



## 2018 CHRISTMAS PAGEANT



**THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN**

**SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA**

**December 24, 2018**

**3:00 p.m.**

Welcome to St. Mary's! We are glad to be worshipping together with you on this Christmas Eve. You are welcome here, wherever you are on your journey of faith.

We invite everyone to participate in our re-telling of the story of the first Christmas and to celebrate the hope and joy a baby brought to the world on an extraordinary night in Bethlehem more than 2,000 years ago.

A few reminders:

- Please turn your cell phones off.
- Please be courteous of others when taking photos during the pageant and allow those around you unobstructed sight lines to enjoy the pageant.
- Please keep the aisles unobstructed for movement and safety purposes.
- There will be a photo opportunity of the entire cast near the end of the pageant.

PRELUDE

Noel X

Louis-Claude Daquin  
1694-1772

*Please stand as able, all singing*

PROCESSIONAL CAROL

O come, all ye faithful

*Hymnal, # 83*

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*

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;

Jesus, to thee be glory given;

Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;                      *Refrain*

OPENING SENTENCES

*Officiant*    Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*All*        **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

*Officiant*    The Lord be with you.

*All*        **And also with you.**

*Officiant*    Let us pray.

COLLECT FOR CHRISTMAS

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Please remain standing*

- Officiant* Let us recall the gift that shines forth in God's word made flesh this night, saying "Loving God, hear our prayer."
- Leader* That the Child born in a stable might find a warm welcome in our hearts by our awareness of the needs of the homeless and hungry, let us pray to God:
- People* **Loving God, hear our prayer.**
- Leader* That the peace proclaimed by angels in the shepherds' field might be realized wherever there is violence, let us pray to God:
- People* **Loving God, hear our prayer.**
- Leader* That in this time of celebrating God's gift of love, we might share of our abundance with those who are alone or in need, let us pray to God:
- People* **Loving God, hear our prayer.**
- Leader* That the blessed hope we celebrate on this night might be the fulfillment of all who have gone before us in faith, let us pray to God:
- People* **Loving God, hear our prayer.**
- Leader* That the joy and consolation of the Wonderful Counselor might enliven all who are struck down by disease and illness, especially those we now name, silently or aloud..... Let us pray to God:
- People* **Loving God, hear our prayer.**
- Leader* In thanksgiving for all the blessings of this life, especially those we hold close in our hearts, and now name, silently or aloud.... Let us pray to God:
- People* **Loving God, hear our prayer.**
- Officiant* God of light and darkness, Giver of silence and song, may our words of praise and petition be strong echoes of your Christmas Word, Jesus, who is God this night and forever.
- People* **Amen.**

## CONGREGATIONAL CAROL

Of Eternal Love Begotten

*(set to Hymn 82)*

Of eternal Love begotten ere the worlds began to be,  
he is Alpha and Omega, he the source, the ending he,  
of the things that are and have been, and that future years shall see,  
evermore and evermore.

At his Word the worlds were formed, He commanded and it was done:  
heaven and earth and depths of ocean, in their threefold order one;  
all that grows beneath the shining of the moon and burning sun,  
evermore and evermore.

O that birth for ever blessed, when the virgin, full of grace,  
by the Holy Ghost conceiving, bare the Savior of our race,  
and the babe, the world's redeemer, first revealed his sacred face,  
evermore and evermore.

O ye heights of heaven, adore him; angel hosts, his praises sing;  
all dominions, bow before him, and extol our God and King;  
Let no tongue on earth be silent, every voice in concert ring,  
evermore and evermore.

Christ, to thee, with God the Father; and O Holy Ghost to thee,  
hymn and chant and high thanksgiving, and unwearied praises be,  
honor, glory and dominion and eternal victory,  
ever more and ever more.

## THE FIRST GOSPEL

The Rev. David L. Erickson

In the beginning was the Word,  
and the Word was with God,  
and the Word was God.  
He was in the beginning with God.  
All things came into being through him,  
and without him not one thing came into being.  
What has come into being in him was life,  
and the life was the light of all people.  
The light shines in the darkness,  
and the darkness did not overcome it.

*All* **Glory be to God. We have seen the glory,  
the glory of the only child from God.**

*Please be seated.*

## THE PROPHECY OF THE MESSIAH'S BIRTH

*Prophet Isaiah*

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL    The angel Gabriel from heaven came    *Hymnal, # 265*  
*verses 1 & 2*

The angel Gabriel from heaven came,  
His wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;  
“All hail,” said, he, “thou lowly maiden Mary,  
Most highly favored lady,” Gloria.

“For know, a blessed Mother thou shalt be,  
All generations laud and honor thee,  
Thy Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold,  
Most highly favored lady,” Gloria.

## THE ANNUNCIATION

*Reader* In the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said,

*Angel Gabriel*

Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you.

*Reader* But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her,

*Angel Gabriel*

Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him 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 ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.

*Reader* Then Mary said,

*Mary* Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.

*Reader* Then the angel departed from her.

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL    The angel Gabriel from heaven came    *Hymnal, # 265*  
*verse 3*

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head,  
"To me be as it pleaseth God," she said,  
"My soul shall laud and magnify his holy Name."  
Most highly favored lady, Gloria.

### **THE VISIT OF MARY TO ELIZABETH**

*Reader* In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child (who became John the Baptist) leapt in her womb.

*Elizabeth*

Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.



## THE BIRTH OF CHRIST

*Reader* In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child.

While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

*Joseph* My son Jesus, firstborn of all creation, will do wonderful things on this earth.

### CONGREGATIONAL CAROL

### O little Town of Bethlehem

*Hymnal, # 79*

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

For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all around  
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 all on earth.

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given!  
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven.  
No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,  
where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.

Where children pure and happy pray to the blessed Child,  
where misery cries out to thee, Son of the mother mild,  
where charity stands watching and faith holds wide the door,  
the dark night wakes, the glory breaks, & Christmas comes once more.

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray:  
cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today;  
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell:  
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

## THE ANGELS APPEAR TO THE SHEPHERDS

*Reader* In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night.

Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

But the angel said to them,

*Angel of the Lord #1*

Do not be afraid; for see – I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people; to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.

*Angel of the Lord #2*

This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.

**CONGREGATIONAL CAROL**    While Shepherds watched their flocks by night

*verses 1, 2, 3, 6*

*Hymnal, # 94*

While shepherds watched their flocks by night, all seated on the ground,  
the angel of the Lord came down, and glory shone around

“Fear not,” said he, for mighty dread had seized their troubled minds;

“Glad tidings of great joy I bring to you and all mankind.

“To you, in David’s town, this day is born of David’s line,  
the Savior, who is Christ the Lord: and this shall be the sign...

“All glory be to God on high, and on the earth be peace;  
good will henceforth from heaven to earth begin and never cease.”

*Reader* And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host.

*Seraphim Angel*

Angels! Our Savior is born! Join me in praising God and proclaiming to  
heaven and earth....

*All Angels*

Glory to God in the highest; and on earth, peace, goodwill to all!

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL

Angels we have heard on high

*Hymnal, # 96*

*verses 1 & 2*

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.

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.

**THE SHEPHERD'S RESPOND**

*Reader* When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said  
to one another,

*Head Shepherd*

Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which  
the Lord has made known to us.

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL

Angels we have heard on high

*Hymnal, # 96*

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!

*Reader* So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying  
in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told  
them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the  
shepherds told them.

The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had  
heard and seen, as it had been told them.

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL

Away in a manger

*Hymnal, # 101*

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,  
The 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 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.

**MARY RESPONDS TO JESUS' BIRTH**

*Reader* But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart.

**CONGREGATIONAL CAROL**

Silent night, holy night

*Hymnal, # 111*

*Please kneel as able*

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.

***PHOTO OPPORTUNITY OF CAST***

*Please be seated.*

**MESSAGE AND WELCOME**

The Rev. David L. Erickson, Rector

**CONGREGATIONAL CAROL DURING OFFERTORY**

Hark! the herald angels sing

*Hymnal, # 87*

*The people remain seated*

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 the angelic host proclaim Christ is born in Bethlehem!

*Refrain*

Hark! The herald-angels sing Glory to the new-born king!

Christ, by highest heaven adored Christ, the everlasting Lord;

Late in time behold Him come, offspring of the Virgin's womb:

Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, hail the incarnate Deity,

Pleased as man with man to dwell; Jesus, our Emmanuel! *Refrain*

Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die;

Born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.

Risen with healing in His wings; light and life to all He brings,

Hail the Sun of Righteousness! hail the Heaven-born Prince of Peace!

*Refrain*

*Please stand.*

**PRESENTATION HYMN**

**What Child is this?**

*Hymnal, # 115*

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?

*Refrain: This, this is Christ the King*

*Whom shepherds guard and angels sing.*

*Haste, haste to bring Him laud,*

*The babe, the Son of Mary.*

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*

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*

**THE BLESSING**

*Officiant* May Christ our infant savior give you the joy of the Bethlehem shepherds, the awe of the worshipping angels and the humility and love of the holy family. May you become as little children and may the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you forever.

*All* **Amen.**

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL

Joy to the world!  
verses 1, 2 & 4

Hymnal, # 100

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 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.

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.

*Officiant* Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit! Alleluia!  
Alleluia!

*All* **Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

*Carillion de Westminster*

Louis Vierne  
1870-1937

# Merry Christmas!

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# Christmas Flowers

*Given to the Glory of God*

*December 2018*

## **IN MEMORY OF...**

Gloria Hocking, beloved mom to Sam, and grandmother to Mac, Oliver, and Finn, *by Sam Hocking*

Mabel and Lawrence Gibson, and Cecil and Edna Lou Hood, *by David Gibson & Betty Hood-Gibson*

Darlene Sandusky, *by David Sandusky*

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Ruth and David Hughes, Wilson Hughes, Pauline and Rudolph Kieve, Kathryn Kieve

and Beth March, *by Anne & Loren Kieve*

Barry Standing, *by Jane Standing*

Nicolas Traina and John Traina, *by Danielle Steel*

All of the family we have lost, Richard Fowler, and David Simmons, *by Pat & Wolfgang Lusse*

Joan Rolleen Elliott Franklin, *by Sandy Stadtfeld & Deborah Franklin*

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## **In Honor of...**

The Currier, Kalani, and Jette Families, *by Steven Currier & Kenneth Kalani*

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Charlotte, Eva, and Eleanor Toney, and Jayne Hess, *by Joan & Fred Toney*

The Community of St. Mary the Virgin, *by Riley Haggin*

## **In Gratitude for...**

In gratitude for our grandchildren: Hugh, Rudy, Margot, Sonny, as well as our children and their spouses, David (and Kate), Andrew (and Bronwyn), Alex, and Kate, *by Anne & Loren Kieve*

## **We also give thanks for contributions from...**

The Boszhardt Family



## PAGEANT CAST, CREW & PARTICIPANTS

*(as of December 19)*

<i>Narrator/Reader</i>	Sylvia McCleary
<i>Prayers of the People</i>	Margaret Stafford
<i>Prophet Isaiah</i>	John Gable
<i>Angel Gabriel</i>	Carson Lotfi
<i>Mary</i>	Helena Curry
<i>Elizabeth</i>	Saskia Lotfi
<i>Joseph</i>	Bo Gable
<i>Baby Jesus</i>	Teddy Hallowell
<i>Angel of the Lord #1</i>	Caroline Stafford
<i>Angel of the Lord #2</i>	Nicola Gnuse
<i>The Seraphim Angel</i>	Mila Lotfi
<i>Angels and Shepherds</i>	Luke and Gloria Cebrian, Bennet Nelson, Rebecca Stafford and others
<i>Head Shepherd/</i>	
<i>Parade of animal leaders</i>	John Gnuse, Mark Nelson
<i>Directors</i>	Mike Stafford and The Rev. Marguerite Judson
<i>Costume Mistresses</i>	Anna Sylvester, Pamela Sauer
<i>Officiant</i>	The Rev. David L. Erickson

*And with deep gratitude for a generous contribution that supported the parade of animals.*

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***And the story continues...!***

Join us for the **Feast of the Epiphany and Visit of the Magi**

Sunday, January 6, 2019

9:00 a.m.