



***A Virtual Christmas Pageant**

adapted/edited by Sally Tomasetti

December 24, 2020 at 4:00 pm

PRELUDES: Pastorale

John Finney, organ

Away in a Manger

Hills Bells Quintet Martha Stowell, Director

Lucy O'Mara, piano

J. S. Bach

arr. Sandra Eithun

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Emmanuel, God with us,
we gather from our homes and other places
to celebrate the birth of Jesus!
We give thanks for your birth so long ago
and for your presence with us always.
Your hope gives way to joy.
Your peace gives way to love.
We will not fear!
Our candles illuminate our story.
Our voices share the good news
that the light of the world has come!
Glory to God in the Highest
and on Earth, peace, goodwill to all. Amen.

CAROL: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (verses 1 & 2)

Hymns of Truth & Light (blue hymnal), #137

Mendelssohn

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

The Gooch Family

CAROL: O Little Town of Bethlehem (verses 1 & 3) *St. Louis*
Hymns of Truth & Light (blue hymnal), #151
Led by Emily Gauthier, Early Childhood Music Director for the Hills Church

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 1: 18-23

HOMILY: "Do Not Be Afraid! We Bring You Good News!" *Anne Marie*

PAGEANT

CAROL: Go Tell It on the Mountain *Go Tell It on the Mountain*
Hymns of Truth & Light (blue hymnal), #160
Guest soloist: Margaux Lebrón

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: Noël X *Louis-Claude Daquin*
John Finney, organ

Preaching: Rev. Anne Marie Holloway

Liturgists: Rev. Judy Swahnberg, Rev. Matt Wooster, Sally Tomasetti

Children's Ministry Director: Sally Tomasetti

Director of Music: John Finney

Soloists: Laurie Stewart Otten, Shannon Lebrón, Christian Figueroa, Garrett Murphy

Guest soloist for "O Little Town of Bethlehem":
Emily Gauthier, Early Childhood Music Director for the Hills Church

Guest soloists for "Go, Tell It on the Mountain": Margaux Lebrón, Stephen Lebrón

Hills Bells Quintet:
Chris Stowell, Katie Stowell, Martha Stowell (Director), Elaine Vildzius, Libby Zobel
Lucy O'Mara, (piano)

2020 Hills Church Virtual Christmas Pageant Cast

Complete Cast List

Mother and Child- Anne Marie and Liam H
Mary- Julie S
Angel Gabe- Kathryn B
Elizabeth- Neely D
Joseph- David S
Baby Jesus- Porter S
Innkeeper- Nick S
Dream Angel (to Joe)- Henry A
Caesar- Mark F
Crowd- Sally T
Shepherds- Marie and Peter L
Sheep- Ben and Adam O, Ethan and Clara B, Nicholas B, Grant B, Charlie L, and Cate L
Cow- Kitson S
The Angel Messengers (to Shepherds)- Julia A, Faith H, Britta S, Lehne B, and Vickie B
Star- Matt and Betsy W
Magi- Sophia, Ally, and Gabriella G
Sign holder- Emily G
King Herod- Colin H
People welcoming to Bethlehem- Judy S, and Carl N
Mary's last word- Angela B, Julie S, Kristen T, Sandy M, and Vickie B

Music Credits

Joy to the World- John F
Hark the Herald Angels sing- Anna T
Silent Night- Hills Children's Choir Christmas Concert 2015
Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star- Vintage Emily T

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Script adapted and video edited by Sally Tomasetti

Thank you to everyone who made this virtual pageant possible. There were so many of you involved in this project. Thank you to the Actors, @ home costume designers, backyard set designers, cue card holders, and smartphone camera operators. You have lifted our hearts with your talents and sharing spirits. Thank you.

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born King;
 2. Christ, by high - est heaven a-dored, Christ, the ev - er last - ing Lord!
 3. Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Right-eous-ness!

peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"
 Late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the vir - gin's womb.
 Light and life to all he brings, risen with heal - ing in his wings.

Joy - ful all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;
 Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail the in-car-nate De - i - ty,
 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

with the an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
 pleased on earth with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em-man-u - el.
 born to raise all souls on earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

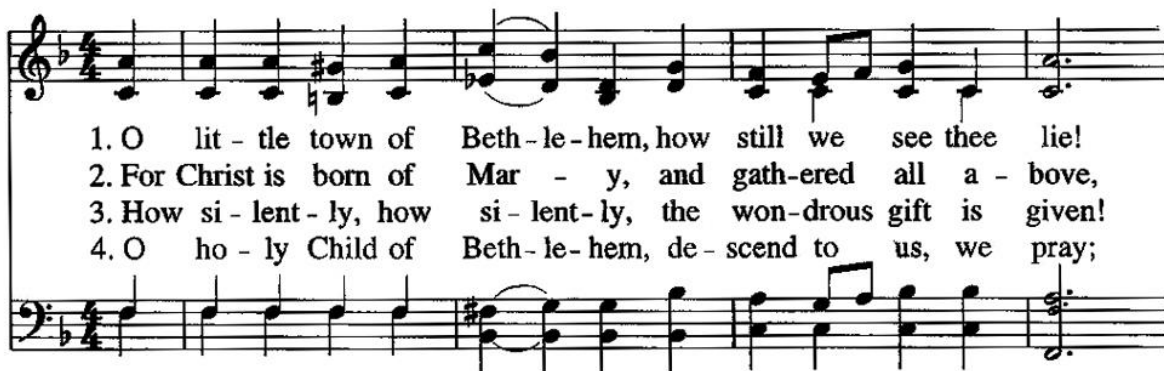
Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born King!"

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1739, alt.
 MUSIC: Felix Mendelssohn, 1840; arr. William H. Cummings, 1855

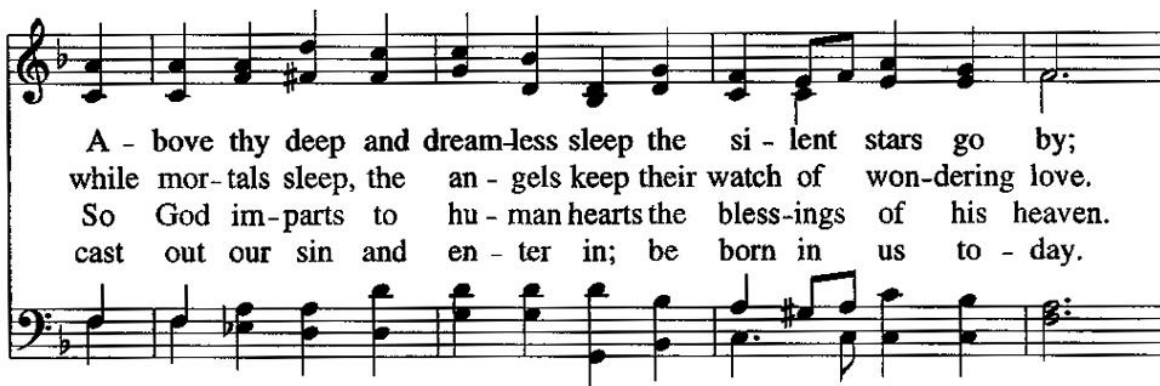
MENDELSSOHN
 77.77D, w. refrain

Charles Wesley's original first line was 'Hark how all the welkin
 rings!' English evangelist George Whitefield revised that in 1743.

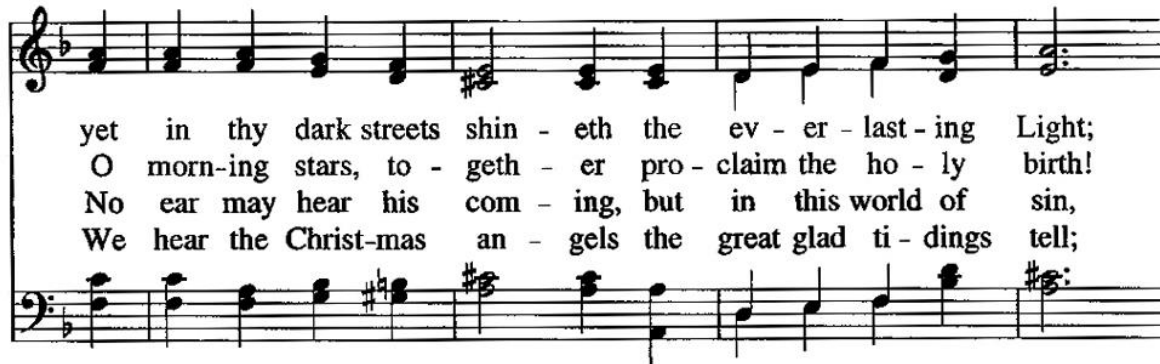
O Little Town of Bethlehem



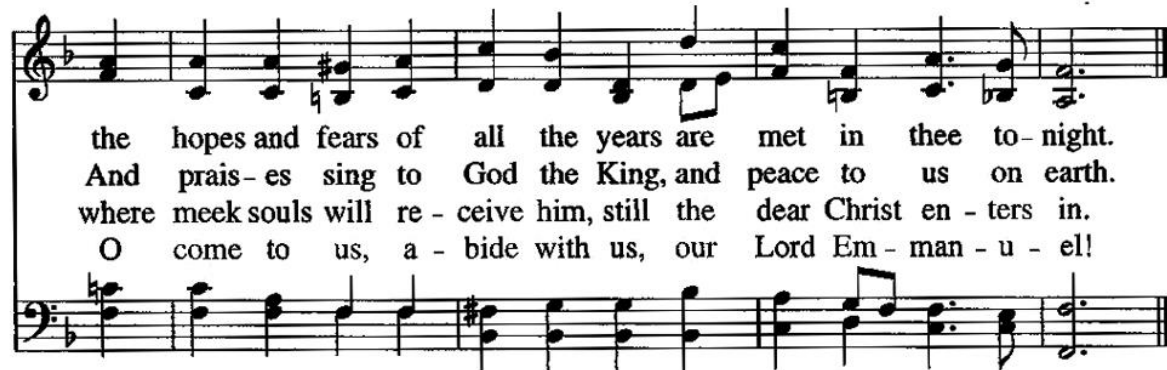
1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!
 2. For Christ is born of Mar - y, and gath - ered all a - bove,
 3. How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is given!
 4. O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;



A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep the si - lent stars go by;
 while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - dering love.
 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heaven.
 cast out our sin and en - ter in; be born in us to - day.



yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing Light;
 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth!
 No ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin,
 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad ti - dings tell;



the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
 And prais - es sing to God the King, and peace to us on earth.
 where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.
 O come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el!

WORDS: Phillips Brooks, 1868, alt.
 MUSIC: Lewis H. Redner, 1868

ST. LOUIS
 86.86.76.86

Brooks, American Anglican prelate, wrote these words for the children of his Sunday school after visiting the Holy Land in 1866.

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

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Refrain

Go, tell it on the moun - tain, o - ver the hills and ev - ery - where;

Fine

go, tell it on the moun - tain, that Je - sus Christ is born!

1. While shep - herds kept their watch - ing o'er si - lent flocks by night, be -
 2. The shep - herds feared and trem - bled when lo! a - bove the earth rang
 3. Down in a low - ly man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born, and

to Refrain

hold through - out the heav - ens there shone a ho - ly light.
 out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.
 God sent us sal - va - tion that bless - ed Christ - mas morn.

WORDS: Stanzas, John W. Work II, 1907; refrain, African - American spiritual
 MUSIC: African-American spiritual, arr. John W. Work III, 1940

GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN
 76.76 w. refrain

John Wesley Work II added the present stanzas to an existing refrain. Work was a leader in the effort to study, preserve and perform African-American slave songs and spirituals.

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