

# Christmas Nativity Program

Show Low 1<sup>st</sup> Ward Christmas Party, December 11, 2002

**Cast:** *Narrator*

*Children dressed as Mary, Joseph, shepherds, angel, and wise men*

*Primary choir*

*YW choir*

*YM choir*

**Narrator:** 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 all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem (because he was of the house and lineage of David).

**Song:** *O Little Town of Bethlehem* (vs. 1-2) hymn 208 (YW choir)

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

**Song:** *Once Within a Lowly Stable* (vs. 1) CSB, p. 41 (Primary Choir)

**Narrator:** And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flocks 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, Fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be unto 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.

Song: *Hark the Herald Angels Sing* (vs. 1) hymn 209 (YM/YW choir)

**Narrator:** 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 this 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. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

Song: *Stars Were Gleaming* (vs. 1) CSB, p. 37 (Primary choir)

**Narrator:** 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 are come to worship him. And lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till 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 come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him; and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Song: *With Wondering Awe* (vs. 1) hymn 210 (YM choir)

**Narrator:** And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

Song: *Picture a Christmas* (vs. 1-2) CSB, p. 50 (all YM/YW/Primary choir)

Song: *Silent Night* (all verses) hymn 204 (congregation)