

2016 Christmas Pageant Service Script
The Holy Eucharist Rite Two
The Word of God

Prelude

Entrance Hymn # 83: *“O Come all ye faithful”*

Opening Sentences

Celebrant: Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Gloria:

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born this night of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Once the prayer finishes the first reader steps to the podium and starts

The Christmas Pageant

Mary and Joseph come in down the aisle with the donkey

Chris G.- First Reading: About that time Emperor Augustus gave orders for the names of all the people to be listed in record books. These first records were made when Quirinius was governor of Syria. Everyone had to go to their own hometown to be listed. So Joseph had to leave Nazareth in Galilee and go to Bethlehem in Judea. Long ago Bethlehem had been King David's hometown, and Joseph went there because he was from David's family.

heaven and joined in praising God. They said: "Praise God in heaven! Peace on earth to everyone who pleases God."

The rest of the angels come down and gather behind the baby Jesus

Hymn #89: *"It Came Upon A Midnight Clear"*

verses 1 & 2

*It came upon the midnight clear, That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth, To touch their harps of gold;
"Peace on the earth, good will to men,
From heaven's all gracious King,"
The world in solemn stillness lay, To hear the angels sing.
Still through the cloven skies they come, With peaceful wings unfurled,
Above its sad and lowly plains
They bend on hovering wing,
And ever o'er it Babel sounds, The blessed angels sing.*

The shepherds come down the aisle to see the baby

Paulina L. - **Fourth Reading: 4a Lectura:** Cuando los ángeles se volvieron al cielo, los pastores comenzaron a decirse unos a otros: --Vamos, pues, a Belén, a ver esto que ha sucedido y que el Señor nos ha anunciado. Fueron de prisa y encontraron a María y a José, y al niño acostado en el establo. Cuando lo vieron, se pusieron a contar lo que el ángel les había dicho acerca del niño, y todos los que lo oyeron se admiraban de lo que decían los pastores. María guardaba todo esto en su corazón, y lo tenía muy presente. Los pastores, por su parte, regresaron dando gloria y alabanza a Dios por todo lo que habían visto y oído, pues todo sucedió como se les había dicho.

Hymn #96: *"Angels We Have Heard On High"*

verses 1 & 2

*Angels we have heard on high
Singing sweetly through the night
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their brave delight.
Glo- ----- ria, in exclesis Deo.
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Shepherds why this jubilee?
Why these songs of happy cheer?
What great brightness did you see?*

What glad tidings did you hear?

Glo----- ria, in exclesis Deo.

Glo----- ria, in exclesis De—o.

Larry M. Fifth Reading: When Jesus was born in the village of Bethlehem in Judea, Herod was king. During this time some wise men from the east came to Jerusalem and said, "Where is the child born to be king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him." When King Herod heard about this, he was worried, and so was everyone else in Jerusalem. Herod brought together the chief priests and the teachers of the Law of Moses and asked them, "Where will the Messiah be born?" They told him, "He will be born in Bethlehem, just as the prophet wrote."

The wise men listened to what the king said and then left. And the star they had seen in the east went on ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. They were thrilled and excited to see the star. When the men went into the house and saw the child with Mary, his mother, they knelt down and worshiped him. They took out their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh and gave them to him. Later they were warned in a dream not to return to Herod, and they went back home by another road.

The wise men travel down the aisle to see the baby.

Hymn #128: *"We Three Kings"*
 verses 1-4

*We three kings of Orient are,
Bearing gifts we traverse afar,
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
Following yonder star. Refrain.*

*Refrain: O - - star of wonder, star of night
Star with royal beauty bright;
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light!*

Diego R. Sixth Reading: The Word became a human being and lived here with us. We saw his true glory, the glory of the only Son of the Father. From him all the kindness and all the truth of God have come down to us. Because of all that the Son is, we have been given one blessing after another. The Law was given by Moses, but Jesus Christ brought us undeserved kindness and truth. No one has ever seen God. The only Son, who is truly God and is closest to the Father, has shown us what God is like.

The cast all gather and look at the baby Jesus

Hymn # 83

“O come all ye faithful”

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

O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him

O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord

*Paul steps forward, thanks the cast and the director
and helps the children return to their families.*