

(choir singing) ♪ Truly He taught us to love one another ♪ ♪ His law is love and his gospel is peace ♪ ♪ Chains shall be broken ♪ ♪ For the slave is our brother ♪ ♪ And in His name all oppression shall cease ♪ ♪ Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we ♪ ♪ Let all within us praise His holy name ♪ ♪ Christ is the Lord ♪ ♪ Ever, ever praise we ♪ ♪ His power and glory ♪ ♪ Evermore proclaim ♪ ♪ His power and glory ♪ ♪ Evermore proclaim ♪ ♪ Christ is the Lord ♪ ♪ Ever, ever praise we ♪ ♪ His power and glory ♪ ♪ Evermore proclaim ♪ ♪ His power and glory ♪ ♪ Evermore proclaim ♪

- And there shall come forth from a shoot out of the stock of Jesse. And a branch out of his root shall bear fruit. And the spirit of Jehova shall rest upon him. The spirit of wisdom and understanding. The spirit of counsel and might. The spirit of knowledge and of the fear of Jehova. And his delight shall be in the fear of Jehova. And he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes. Neither decide after the hearing of his ears, but with righteousness shall he judge the poor and decide with equity for the meek of the earth. And he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth. And with the breath of his lips, shall he slay the wicked. And righteousness shall be the girdle of his waist. And faithfulness, the girdle of his loins. The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light. They that dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, upon them the light shined. Thou hast multiplied the nation. Thou has increased their joy. They joy before thee according to the joy of harvest as men rejoiced when they divide the spore. For the yoke of his burden the staff of his shoulder, the rod of his oppression, thou has broken as if in the day of Midian. For unto us a child is born. Unto us a son is given. And the government shall be upon his shoulder. And his name shall be called wonderful counselor. Mighty God. Everlasting Father. Prince of peace. Of the increase that is government and of peace, there shall be no end. Upon the throne of David and upon his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from henceforth, even forever. The zeal of Jehova of hosts will perform this. (soft music) ♪ O come, o come Emmanuel ♪ ♪ To free your captive Israel ♪ ♪ That mourns in lonely exile here ♪ ♪ Until the Son of God appear ♪ ♪ Rejoice, rejoice Emmanuel ♪ ♪ Shall come to thee o Israel ♪ (choir singing foreign language) ♪ Rejoice, rejoice Emmanuel ♪ ♪ Shall come to thee o Israel ♪ (choir singing) ♪ Rejoice, rejoice Emmanuel ♪ ♪ Shall come to thee o Israel ♪

- The angel Gabriel visits the blessed virgin Mary. And in the sixth month the angel, Gabriel, was sent from God into a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. And the angel came to her and said, hail, thou art highly favored. The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women. And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. And the angel said unto her, fear not, Mary, for thou hast found favor with God. And behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb and bring forth a son and shall call his name Jesus. He shall be great and shall be called the son of the highest. And the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father, David. And he shall reign over the house of Jacob forever. And of his kingdom, there shall be no end. Then Mary said unto the angel, how shall this be, seeing I know not a man? And the angel answered and said unto her, the Holy Ghost shall come upon thee. And the power of the highest shall overshadow thee. Therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be

called son of God. And Mary said, behold the handmaid of the Lord. Be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her. Thanks be to God. (soft music) (choir singing foreign language)

- The blessed virgin Mary rejoices before God. And Mary arose in those days and went into the hill country with haste, into a city of Judah. And entered into the house of Zacharias and saluted Elizabeth. And it came to pass that when Elizabeth heard this salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost. And she spake out with a loud voice and said, blessed art thou among women. And blessed is the fruit of thy womb. And when says this to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For lo, as soon as the voice of thy salutation sounded in my ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy. And blessed is she that believed, for there shall be a performance of those things which were told her from the Lord. And Mary said, my soul doth magnify the Lord. And my spirit hath rejoiced in God, my savior. For He hath regarded the low estate of His handmaiden. For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For He that is mighty hath done to me great things, and holy is His name. And His mercy is on them that fear Him from generation to generation. He hath showed strength with His arm. He hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seats, and exalted them of low degree. He hath filled the hungry with good things. And the rich, he hath sent empty away. He hath hope in his servant, Israel, in remembrance of His mercy as He spake to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed forever. Thanks be to God. (soft music) (choir singing)

- Saint Matthew tells of Christ's nativity. Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise, when as his mother, Mary, was espoused to Joseph before they came together she was found to be with child of the Holy Ghost. Then Joseph, her husband, being a just man and not willing to make her a public example was minded to put her away privily. But while he thought on these things, behold the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife. For that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son. And thou shalt call his name Jesus. For He shall save His people from their sins. Now all this was done that it might be fulfilled, which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet. Saying behold a virgin shall be with child and shall bring forth a son. And they shall call His name Emmanuel. Which being interpreted is God with us. Thanks be to God. (choir singing)

- The shepherds go unto the manger. And there were, in the same country, shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them and the glory of the Lord shown round about them. And they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, fear not for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a savior which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you. Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly, there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, glory to God in the highest. And on earth, peace, good will toward men. And it came to pass as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, let us now go even under Bethlehem and see this thing which has come to pass, which the Lord hath made known to us. And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph and the babe lying in a manger. Thanks be to God. ♪ Angels we have heard on high ♪ ♪ Sweetly singing o'er the plains ♪ ♪ And the mountains in reply ♪ ♪ Echoing their joyous strains ♪ ♪ Gloria ♪ ♪ In excelsis Deo ♪ ♪ Gloria ♪ ♪ In excelsis Deo ♪ ♪ Shepherds, why

this jubilee ♪ ♪ Why your joyous strains prolong ♪ ♪ What the gladsome tidings be ♪ ♪ Which inspire your heavenly song ♪ ♪ Gloria ♪ ♪ In excelsis Deo ♪ ♪ Gloria ♪ ♪ In excelsis Deo ♪ ♪ Come to Bethlehem and see ♪ ♪ Him whose birth the angels sing ♪ ♪ Come, adore on bended knee ♪ ♪ Christ the Lord, the newborn King ♪ ♪ Gloria ♪ ♪ In excelsis Deo ♪ ♪ Gloria ♪ ♪ In excelsis Deo ♪ ♪ See Him in a manger laid ♪ ♪ Whom the choirs of angels praise ♪ ♪ Mary, Joseph, lend your aid ♪ ♪ While our hearts in love we raise ♪ ♪ Gloria ♪ ♪ In excelsis Deo ♪ ♪ Gloria ♪ ♪ In excelsis Deo ♪

- The wise men are led by the star to Jesus. Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem saying, where is he that is born king of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the east and have come to worship him. When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled and all Jerusalem with him. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where the Christ should be born. And they said unto him, in Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophet. And thou Bethlehem in the land of Judea are not the least among the princes of Judah. For out of these shall come a governor that shall rule my people, Israel. Then Herod, when he had primally called the wise men, inquired of them diligently what time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, go and search diligently for the young child. And when you have found him, bring me word again that I may come and worship him also. When they had heard the king, they departed. And lo, the star which they saw in the east went before them. 'Til it came and stood over where the young child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And when they were coming to the house, they saw the young child with Mary, his mother. And fell down and worshiped him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented him with gifts. Gold and frankincense and myrrh. Thanks be to God. (soft music) ♪ The first Noel the angels did say ♪ ♪ Was to certain poor shepherds ♪ ♪ In fields as they lay ♪ ♪ In fields where they lay keeping their sheep ♪ ♪ On a cold winter's night that was so deep ♪ ♪ Noel, Noel ♪ ♪ Noel, Noel ♪ ♪ Born is the king of Israel ♪ ♪ They looked up and saw a star ♪ ♪ Shining in the East beyond them far ♪ ♪ And to the earth it gave great light ♪ ♪ And so it continued both day and night ♪ ♪ Noel, Noel ♪ ♪ Noel, Noel ♪ ♪ Born is the king of Israel ♪ ♪ And by the light of that same star ♪ ♪ Three Wise men came from country far ♪ ♪ To seek for a King was their intent ♪ ♪ And to follow the star wherever it went ♪ ♪ Noel, Noel ♪ ♪ Noel, Noel ♪ ♪ Born is the king of Israel ♪ ♪ This star drew nigh to the northwest ♪ ♪ O'er Bethlehem it took its rest ♪ ♪ And there it did both stop and stay ♪ ♪ Right o'er the place where Jesus lay ♪ ♪ Noel, Noel ♪ ♪ Noel, Noel ♪ ♪ Born is the king of Israel ♪ ♪ Then entered in those Wise men three ♪ ♪ Fell reverently upon their knee ♪ ♪ And offered there in His presence ♪ ♪ Their gold and myrrh and frankincense ♪ ♪ Noel, Noel ♪ ♪ Noel, Noel ♪ ♪ Born is the king of Israel ♪

- Saint John unfolds the great mystery of the incarnation. In the beginning was the Word. And the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him. And without Him, was not anything made that was made. In Him was life. And the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness, and the darkness comprehended it, not. There was a man sent from God whose name was John. The same came for a witness to bear witness of the light that all men through him might believe. He was not that light. But was sent to bear witness of that light. That was the true light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world and the world was made by Him, and the world knew Him not. He came unto his own. And his own received him not. But as many as received him to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name. Which were born

not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man. But of God. And the Word was made flesh. And dwelt among us. And we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father. Full of grace and truth. Thanks be to God. ♪ Hallelujah ♪ ♪ Hallelujah ♪ ♪ Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah ♪ ♪ Hallelujah ♪ Hallelujah ♪ ♪ Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah ♪ (choir singing) ♪ Hallelujah ♪ ♪ Hallelujah ♪ ♪ Hallelujah ♪ ♪ Hallelujah ♪ (choir singing) ♪ Hallelujah ♪ ♪ Hallelujah ♪ ♪ Hallelujah ♪ (choir singing) ♪ Joy to the world the Lord is come ♪ ♪ Let earth receive her king ♪ ♪ Let every heart ♪ ♪ Prepare him room ♪ ♪ And heaven and nature sing ♪ ♪ And heaven and nature sing ♪ ♪ And heaven and heaven and nature sing ♪ ♪ Joy to the world, the savior reigns ♪ ♪ Let men their songs employ ♪ ♪ While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains ♪ ♪ Repeat the sounding joy ♪ ♪ Repeat the sounding joy ♪ ♪ Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy ♪ ♪ No more let sins and sorrows grow ♪ ♪ Nor thorns infest the ground ♪ ♪ He comes to make His blessings flow ♪ ♪ Far as the curse is found ♪ ♪ Far as the curse is found ♪ ♪ Far as, far as the curse is found ♪ ♪ He rules the world with truth and grace ♪ ♪ And makes the nations prove ♪ ♪ The glories of His righteousness ♪ ♪ And wonders of His love ♪ ♪ And wonders of His love ♪ ♪ And wonders, wonders of His love ♪ ("Silent Night")