

Welcome to our Christmas Eve Pageant Finding your voice



7:00 pm,
Tuesday 24th December 2021

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Welcome

Acknowledgement of Country

Opening Prayer

SONG: **Gabriel's message**, TiS 302

1. The angel Gabriel from heaven came,
his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;
'All hail,' said he, 'thou lowly maiden Mary,
most highly favoured lady, Gloria!
2. 'for known a blessed Mother thou shalt be,
all generations laud and honour thee,
thy Son shall be Immanuel, by seers foretold;
most highly favoured lady.' Gloria!
3. Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head,
'To me be as it pleaseth God,' she said,
'my soul shall laud and magnify his holy name':
most highly favoured lady, Gloria!
4. of her, Immanuel, the Christ was born
in Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,
and Christian folk throughout the world will ever say
'most highly favoured lady'. Gloria!

Gospel Reading: **Luke 1:5-10**

SCENE 1

SONG: A voice is heard

Chorus: *Come let us praise our God,
Come let us sing for joy,
With a heart of thanks we give honour
You are a mighty God,
You are the source of life
Creator God we give praise*

1. From the deepest seas (*a voice is heard*)
From the highest hills (*a voice is heard*)
From the rich dark earth (*a voice is heard*)
All creation sings! God is heard! **Chorus:**

2. Through the darkest night (*a voice is heard*)
Through the breaking dawn (*a voice is heard*)
Through the heart of life (*a voice is heard*)
All creation sings! God is heard! **Chorus:**

Gospel Reading: **Luke 1:24-27**

Scene 2

Gospel Reading: **Luke 1:39-41**

Scene 3

CHOIR: **Mary & Elizabeth's Song**, Dee Gorman

Scene 4

Gospel Reading: **Luke 1:57-62**

Scene 5

SONG: **Hark the herald angels sing** (TiS 303)

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 the angelic host proclaim, 'Christ is born in Bethlehem.'

Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the new-born king.

2. Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come, offspring of a virgin's womb!
veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate Deity!
Pleased in human flesh to dwell, Jesus, our Immanuel. (*Refrain*)

3. Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!

Hail the Sun of Righteousness!

Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.

Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,

born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth. (*Refrain*)

Scene 6

SONG: **Angels from the realms of glory** (TiS 309)

Angels, from the realms of glory,

 wing your flight over all the earth;

you who sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth:

come and worship Christ, the newborn King,

come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

Shepherds, in the field abiding, watching o'er the flocks by night,
God with us is now residing; yonder shines the infant Light:

Though an infant now we view him, he shall fill his Father's throne,
gather all the nations to him: every knee shall then bow down:

Scene 7

Gospel Reading: **Luke 2:15b-21**

Scene 8

SONG: **Joy to the world** (TiS 268)

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 Saviour reigns; let us our songs employ;
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains

 repeat the sounding joy,

repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

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.

Christmas Blessing

CHOIR: **Amen, Go Tell It**

Finding Your Voice

written by Caitlin Mullen-Beagley
with the cast

Cast

Minister:	Ian Ferguson	Trainee Angel #2:	Lillian Sanders
CYYA Pastor:	Dave Hall	Trainee Angel #3:	Imogen Lees
		Trainee Angel #4:	Clementine Loynd
Cast (in order of appearance)			
Zechariah:	Hoth Beny	Wise One #1:	Anya Kvensakul
Angel G:	Greta Drimmel	Wise One #2:	Matilda Brown
Elizabeth:	Susannah Denholm	Wise One #3:	Amelie Brown
Mary:	Clara Hall		
		Bell Ringer:	Samuel Hall
Voice of Jesus:	Hudson Coath		
Voice of John:	Charlotte Lee	Acknowledgement of Country	
Joseph:	Rowan Drimmel		Eleanor Lees
		Bible readers:	Patrick Hall
Shepherd Emma:	Harriet Loynd		Owen Parris
Shepherd Anthony:	Tameka Brown		Sam Coath
Shepherd Jeff:	Ruby Sanders		Meg McClintock
Shepherd Murray:	Amelie Brown		Samuel Hall

Music

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CHOIR ITEMS

Mary & Elizabeth's Song,
Composed by Dee Gorman,
Arranged by Joan Saxbury and later Ryan
Marvel. Used with permission

Elaine Potter discovered this song in a Youtube post from Tinmath Presbyterian Church, Colorado, USA. The recording was the debut performance of the song performed by Leann Starlin at their 2010 Christmas Eve service. The song was perfect for our pageant.

After initial attempts to contact Dee Gorman to request permission to use the song and access the music Saide Cameron sent an email to Tinmath PC. On 5th November we received the sad news that Dee had recently passed away. Tinmath PC passed our request on to Joan who then shared our request with Pastor Ken Gorman, Dee's husband. Ken replied *'I'm sure that Dee would be honoured to have this piece included in your Christmas Eve Pageant'*. Ken contacted Ryan Marvel who

provided us with the music for the song, also giving us permission.

We dedicate our recording of **'Mary & Elizabeth's Song'** in memory of Dee Gorman and offer our thanks to Pastor Ken Gorman, Joan Saxbury, Ryan Marvel and Tinmath Presbyterian Church for both giving us permission to record the song and for making it possible.



Amen, Go Tell It, arranged by Mary McDonald, Traditional Spirituals,
sold to Elaine Potter by J. W. Pepper & Son Inc.

Goin' to Bethlehem, by Jay Althouse, sold to Elaine Potter by J. W. Pepper & Son Inc.

Artwork and Images:

Elizabeth and Mary artwork: Soo Lai Yin (Ann), photographed by Ian Ferguson

Ultrasound Jesus and John: <https://community.whattoexpect.com/forums/august-2019-babies/topic/ultrasound-pic13-weeks-75565904.html>

Baby Jesus image: <https://www.babycentre.co.uk/a25011815/arabic-baby-names-on-the-rise>

Baby John image: <https://www.verywellfamily.com/arabic-baby-names-5120234>

Writer & Director: Caitlin Mullen-Beagley
 Assistant Director: Tess Alston
 Production Team: Dave Hall
 Saide Cameron
 Ian Ferguson
 Stage Hand: Patrick Hall
 Sound: Mal Rowe
 Shawn Whelan
 Laptop Operator: Jamie Thom
 Livestream Operator: Ray Cameron
 Visuals & Videos: Dave Hall
 Photography: Ian Ferguson
 Catering: Matthew Cameron
 Saide Cameron
 Maggie Haines
 Lydia Jacka
 Alistair Hunter
 A Little Room for Icecream

Crew

Front of House: Kirsty Bennett
 Julie McKinnon
 Virtual Choir Director: Elaine Potter
 1. Goin' to Bethlehem,
 mixed by Julia Potter
 2. Mary & Elizabeth's song,
 mixed by Shawn Whelan
 3. Amen Go Tell It,
 mixed by Shawn Whelan
 Vocalists: Saide Cameron (1,2,3),
 Ian Ferguson, (1,2,3), Jessica
 Kvensakul (1,2,3), Catherine Leslie
 (1,2,3), Jason Minator (3),
 Elaine Potter (1,2,3), Kate Scull (1),
 Natalie Sims (1,2,3), Geoff Thompson
 (1), Amelia Ware (2,3),
 Shawn Whelan (1,2,3)
 Musical Director: Natalie Sims
 Pageant Musicians: Glenice Cook
 Michael Cameron
 Mikul Denison
 Fergus Moorhouse
 Shawn Whelan



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 in the Gathering Space.

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We support the Act for Peace ecumenical Christmas Bowl Appeal which funds a wide variety of projects:

- Bringing hope to Indonesian families facing disaster
- Bringing peace to children in Gaza
- Finding joy in times of COVID-19 for Sri Lankan families seeking to return home
- Sharing God's love with Syrian families
- Bringing light to the lives of Ethiopia's refugees

<http://www.actforpeace.org.au/Christmas-Bowl>

Christmas worship continues ...

Worship by candlelight, 11:30pm

Music, readings and prayers by candlelight

Christmas Day, 9:30am

We celebrate the birth of Christ

Sunday 26th December

Please note that there will not be a formal service on this date

We seek to be an inclusive and engaged community offering worship, music, programs for people of all ages, a food co-op, outreach and social activities.

You are always welcome to drop in.

We acknowledge that we worship, work, laugh and play on the traditional lands of the Kulin nations.

We worship on Sundays throughout the year, 9:30am

Rev. Ian Ferguson, 0438 547 842

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Peter Blair (Olive Way Pastor), 0431 193 810

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