESSIONS OF THANKS (To the pageant/cast) & BLESSING:

Do not leave your amazement at the Bethlehem stable door. Go out to change the people who wait outside!

The Good News of the angels will light up a fear-filled world; the wonder of the shepherds will put zest in our daily routine;

The joy of the holy family will be shared with our family and friends; **the love of God, at the heart of it all, will give us and our world the courage and hope we need!**

You are ready for Christmas! **Yes we are – glory and praise be to God!**

*CAROL continues...

- He rules the earth 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.** (VU # 59 - ANTIOCH)

VISIT WITH THE BABY IN THE MANGER

POSTLUDE

Sarah Svendsen

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Christmas Pageant of the Nativity - Cast

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