



A few words from Stefanie about today's worship service...

Welcome to everyone as we celebrate the third Sunday of Advent and consider what it means to speak with love. Many people have contributed to this morning's Christmas pageant worship service. I was excited to find the music among the pieces done here at Peace many years ago, a cantata by Allen Pote called "Sing We All Noel." Over the past couple of months the kids have been learning music and sharing their own ideas about what should be in the pageant. With the help of caring adults, the Confirmation students also added elements that

encourage their own connection to the story of Christ's birth. This has truly been a collaborative effort and I am so grateful for everyone who has given of their time and talents. May you be blessed by our presentation.

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN
ALL SING:

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

ELW 270

1) Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn king;
peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled."
Joyful, all you nations, rise;
join the triumph of the skies;
with angelic hosts proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Refrain:

Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn king!"

2) Christ, by highest heav'n adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come,
offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see!
Hail, incarnate deity!
Pleased as man with us to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel! *Refrain*

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

ONE: On this third Sunday of Advent, we add a candle and remind ourselves to speak with love.

MANY: We have been waiting. We have been listening. We have been looking for love.

ONE: God gave us mouths to speak the gospel; let us spread the good news this Advent season! Let us teach and admonish one another in all wisdom, loving each other through the words that we say.

MANY: Jesus is born in our speaking. Above all things may we put on love, which holds all things together.

ONE: Let us pause now to open our hearts and listen for love.

(we light two blue candles and the pink candle)

ONE: With gratitude in our hearts may we sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.

MANY: Open our ears to Christmas. AMEN

HYMN OF LIGHT

Love Has Come

ELW 292

MANY:



1. Love will come a light in the dark - ness! Love shines forth in the
3. Love will come and ne - ver will leave us! Love is life ev - er -



Beth - le - hem skies. See, all heav - en has come to pro - claim it;
last - ing and free. Love is Je - sus with - in and a - mong us.



hear how their song of joy a - ris - es: Love! Love! Born un - to
Love is the peace our hearts are seek - ing. Love! Love! Love is the



you, a Sa - vior! Love! Love! Glo - ry to God on high.
gift of Christ - mas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

Sing We All Noel

*In the spirit of worship, please hold your applause until the conclusion of the pageant,
when we will express our appreciation for the ministry provided today.*

SONG

I. Sing We All Noel

*Sing we all noel, noel,
Jesus is born the Son of Mary.
Sing we all Noel, Noel,
Let us rejoice and sing his glory.*

*Celebrate the gladsome birth,
Spread the tidings yonder.
Sing of love throughout the earth,
tell of joy and wonder.*

*Good news, good news,
Jesus is born, the Son of Mary.
Good news, good news,
Let us rejoice and sing his glory.*

*Christ is Born!
Noel!*

SCENE 1: *The Angel visits Mary*

SCENE 2: *God With Us, Together in Friendship, Together in Love*
*Mary's cousin Elizabeth is talking with her friends Zoe and JoAnna**

SONG

II. A Christmas Chant

*Ring the bells! Bring the gifts!
Happy birthday! Happy birthday! Happy birthday to our Lord!*

Listen! Look! Speak! Care!

*Listen for love!
Look for love!
Speak with love!
Care with love!*

*Jesus is born in our listening,
Jesus is born in our looking,
Jesus is born in our speaking,
Jesus is born in our caring.*

SCENE 3: *Together in Love, A New Baby to Love*
Strangers arrive at Bethlehem's marketplace

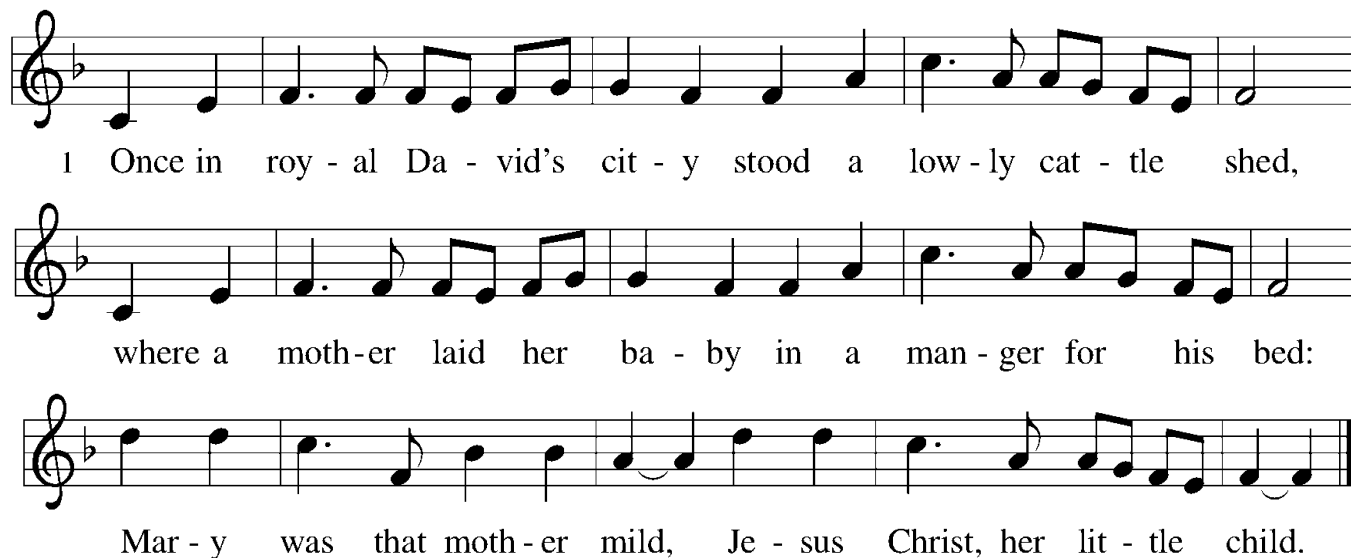
SCENE 4: *No Room At the Inn*

HYMN

Once in Royal David's City

ELW 269

MANY:



1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y stood a low - ly cat - tle shed,
where a moth - er laid her ba - by in a man - ger for his bed:
Mar - y was that moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ, her lit - tle child.

SCENE 5: *The Angels visit the Shepherds*

MUSIC

III. The Pealing of the Bells

SONG

IV. A Christmas Prayer

*Open my eyes to Christmas, give me the sight to see
How your love lives in each one of us, how you always care for me.*

*Open my heart to Christmas, give me the sense to feel
All the wonder of your miracle, may I know your love is real.*

*Born in a stable on a cold wintry night,
Your Bethlehem Baby was born for us all
to show us your truth and light.*

*Open my heart to Christmas, give me the sense to feel
All the wonder of your miracle, may I know your love is real.*

SONG

V. Gifts

Celebrating is to give thanks to God for all who live.
From within we humbly pray, thanks we give today.

Gloria in excelsis deo.

Celebrating is to share, showing others how we care.
Helping them along their way, love we give today.

Gloria in excelsis deo.

SCENE 6: *The Shepherds Visit Jesus*

SONG

VI. Clap your hands!

*Clap your hands!
Tap your feet!
Listen to the rhythm,
Feel the beat!*

*Sing Alleluia, sing it loud and clear.
Sing Alleluia, Christmas time is here!*

*Dance to the music,
celebrate the song.
Come join the caroling
as we go along.*

*Find the joy of giving
in everything you do.
Then that special feeling
will be a part of you.*

SCENE 7: *The Magi Visit Jesus*

SONG

VII. Sing We All Noel

SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

ONE: The peace of Christ be with you all.

MANY: And also with you.

ONE: Let us share a sign of God's peace with one another.

OFFERING

Coventry Carol

Trad. English carol,
arr. Faber

Joy to the World

G.F. Handel,
arr. Faber

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ONE: Let us pray, God of all times and spaces, you give your love to us through your Son, Jesus Christ. Emmanuel, God in a human body shows us what **“together in love”** looks like...

We **look** with love upon all your creation and seek to work in harmony for the good of all.

We **listen** for your justice to come like mighty waters and righteousness like an everflowing stream.

We **care** for our own soul, body and mind, knowing that self care isn't selfish.

We **speak** with love for those in need of healing in body, mind or spirit, and name them now in our hearts and out loud...

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

MANY: AMEN

PRAYER JESUS TAUGHT US

ONE: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us,

**MANY: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. AMEN**

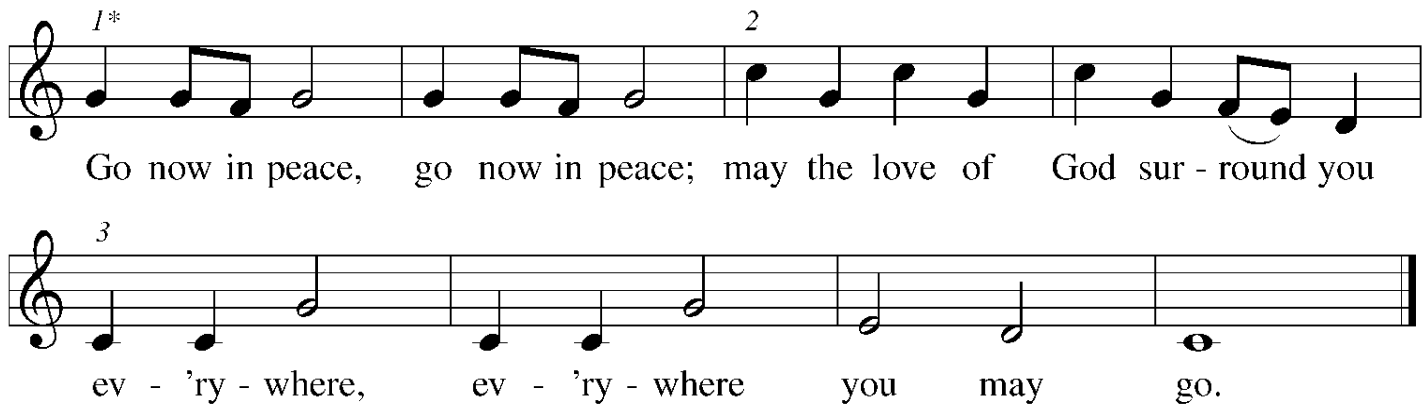
BENEDICTION SONG

1st time: KIDS

2nd time: ALL

Go Now in Peace

Natalie Sleeth



ALL SING:*Refrain*

Go tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and ev'rywhere;
go tell it on the mountain
that Jesus Christ is born!

1) While shepherds kept their watching
o'er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens
there shone a holy light. *Refrain*

2) The shepherds feared and trembled
when, lo, above the earth
rang out the angel chorus
that hailed our Savior's birth. *Refrain*

3) Down in a lonely manger
the humble Christ was born;
and God sent us salvation
that blessed Christmas morn. *Refrain*

DISMISSAL

ONE: Go in peace, speak with LOVE.

MANY: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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Bob Samuelson & Jason Tofteland



CAST & CREW (in order of appearance)

Stefanie Fiser Kleven, Minister of Music

NARRATOR 1	Janelle Leppa	NARRATOR 5	David Kleppe
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		MAGUS 3	Ian Bonow
JOANNA, friend of Mary*	Mirah Lukis		
ZOE, friend of Mary*	Eleanor Ferris		
ELIZABETH, cousin of Mary	Sylvi Leppa		

**Zoe and JoAnna are fictional characters*

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Ian Bonow
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Kristen Reeves
Sadie Tofteland

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Sylvi Leppa
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Greta Nelson

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~ join us for our upcoming worship services ~

Sunday, December 19, 9am

Music Festival

“A Child is Born

Friday, December 24, 4pm

Christmas Eve

Worship with Holy Communion