

Christmas Pageant 2024

Carols

Front of the Church

1st

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL – verses 1 & 2

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and with your captive Children dwell.
Give comfort to all exiles here,
and to the aching heart bid cheer.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come with in as Love to dwell.

O come, you Splendor very bright,
as joy that never yields to might.
O come and turn all hearts to peace,
that greed and war at last shall cease.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come with in as Love to dwell.

2nd

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL – verses 3 & 4

O come you Dayspring, come and cheer
our spirit by your presence here.
And dawn in every broken soul
as vision that can see the whole.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come with in as Love to dwell.

O come you Wisdom from on high,
from depths that hide within a sigh,
to temper knowledge with our care,
to render every act a prayer

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come with in as Love to dwell.

Children's Church

3rd

O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM – 1st verse only

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.

4th

O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM – 2nd verse only

How silently, how silently the wonder is made known,
when God imparts to human hearts the gift that is our own.
No ear may hear that coming, but in this worldly din,
when souls are truly humble, then the dear babe rests within.

Courtyard

5th

ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains.
And the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.

Gloria, In Excelsis 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?

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6th

THE FIRST NOWELL

The first Nowell the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds, in fields as they lay,
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

***Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the king of Israel.***

They looked up and saw a star,
shining in the east beyond them far,
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night.

***Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the king of Israel.***

And by the light of that same star,
three magi came from country far;
to seek a king was their intent,
and to follow the star wherever it went.

***Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the king of Israel.***

Processing to the Carriage House

7th

WE THREE KINGS

We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.
***O star of wonder, star of light, star, with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us through this perfect night.***

Frankincense to offer have I, incense owns a Deity nigh.
Prayer and praising, all are raising, worship God most high.
***O star of wonder, star of light, star, with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us through this perfect night.***

Born a babe on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown him again,
love forever, ceasing never, in all our hearts to reign.
***O star of wonder, star of light, star, with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us through this perfect night.***

Carriage House

8th

AWAY IN A MANGER

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

The cattle are lowing, the Baby awakes;
But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes.
I love You, Lord Jesus. Look down from the sky
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

9th

SILENT NIGHT

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,
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night, child of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.