



# Children's Pageant



CHRISTMAS EVE

DECEMBER 24, 2023



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## FIRST READING: LUKE 1:26-38

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' "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her "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." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel-departed from her.

## SONG

An angel brought the news to Mary, an angel brought the news of a child;  
"God has chosen you, God has chosen you, God has chosen you to bear a child."

### SOLO

*"I do not understand," said Mary. "I do not understand, but I know  
God has chosen me, God has chosen me, God has chosen me to bear a child."*

Do not be afraid dear Mary, do not be afraid to bear this child.

### SOLO

*"I am not afraid, I am not afraid, I am not afraid to bear this child."*

This child will come in peace, this child will come in love,  
This child will bring salvation to the world, Hope, love, and joy!  
This child will rule our hearts, this child will bear our pain,  
This child will glorify God's name!

The angel went away from Mary, the angel went away, but Mary stayed, And  
pondered in her heart, pondered in her heart,  
Pondered in her heart the news that day.  
Pondered in her heart the news that day.

Calvin Novak, *reader*  
Adelaide Rossmassler, *reader*  
Michael Reigle, *reader*  
Maurin Chambers Oliver, *reader*  
Zack Chambers Oliver, *reader*

Children's Choir  
Maurin Chambers Oliver

# Cast List

**MARY**  
Maurin Chambers Oliver

**JOSEPH**  
Gideon Field

**DONKEY**  
Noah VanBuskirk

**KINGS**  
Jack VanBuskirk  
Zack Chambers Oliver  
Cordner Rossmassler

**ANGELS**  
Annabella Beauvais  
Nona Chambers Oliver  
Alice Field  
Cidonia Higgerson  
Cecile Landaal  
Madeline McCormick  
Ruby McCormick  
Ava Monroe  
Beatrix Skaff  
Clare Soulia  
Charlotte Williams

**MUSICAL DIRECTOR**  
Lauren Rhoads

**PROGRAM DIRECTOR**  
Angie Field

**ACCOMPANIST**  
Collin Whitfield

**SHEPHERDS**  
Gwen Chambers Oliver  
Calvin Novak  
Oliver Novak  
Lea Williams  
Viktor Wombwell

**SHEEP**  
Azalia Champine  
James Haney  
Olive Soulia  
Nikolai Wombwell

**SOLDIERS**  
Michael Reigle  
Ezra Novak

**HEROD**  
Elliot Skaff

**ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR**  
Norma Crummer

**SOUND ENGINEER**  
Glen Schofer

**ASL INTERPRETER**  
Karly Blandford

**HORSES**  
Starling Beuthin  
Isa Younger  
Senna Younger

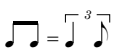
**INNKEEPER**  
Ella Rossmassler

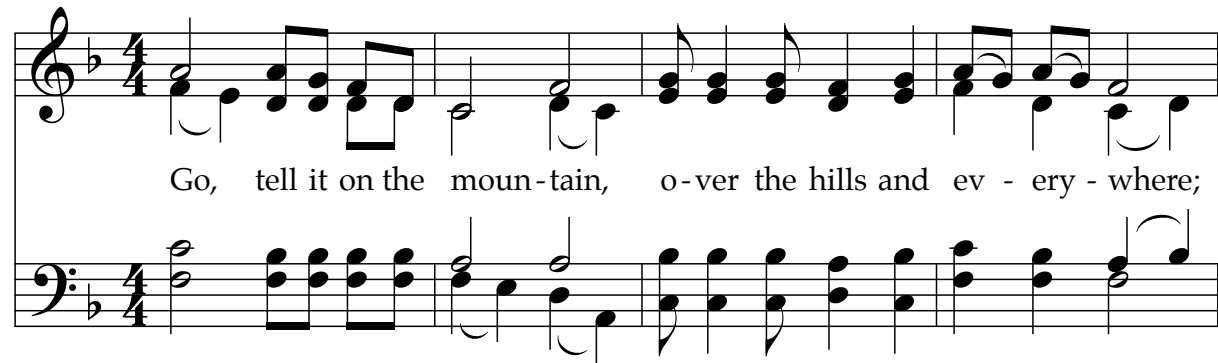
**STAR**  
Goshen Beuthin

**DIRECTOR OF ONLINE LITURGY**  
Rev. Josh Kennedy

**LIVESTREAM AUDIO**  
Jay Metzner

# 136 Go, Tell It on the Mountain

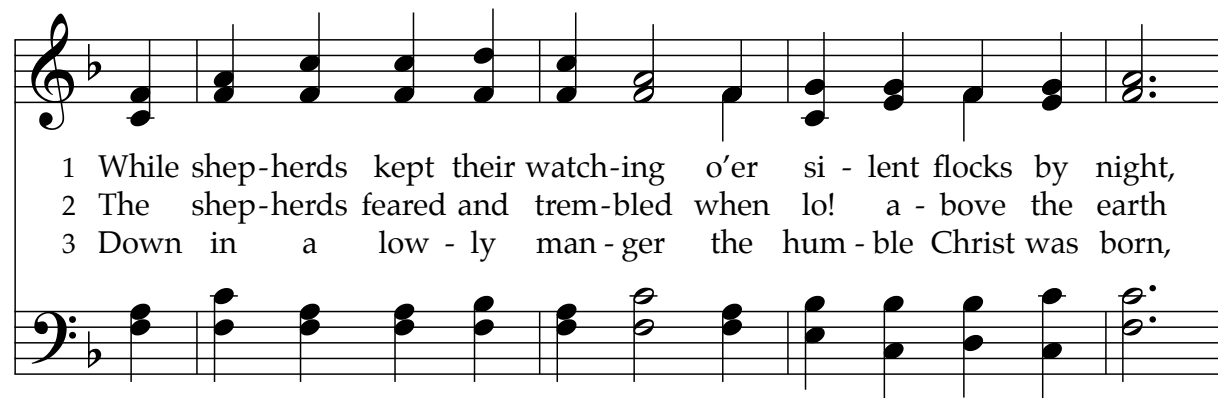
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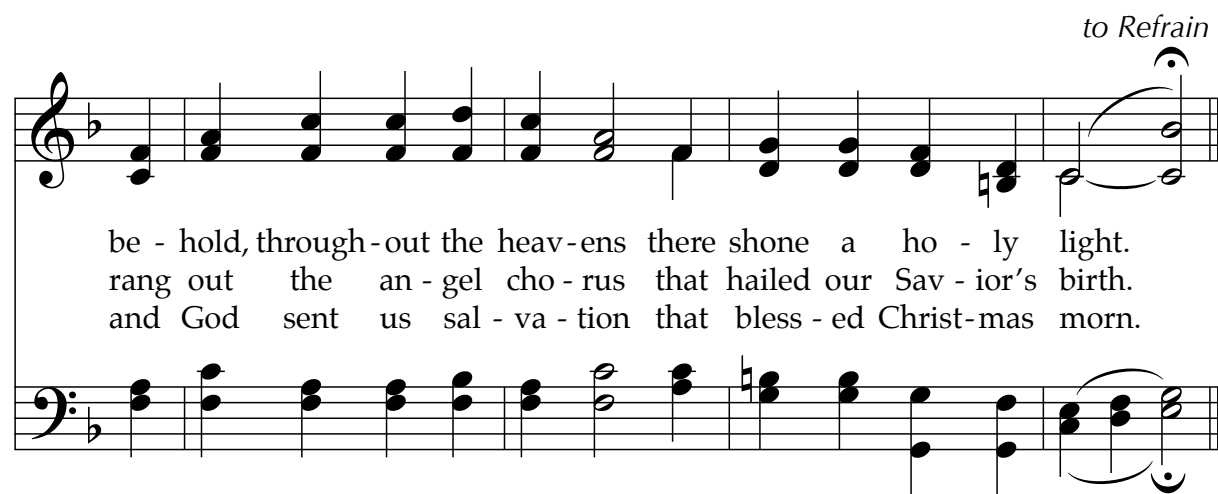
Go, tell it on the moun-tain, o-ver the hills and ev - ery - where;



go, tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born!



1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,  
2 The shep-herds feared and trem-bled when lo! a - bove the earth  
3 Down in a low - ly man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born,



to Refrain

be - hold, through-out the heav-ens there shone a ho - ly light.  
rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.  
and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless - ed Christ-mas morn.

## SECOND READING: LUKE 2:1-5

Elliot Skaff, reader  
Isa Younger, 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.

### SONG

Children's Choir

Come with us to Bethlehem! Come with joy, young and old,  
Come with us to Bethlehem! There a story will soon unfold.

Count your name in the book of life, son and daughter, husband and wife!  
See the stable, smell the sweet hay, God's gift of love is ours this day!

### SONG

Children's Choir  
Gideon Field, soloist (Joseph)

*We're here in Bethlehem (We're here in Bethlehem)  
We've come a long way (We've come a long way)  
We're tired, we're hungry (We're tired, we're hungry)  
We have no place to stay (We have no place to stay)  
But we must find shelter (But we must find shelter)  
The baby will come soon (The baby will come soon)  
Here is a stable (Here is a stable)  
This will be our room. (This will be our room)*

*The stable is warm in the cold of the night,  
The lantern burns brightly providing us light.  
The animals living here are ever so mild.  
The manger will make a safe bed for our child.*

*We're here in Bethlehem, (We're here in Bethlehem)  
The hour has come, (The hour has come)  
To welcome Jesus, (To welcome Jesus)  
God's only Son. (God's only Son)*

Gwen Chambers Oliver, reader

## THIRD READING: LUKE 2:6-7

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.

### SONG

Maurin Chambers Oliver, soloist (Mary)

*Lullaby, sweet Jesus, close your eyes, dream of the angels under starry skies. Lullaby, sweet Jesus, hear the angels sing, they tell us of the hope you bring.*

*Sleep, now, rest your head, in your tiny manger bed.  
As you grow, the world will know God's great love, which you will show.*

#### FOURTH READING: LUKE 2:8-14

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, “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. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, “*Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!*”

#### SONG

Gloria, gloria, gloria! Gloria in excelsis deo!  
 Glory be to God on high, Glory be to God!  
 The angels sing of peace on earth, For they have seen God’s light,  
 The angels sing of Jesus’ birth, Rejoice with them this night!

Glory be to God!

#### FIFTH READING: LUKE 2:15-20

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.”

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

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

#### SONG

Hurry, hurry, shepherds to the stable in Bethlehem,  
 Hurry, hurry, shepherds, now do not delay,  
 Hurry, hurry, shepherds to the stable in Bethlehem, angels have pointed the way.

You will find a baby in a manger, he will be the shepherd of us all,  
 He will keep us safe from every danger; we will follow his call.

Once you’ve found the baby in the manger, just a tiny boy,  
 Tell the world he will not be a stranger, he will bring great joy!

#### SIXTH READING: MATTHEW 2:1-8

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, “Where is the child who has

Charlotte Williams *reader*  
 Ezra Novak, *reader*  
 Noah VanBuskirk, *reader*  
 Oliver Novak, *reader*

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Madeline McCormick, *reader*  
 Starling Beuthin, *reader*

been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.” When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

*‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.’”*

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.”

#### SEVENTH READING: MATTHEW 2:9-12

Senna Younger, *reader*

When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

#### SONG

Children’s Choir

Like the shepherds, we come to adore you Jesus,  
 Like the shepherds we want the world to know,  
 The peace that you bring,  
 Oh, let us sing of the seeds of love you sow.

Like the magi we bring our gifts, dear Jesus,  
 Now with joy and thanksgiving and love.  
 We will bring you our treasures,  
 We will bring you our hearts, with praises to God above!

**ENSEMBLE** (Cordner and Ella Rossmassler, Nona Chambers Oliver)  
*I will bring you music with melodies so clear. I will sing your praises for all to hear!*

**ENSEMBLE** (Annabella Beauvais, Gwen Chambers Oliver, Cidonia Higgerson)  
*I will bring you paintings with colors bright and true. I will show your glories with visions new!*

**ENSEMBLE** (Ezra Novak, Zack Chambers Oliver, Elliot Skaff)  
*I will bring you dances with gracefulness and poise, I will dance to share with the world my joy!*

**ENSEMBLE** (Calvin Novak, Noah VanBuskirk, Charlotte Williams)  
*I will bring you stories with messages of peace. I will preach your word till all time shall cease!*

#### CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

“Go Tell It on the Mountain”  
 Hymn No. 136 (See next page)