

Joy to the World

A Children's Christmas Service for All Ages

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Note to Director: See Leader Notes for additional helps for staging and preparing children for this service.

The Processional Hymn: Angels from the Realms of Glory

LSB 367

Congregation:

Angels from the realms of glory,
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story,
Now proclaim Messiah's birth.

Refrain—All:

Come and worship, come and worship;
Worship Christ, the newborn King.

Women:

Shepherds in the field abiding,
Watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing,
Yonder shines the Infant Light. *Refrain*

Men:

Sages, leave your contemplations,
Brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great Desire of nations,
Ye have seen His natal star. *Refrain*

Congregation:

Saints before the altar bending,
Watching long in hope and fear,
Suddenly the Lord, descending,
In His temple shall appear. *Refrain*

All creation, join in praising
God the Father, Spirit, Son,
Evermore your voices raising
To th' eternal Three in One. *Refrain*

The Invocation

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Responsive Reading

Leader: The Lord is come!

People: Joy to the world!

Leader: The Savior reigns.

People: Joy to the world!

Leader: Let earth receive her King!

People: Joy to the world!

Hymn: O Come, All Ye Faithful

LSB 379:1, 3

O come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant!
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold Him
Born the king of angels:

Refrain:

O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God
In the highest: *Refrain*

The Christmas Meditation

The pastor may offer a brief meditation or use the Children's Message for this service.

Offering