

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

OLD SOUTH CHURCH | DOORS OPEN TO ALL



Prelude

*Gathering Words

The nights grow long,
we await the breaking dawn.

**The land is parched,
we wait for streams to break forth in the desert.**

Despair knocks at our door,
we wait for a crown of beauty instead of ashes.

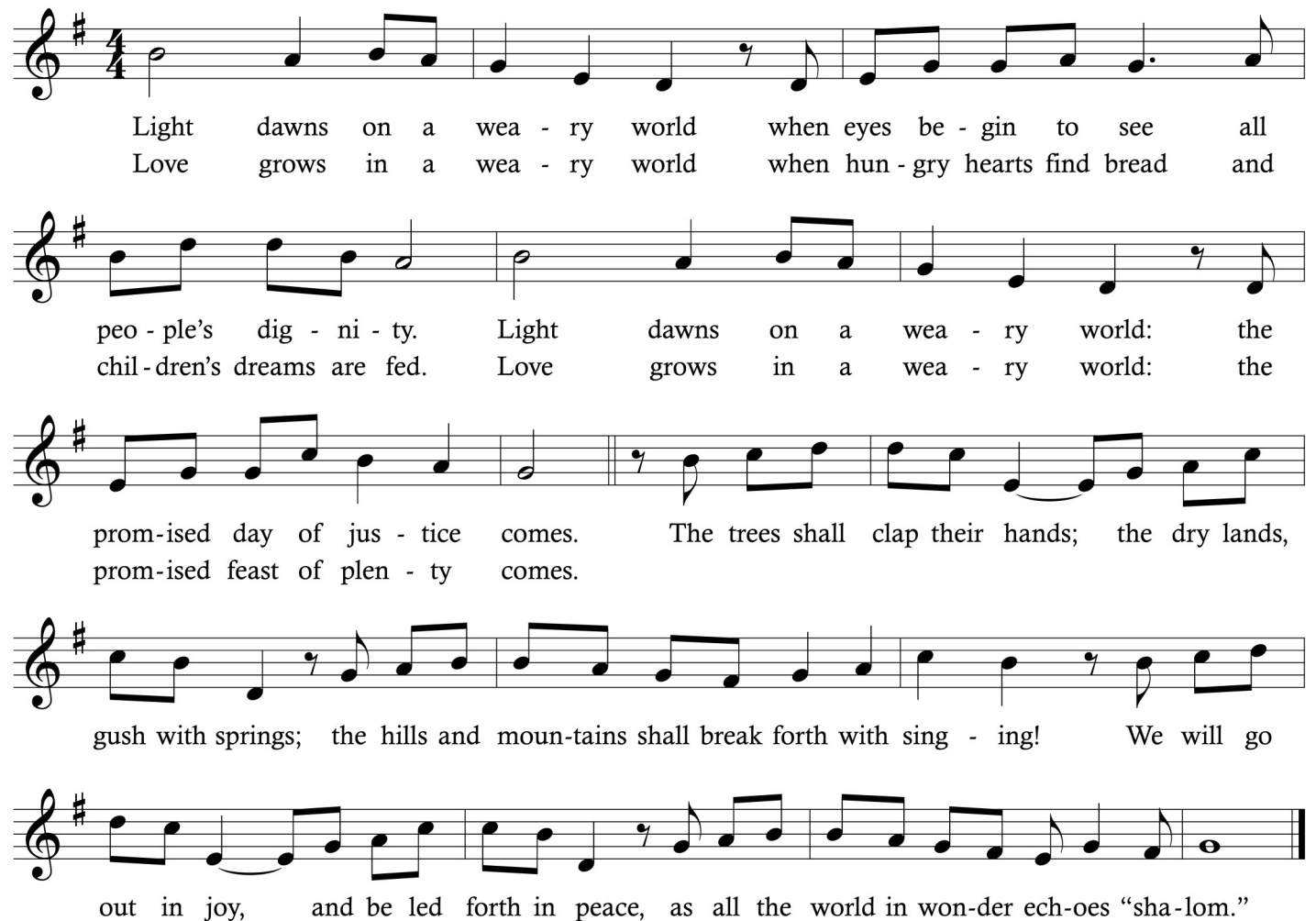
**Emmanuel, God with us,
while we are waiting, come.**

Amen.

Advent Wreath Lighting

Welcome

*Opening Song



Light dawns on a wea - ry world when eyes be - gin to see all
Love grows in a wea - ry world when hun - gry hearts find bread and

peo - ple's dig - ni - ty. Light dawns on a wea - ry world: the
chil - dren's dreams are fed. Love grows in a wea - ry world: the

prom - ised day of jus - tice comes. The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands,
prom - ised feast of plen - ty comes.

gush with springs; the hills and moun - tains shall break forth with sing - ing! We will go

out in joy, and be led forth in peace, as all the world in won - der ech - oes "sha - lom."

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, 2001

Music: TEMPLE OF PEACE, William P. Rowan, 2000

**Please stand if it is comfortable for you.*

The Bethlehem Inn: A Christmas Pageant

Adapted from Rev. Frederick M. Meek's book and writings

Prologue ◊ Discovery in the East ◊ A Decree from Caesar Augustus

Congregational Song

O Little Town of Bethlehem

ST. LOUIS

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.

For Christ is born of Mary and, gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the king, and peace to all on earth.

Roman Occupation ◊ The Bethlehem Inn

Children's Anthem: Mary, Did You Know?

Masa Fukuda, *arr.*

Herod and Stars ◊ The Shepherds & Angels

Congregational Song

Once in Royal David's City

IRBY

Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild; Jesus Christ, her little child.

He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all,
and his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall;
with the poor and meek and lowly lived on earth our Savior holy.

Gifts ◊ Strange Happenings

Congregational Song

Silent night! Holy night!

STILLE NACHT

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! Wondrous star, lend thy light;
with the angels let us sing "Alleluia" to our King:
"Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born."

Warning Dreams

Call to the Offering



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Sharing in the Lord's Supper

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

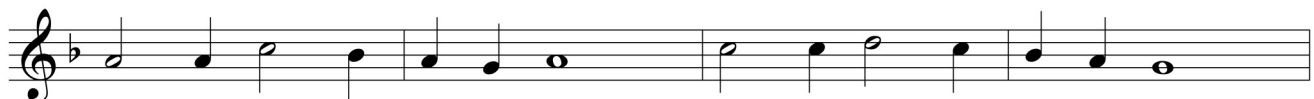
*Closing Song



“Com - fort, com - fort now my peo - ple; tell of peace!” So says our God.
For the her - ald's voice is cry - ing in the des - ert far and near,



“Com - fort those who sit in shad - ow mourn - ing un - der sor - row's load.
call - ing us to true re - pen - tance, since the reign of God is here.



To my peo - ple now pro - claim that my par - don waits for them!
O, that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way.



Tell them that their sins I cov - er, and their war - fare now is o - ver.”
Let the val - leys rise in meet - ing and the hills bow down in greet - ing.

Text: Johannes Olearius; trans. Catherine Winkworth, alt.
Tune: GENEVAN 42, *Genevan Psalter*, 1551

*Benediction & Passing the Peace

Narrators Riley F., Lucy R., Henry R., Eli S., & Hayden F.

Three Kings Lauren HS., Grace G., & Harry S.

Naaman Liv K.

Joseph Garrett G.

Mary Sage H.

Lucius (soldier) Sienna B.

Marius (soldier) Julia M.

Lucullus (soldier) Cora S.

Children's Choir Director, Aislin Kate Anderson

Children's Choir Shepherd, Sofija Chroneos

Kate M. Nintcheu, wrote the script, brought the cookies

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Father (shepherd) Garrett G.

Ephraim (shepherd) Cole N.

Rueben (shepherd) Alessia .

Aaron (shepherd) Kyh LK

Lead Angel Cora S.

Chorus Sebastian & Samuel B.

Children's Choir Accompanist, Juniper Mai