THE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Good News of Great Joy

SCENE I
The Prophecy of Isaiah

CAROL
(sung by all at the end of this scene)

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Branch of Jesse’s tree,
free them from Satan’s tyranny that trust thy mighty power to save,
And give them vict’ry o’er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

SCENE II
The Annunciation

CAROL
(sung by all at the end of this scene)

Of the Father’s love begotten, ere the worlds began to be,
And the Babe, the world’s Redeemer, first revealed his sacred face,
That the world through him might be saved,
And that world’s Redeemer, first revealed his sacred face,
Evermore and evermore!

O that birth for ever blessed, when the Virgin, full of grace,
By the Holy Ghost conceiving, bore the Savior of our race;
That world’s Redeemer, first revealed his sacred face,
And the Babe, the world’s Redeemer, first revealed his sacred face,
Evermore and evermore!

SCENE III
The Nativity

SCENE IV
The Shepherds

THE HOLY COMMUNION

All are invited to share at the Lord’s table. At the altar railing you may stand or kneel to receive the bread and the wine. You may drink from the cup or touch the bread to the wine. If you prefer to receive a blessing you may indicate so by crossing your arms.

The common loaf is gluten-free.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.
Eucharistic Prayer C  
(The prayer may be followed in the BCP on p. 369.)

**Celebrant** The Lord be with you.

**People** And also with you.

**Celebrant** Lift up your hearts.

**People** We lift them to the Lord.

**Celebrant** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People** It is right to give God thanks and praise.

**Celebrant** God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

**People** Glory to you for ever and ever.

**Celebrant** From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another. From your man, your Son, we have been redeemed by him, . . .

**People** By your will they were created and have their being. And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

**Sanctus et Benedictus** S-130 (in front section of hymnal)  
F. Schubert  
(sung by all)

(Please remain standing or kneel, according to your custom.)

**Celebrant** And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

**COMMUNION MUSIC**

**HYMNAL #124**  
What Star Is This  
PUER NOBIS

**HYMNAL #336**  
Come With Us, O Blessed Jesus  
WERDE MUNTER

**HYMNAL #324**  
Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence  
PICARDY

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**  
said by all, kneeling or standing)

Almighty and everlasting God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

**HYMNAL #93**  
Angels, From the Realms of Glory

REGENCY SQUARE

**BLESSING AND DISMISSAL**

**Celebrant** May the babe of Bethlehem bring you peace.

**People** May the child of Nazareth bring you joy.

**Celebrant** May the man of Galilee bring you strength; the Christ of Calvary bring you courage; and the ascended Lord a foretaste of his glory.

**People** And may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you this day and always.

**Deacon** Our worship here is ended; now let our service begin.

**People** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Voluntary** Konzert in D-moll  
Vivaldi-Bach

(You are invited to move forward to the choir stalls for the final music.)

**Today we pray with**

Bill, Caroline, Don, Star, Bert, Wimpy, Mae, Kathleen, Linda, Glen, Norma, Ann, Mildred, Joan, Patricia, Thelma, Pat, Steve, Ginny, Jack, Camille, Susan, Pat, Christopher, Amy, Annie, and those you would add.

**Altar Flowers**

In thanksgiving for the life of Newton B. & Sarah S. Frost, Robin and Marguerite Baker Frost, David R. & Elizabeth Frost

**ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE TODAY**

**Celebrant** The Reverend Kate Bradmiller  
**Preacher** The Reverend Jered Weber-Johnson  
**Deacon** The Reverend Margaret Thor

**Altar Guild** Dusty Mairs, Shirley Cooper, Phyllis Frisy, Patty Byrne Pfie, Philipp Baird, Bill Sherfey

**Organist** Jayson R. Engquist, Director

**Acolytes** Matt Brooks, Charlie Docherty, Will Rinkoff, Thea Bishop

**Verger** Joan Potter

**USHERS & GREETERS** Cammie Beattie, Jay Debertin, Mimi Pollard, Alden Drew, Phyllis Frisy, Phyllis Goff, Vern Kasseker

**Coffee Hour** Pageant, Jeff Olsen and Rick Olson Families

**Thank You To Pageant Participants**

**Director** Heather Hunt

**As we move from Christmas into Epiphany, we celebrate with our annual Epiphany Pageant. We would like to heartily thank all children, youth, parents, volunteers and staff who help to make this warm, embracing celebration come to life!**

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