

The Christmas Story (Luke 2:1-19)



(Main lights on)

Congregation sings: It Came Upon a Midnight Clear (verse one)

(Main lights off; stage lights on)

Narrator#1: And it came to pass in those days that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.

And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

(Soft piano background: Silent Night until Away in a Manger)

(Mary & Joseph enter from SR to stage and kneel)

Narrator#2: And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; because he was of the house and lineage of David.

To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

Narrator #1: And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

Children's choir: Away in a Manger (2 verses)

(piano plays as choir exits; shepherds enter from SL)

Narrator#2: 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 shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them...

Narrator #1: 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 Saviour, 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.

(Start soft piano and increase volume : Hark the Herald Angels Sing)

Narrator#2: And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying...

Narrators # 1&2: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace... good will toward men!

(Main lights on)

Congregation: Hark the Herald Angels Sing (verse one)

(Main lights off; Stage lights on) (shepherds join manger scene)

Narrator#2: 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 unto Bethlehem, and see the thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

Letha: One Small Babe

Narrator#2: And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart. *(Main lights on low)*

Congregation: What Child is This? (1st and 3rd verses)