

A Virtual Christmas Pageant - Lessons and Carols (NRSV)
written for Zoom and/or Video Recording

Welcome

Home 1 - Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Leader: First we light the candle of HOPE

People: Because Jesus is our hope.

Leader: Second, we light the candle of PEACE

People: Because Jesus is our peace.

Leader: Third we light the candle of JOY

People: Because Jesus brings joy.

Leader: Fourth, we light the candle of LOVE

People: Because Jesus is love.

Leader: Finally we light the centre candle.

This is the CHRIST candle

People: Jesus is born. Jesus has come.

Jesus is our salvation.

Home 2 - And you will name him Jesus

Luke 1:26-32

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, "Greetings, favoured 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 favour 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 Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David.

Hymn *Hope is a star*

B of P #122 (all verses)

Home 3 - And she laid him in a manger

Luke 2:1-7

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.

Hymn *Away in a manger*

B of P #149 (v. 1 & 2)

Home 4 - I am bringing you good news of great joy

Luke 2:8-12

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 Saviour, 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.”

Hymn *While shepherds watched*

B of P #138 (v. 1 - 4)

Home 5 - Glory to God in the highest heaven

Luke 2:13-14

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 favours!”

Hymn *Hark! the herald angels sing*

B of P #139 (all verses)

Home 6 - They were overwhelmed with joy

Matthew 2:1-2, 5b - 10

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 been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.”

They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea.”

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.

Hymn *Joy to the world*

B of P #153 (all verses)

Home 7 - They saw the child with Mary

Matthew 2:11

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.

Hymn *What child is this*

B of P #161 (v. 1 & 3)

Home 8 - The prince of peace

Isaiah 9:6

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.

Hymn *Silent night*

B o P #154 (all verses)