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YOUTH MINISTRY PRESENTS

THE NATIVITY OF JESUS CHRIST



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The Nativity of Jesus as Recounted by the Evangelists, St. Mathew and St. Luke.

Bible Texts : Luke Chapter 1 & 2, Matthew Chapter 1 & 2

SCENE ONE

THE ANNUNCIATION : THE ANGEL GABRIEL APPEARS TO MARY

1st Narrator :

In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a village in Galilee, to a virgin named Mary. She was engaged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of King David.

Angel Gabriel :

Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you: blessed are you among women

Angel Gabriel :

"Don't be afraid, Mary, "for you have found favor with God!

You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus.

He will be very great and will be called the Son of the Most High.

The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David.

And he will reign over Israel forever; his Kingdom will never end!"

Mary :

"But how can this happen? I am a virgin."

Angel Gabriel :

“The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you.

So the baby to be born will be holy, and he will be called the Son of God.

What's more, your cousin Elizabeth has become pregnant in her old age!

She has conceived a son and is now in her sixth month.

For with God nothing shall be impossible

Mary :

Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word

SCENE TWO

MARY MEETS ELIZABETH

2nd Narrator:

A few days later Mary hurried to the hill country of Judea, to the town where Zechariah lived. She entered the house and greeted Elizabeth. At the sound of Mary's greeting, Elizabeth's baby leaped within her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.

Elizabeth :

Mary, Blessed are you amongst women and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

Why am I so honored, that the mother of my Lord should visit me?

When I heard your greeting, the baby in my womb jumped for joy.

You are blessed because you believed that the Lord would do what he said.”

MARY'S MAGNIFICAT : SONGS OF PRAISE

Mary:

“Oh, how my soul praises the Lord.
How my spirit rejoices in God my Savior!
For he took notice of his lowly servant girl,
and from now on all generations will call me blessed.

Elizabeth:

For the Mighty One is holy,
and he has done great things for me.
He shows mercy from generation to generation
to all who fear him.

Mary:

His mighty arm has done tremendous things!
He has scattered the proud and haughty ones.
He has brought down princes from their thrones
and exalted the humble.

MARY'S MAGNIFICAT : SONGS OF PRAISE

Elizabeth:

He has filled the hungry with good things
and sent the rich away with empty hands.
He has helped his servant Israel
and remembered to be merciful.

Mary:

For he made this promise to our ancestors,
to Abraham and his children forever.”

SCENE THREE

ANGEL GABRIEL APPEARS TO JOSEPH

3rd Narrator :

All of this happened while Mary was engaged to be married to Joseph. But as we all know, before the marriage took place, Mary had become pregnant through the power of the Holy Spirit. Joseph, to whom she was engaged, was a righteous man and did not want to disgrace her publicly, so he decided to break the engagement quietly. Then the Angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream:

(Joseph is sleeping at this time)

Angel Gabriel :

“Joseph, son of David,” “do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife.

For the child within her was conceived by the Holy Spirit.

And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus,

For he will save his people from their sins.”

3rd Narrator :

Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying,

Behold, The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel, which means ‘God is with us.’”

Joseph :

(Joseph wakes up) Mary, the Angel of the Lord appeared to me in a dream. Do not be afraid. You will be my wife and I will stay with you until our child is born and we will name him Jesus.

SCENE FOUR

JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM AND FINDING OF THE ROOM

4th Narrator

At that time the Roman emperor, Augustus, decreed that a census should be taken throughout the Roman Empire. This was the first census taken when Quirinius was governor of Syria. All returned to their own ancestral towns to register for this census. And because Joseph was a descendant of King David, he had to go to Bethlehem in Judea, David's ancient home. He traveled there from the village of Nazareth in Galilee. He took with him Mary, to whom he was engaged, who was now expecting a child..

(**Joseph and Mary travelling to Bethlehem...**)

Joseph :

My wife is in labor and will have our child any time soon. Please give us a room to stay for the night (**While Mary cries in pain**)

1st InnKeeper :

There is no room in the inn. Go to the next Inn, you may find a room there.

2nd Innkeeper :

There is no room in the inn. Go to the next Inn, you may find a room there.

4th Narrator :

Joseph and Mary had no place to stay for their child to be born. There was no room for the Saviour of the world. There was no room for Jesus to be born!

3rd Innkeeper :

The only room left is where we keep the animals, a stable. You can stay there for the night.

(**Joyful at this news, Mary and Joseph, walk to the stable**)

4th Narrator :

Joseph and Mary used a manger as a makeshift crib for the Baby Jesus. And while they were there, the time came for her baby to be born, Mary gave birth to her firstborn son. Our Savior is born!!!!. Mary wrapped Baby Jesus snugly in swaddling clothes and laid him in the manger.

Joseph :

I name you Jesus, Emmanuel, God with us.

Joseph: As it is prophesied in Isaiah chapter 9:6

For unto us a Child is born,

Unto us a Son is given;

And the government will be upon Your shoulder.

And Your name will be called

Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God,

Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

(Joseph returns to be by Mary's side)

SCENE FIVE

THE SHEPHERDS WHO WATCH THEIR FLOCKS BY NIGHT VISIT JESUS

5th Narrator:

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

4th Angel Addresses the Shepherds :

“Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.

Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.

This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

Host of Angels join the Angel who greeted the Shepherds:

“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to people of good will.

Shepherds say to one another :

“Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.”

5th Narrator:

They hurried to the village and found Mary and Joseph. And there was the baby, lying in the manger. After seeing him, the shepherds told everyone what had happened and what the angel had said to them about this child. All who heard the shepherds' story were astonished, but Mary kept all these things in her heart and thought about them often.

Shepherds : **(The shepherds go back to their flocks)** We glorify and praise you God of all creation for all we had heard and seen. This is just as the angel had told us.

SCENE SIX

THE THREE WISE MEN VISIT JESUS

6th Narrator:

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came three wise men from the east to Jerusalem.

Three Wise Men :

Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him

Song to be sung by All : (Do you see what I see)

Said the night wind to the little lamb
Do you see what I see
Way up in the sky little lamb
Do you see what I see
A star, a star
Dancing in the night
With a tail as big as a kite
With a tail as big as a kite

6th Narrator :

When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also

6th Narrator:

So they hurried off and guided by the star they found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him they bowed down and worshipped him and presented gifts to the Baby Jesus.

First Wise Man :

We three kings of Orient are
Bearing gifts, we traverse afar

Second Wise Man:

Field and fountain

Third Wise Man

Moor and mountain

All Three Wise Men :

Following yonder star

First Wise Man:

Gold I bring to crown him again.
King forever, ceasing never.
Over us all to reign

Second Wise Man :

Frankincense to offer have I
Incense owns a deity nigh
Prayer and praising, all men raising
Worship God on high

Third Wise Man :

Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
breathes a life of gathering gloom;
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
sealed in the stone-cold tomb

All Join to sing the Chorus :

O star of wonder, star of light,
star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding,

guide us to thy perfect light.

Three Wise Men :

(Bow and Worship the Savior, who is born)

Angels and Actors and Youth :

(Bow and Worship the Savior, who is born)

All Proclaim Loudly :

Glory to God in the Highest and on Earth peace to people of
good will!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

CONCLUDING SONG :

CHRISTMAS CANON (PAUL ONEILL/PAUL F. ONEILL)

Merry Christmas
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Merry Christmas (The joy that he brings)
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This night we pray
Our lives will show
This dream he had
Each child still knows

This night we pray
Our lives will show

This dream he had
Each child still knows

This night we pray (We are..)
Our lives will show (waiting)
This dream he had (We have..)
Each child still knows (not forgotten)

On this night, on this night
On this very Christmas night
On this night, on this night
On this very Christmas night
On this night, on this night
On this very Christmas night
On this night, on this night
On this very Christmas night

THE END

**We wish you all a very Happy
and Blessed Christmas!**

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