

Infant King

A Celebration of the Christ Child
in Scripture, Story, & Song

by Ken Bible

Script

SONGS: *Before the Starry Universe* (Congregation; or Solo on verses and
Congregation on refrain)
God Is with Us! Alleluia! (Congregation)

Before the Starry Universe

TUNE: God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen
Ephesians 1:3-4

$\text{♩} = 56$

Dm Dm $\frac{A}{C\#}$ A7 Dm Am7 B \flat F B \flat A Dm $\frac{Gm}{B\flat}$ A Dm

1. Be - fore the star - ry u - ni - verse There reigned the great I Am. This
2. The crea - ture knew his Mak - er, but In pride he turned a - way. He
3. But God re - fused to turn a - way, So driv - en by His love. He

Dm $\frac{A}{C\#}$ A7 Dm Am B \flat F B \flat A Dm $\frac{Gm}{B\flat}$ A D Gm $\frac{C}{E}$ F B \flat D

be - ing wise and won - der - ful In love con - ceived a man. He formed him in His
trad - ed all his rich - es for A debt he could not pay. He clothed him - self in
laid a - side His splen - dor just To draw us all a - bove. Our Lord is now Im -

$\frac{F7}{A}$ B \flat F A7 Dm Dm 6 C $\frac{F}{A}$ C C7 Dm $\frac{C}{E}$ F B \flat F

Refrain

like - ness - So the mys - ter - y be - gan.
suf - f'ring and In deep and fear - ful shame. Praise God for the
man - u - el, A child of flesh and blood.

F Gm 6 $\frac{Dm}{A}$ A Dm Dm 6 C $\frac{C}{B\flat}$ $\frac{Dm7C7}{A G}$ F B \flat $\frac{F}{A}$ B \flat F Gm 6 $\frac{Dm}{A}$ A Dm

won - der of His love, In - fi - nite love! Praise God for the won - der of His love!

WORDS: Ken Bible
MUSIC: English Melody

GOD REST YOU MERRY
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God Is with Us! Alleluia!

TUNE: All Creatures of Our God and King (LASST UNS ERFREUEN)

Isaiah 7:14

Unison

D D A⁷_D D D C_{F#} Bm Em⁷ A sus A A G D F_{F#} G

1. His name is called Em - man - u - el - More
 2. Re - joice, and lay a - side your fear. Re -
 3. Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow. Praise

D F_{F#} A⁷_E D D C_{F#} Bm Em⁷ A sus A A G D F_{F#} DM⁷_{F#} G D

Harmony

won - der - ful than words can tell. God is with us!
 joice, the Ho - ly One is here. God is with us!
 Him, all crea - tures here be - low. God is with us!

Bm A C_{F#} Bm⁷_D E A D F_{F#} Em⁷ D D C_{F#} Bm⁷ A⁷_{C#} D G B

Unison

Al - le - lu - ia! Born in our dark - ness, He is
 Al - le - lu - ia! Lift up Your voic - es, come and
 Al - le - lu - ia! Praise Him a - bove, ye heav - 'nly

A sus A A G D F_{F#} A sus G D F_{F#} A⁷_E D G B DM⁷_A G D F_{F#} A E D A C_{F#}

Light. Born in our weak - ness, He is Might.
 sing, Come wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.
 host. Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

WORDS: Ken Bible, Tom Fettke, and Thomas Ken

MUSIC: *Geistliche Kirchengesange*, 1623; arr. by Ralph Vaughan Williams

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

L.M. w. Alleluias

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$\frac{G}{B}$ $\frac{Bm}{A}$ G⁶ $\frac{A}{G}$ $\frac{D}{F\#}$ Em⁷ $\frac{D}{F\#}$ G⁶ A⁷ Bm $\frac{A}{C\#}$ D⁶ E A
Harmony

God is with us! Al - le - lu - ia! God is with us!

Bm⁷ $\frac{F\#m}{C\#}$ D⁶ Em $\frac{A7}{C\#}$ $\frac{B7}{D\#}$ Em $\frac{D}{F\#}$ G⁶ A A⁷ D
Unison

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

SCRIPTURE READER:

But you, Bethlehem . . . though you are small, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times. He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the Lord his God. And they will live securely, for then his greatness will reach to the ends of the earth. And he will be their peace. (Micah 5:2, 4-5a; NIV)

NARRATOR:

Christmas is the story of a Promise.

For hundreds of years

God had been making

promises to His people.

He had promised

a Prince,

a Shepherd,

a Healer,

a Conqueror,

a Prophet,

a Priest,

a Lion,

a Lamb.

He had promised Peace.

He had promised Freedom.

He had promised Love and Life without end.

Finally,

one evening,

in the blackness of midnight,

the promises all came wrapped together

as one magnificent Promise.

The Promise was

a Baby.

The Promise was

Immanuel.

The Promise was

God himself.

Christmas is the story of a Promise,

and the Promise is

Jesus.

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SONGS: *The Promise* (Congregation)

Immanuel, Immanuel (Congregation)

The Promise

TUNE: The Holly and the Ivy
2 Corinthians 1:20

F F Gm⁷ F F Gm⁷ C⁷_{sus} C⁷

1. The Prom - ise is a vi - sion, A fu - ture far a - way.
2. The Prom - ise comes in dark - ness, Sur - pris - ing us at night.
3. The Prom - is - es are man - y. The Prom - is - es are one.
4. The Prom - ise is great bless - ing. The Prom - ise is great wealth.

C⁷ E C⁷ F F A B^b F C F F B^b F C⁷ F

The Prom - ise is re - al - i - ty. The Prom - ise is to - day.
The Prom - ise is sur - pris - ing Love. The Prom - ise is our Light.
The Prom - is - es are Je - sus Christ. The Prom - is - es have come.
The Prom - ise is E - ter - nal Life. The Prom - ise is Him - self.

Refrain

F F Gm⁷ F F Gm⁷ C⁷_{sus} C⁷

O come em - brace the Prom - ise! O come and live the joy!

C⁷ E C⁷ F F A B^b F C F F B^b F C⁷ F

O come and love the Liv - ing Christ, Sweet Mar - y's lit - tle boy!

WORDS: Ken Bible
MUSIC: Traditional English Melody;
arr. by Ken Bible

THE HOLLY AND THE IVY
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Immanuel, Immanuel

TUNE: O Christmas Tree (O TANNENBAUM)

Isaiah 7:14

♩ = 80

F F C F Dm Gm7/Bb D/A Gm C7 C7sus/F F

Im - man - u - el, Im - man - u - el- Al - might - y God is with us!

F C F Dm Gm7/Bb D/A Gm C7 C7sus/F F

Im - man - u - el, Im - man - u - el- Al - might - y God is with us!

F F Bb/F F E/C C7 C7 C/Bb E/A C7/G Bb/F F

The Lord of heav - en high a - bove Has come to us in ten - der love.

F F C F A7/E Dm D/C Gm7/Bb D/A Gm C C7sus/F F

Im - man - u - el, Im - man - u - el- Al - might - y God is with us!

WORDS: Ken Bible
MUSIC: German Folk Song

O TANNENBAUM
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SCRIPTURE READER:

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world....And everyone went to his own town to register. So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. (Luke 2:1, 3-5; NIV)

NARRATOR:

Christmas is a story of faith.

It's a story of

hardship and sacrifice,
of long journeys and
years of waiting.

Mary, perhaps 14 years old, endured the terrible shame of
being pregnant
before she was married.

After traveling 80 miles to Bethlehem,
no doubt exhausted and frightened,
far from family and home,

she had her first child
in the dirt and darkness
of a stable.

Joseph stayed by her side,
though the child was not his own.

He willingly shared her shame
and her suffering.

Mary, Joseph, and many others followed God through long, difficult days.

But because they were faithful, they saw Him
and rejoiced in Him
and became part of His
timeless story.

Christmas is a story of faith, and we, too, are called to be faithful.

We, too, can be part of the timeless story of
Jesus.

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SONG: *Partners in the Mystery* (Congregation; vv. 1, 2, 4)

Partners in the Mystery

TUNE: Good King Wenceslas
 Matthew 1:8-15; Luke 2:1-7, 21-35

G Em D F# G C D C G/B C D7/A G

1. What a bless - ing God has sent! Now, be - fore the wed - ding,
 2. See the ten - der Mar - y there- Like so man - y oth - ers,
 3. In the tem - ple, what a sight! Af - ter years of wait - ing,
 4. What a priv - ilege! What a call! Part - ners in the mys - tery!

G Em D F# G C D C G/B C D7/A G

Vir - gin Mar - y, good and pure, Sud - den - ly ex - pect - ing;
 Young and scared and all a - lone, Soon to be a moth - er,
 Now be - fore his ver - y eyes There the Prom - ised Ba - by!
 We who walk by faith be - come Part of ho - ly his - t'ry.

G/B C G/D D G D Em C G/B C D7/A G

Friends and fam - ily all up - set, Jo - seph dis - il - lus - ioned.
 In - to dark - ness, in - to pain, Un - to death is giv - en
 There the Light of all the world! There for all the na - tions,
 Rich and poor, the young and old, Fill the time - less sto - ry.

G/B C D7/A Em D G/B C G/D D Em C G

Still they trust the guid - ing Word Thro' their dark con - fus - ion.
 Such a tin - y pre - cious life, Such a gift from heav - en.
 Sleep - ing in his fold - ed arms, Heav - en's sweet sal - va - tion!
 All who bold - ly fol - low God See and share His glo - ry.

WORDS: Ken Bible

MUSIC: Traditional; arr. by Sir John Stainer

TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM
 7.6.7.6.D.

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SCRIPTURE READER:

While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. (Luke 2:6-7; NIV)

SONG: *All Praise to You, Eternal Lord* (Congregation) and/or
Jesus Loves Me (Christmas) (Children)

All Praise to You, Eternal Lord

TUNE: O WALY, WALY

♩ = 60

D C/D D7 G Bm7 C G G/B Bm7

1. All praise to You, E - ter - nal Lord, Clothed in a
 2. Once all the skies be - fore You bowed. A vir - gin's
 3. You came a - lone in dark - est night To make us
 4. Lord Je - sus Christ, long prom - ised One, For all You

Em E_{sus}/D CM7 C D⁷_{sus} D7 Bm/D D7 G G_{sus} G F/G G7

robe of flesh and blood. You chose a man - ger for Your
 arms con - tain You now. Your might - y Word brought earth to
 chil - dren of the light. In You we rise, a ho - ly
 are and all You've done, Let thank - ful hearts fill all our

CM7 Am C Am7 C G/D Am/D Am7/D G

throne Though end - less worlds are Yours a - lone.
 life. Now shep - herds kneel to hear You cry.
 race, That all may know Your bound - less grace.
 days With songs of love and cease - less praise.

WORDS: Latin hymn, 11th c.; German hymn, 14th c.; tr. by
 Martin Luther; tr. by Ken Bible and anonymous
 MUSIC: English Folk Melody

O WALY WALY
 L.M.

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Jesus Loves Me (Christmas)

♩ = 52

TUNE: Jesus Loves Me

C G C F $\frac{E}{C}$ C

1. Je - sus, bab - y O so small, Cry - ing in this cat - tle stall,
2. Christ - mas comes so I can see Je - sus wants to live in me.

C G C F $\frac{C}{G}$ $\frac{C}{G}$ G⁷ C

You are born so I can know God is here and loves me so!
He is with me all day long, Good and gen - tle, kind and strong.

Refrain

C F C $\frac{C}{G}$ G

Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!

C F $\frac{C}{G}$ G⁷ C

Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

WORDS: Ken Bible and Anna B. Warner
MUSIC: William B. Bradbury

JESUS LOVES ME
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SCRIPTURE READER:

There were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of a David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord...Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests.” (Luke 2:8-14; NIV)

SONG: *Light Is Shining All Around* (Congregation)

Light Is Shining All Around

TUNE: Ding, Dong, Merrily on High, alt.

Luke 2:8-15

G $\frac{G}{B}$ $\frac{Am}{C}$ C Am⁶Am⁷ D $\frac{G}{B}$ C^{add9} $\frac{C}{E}$ D^{sus} D G

1. Light is shin-ing all a - round, The blaze of God's own glo - ry!
 2. "Peace and joy to all the earth, For God has shown His fav - or:
 3. Come and see the Ho - ly Child, This won - der God has giv - en;

G $\frac{G}{B}$ $\frac{Am}{C}$ C Am⁶Am⁷ D $\frac{G}{B}$ C^{add9} $\frac{C}{E}$ D^{sus} D G

Hear the an - gels fill the sky With joy in song and sto - ry:
 Born to you this ho - ly night A Child, a Son, a Sav - ior!"
 Wor - ship now the In - fant Lord, The life and joy of heav - en.

Refrain
 G $\frac{GGsus}{D D}$ G D⁷ $\frac{Bm7}{D}$ D Em $\frac{G}{D}$ $\frac{G}{B}$ $\frac{Am}{C}$ $\frac{Am7}{C}$ D

Glo - ri - a! Glo - ri - a!

$\frac{G}{B}$ C Am⁷ D $\frac{Asus7}{D}$ $\frac{D}{F\#}$ D C Am⁷ D^{sus} D⁷ G

Glo - ri - a! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

WORDS: Ken Bible
 MUSIC: Traditional and Ken Bible

DING DONG MERRILY
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SCRIPTURE READER:

God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16; NIV)

NARRATOR:

Christmas is a story of Love.
For hundreds of years,
Love had whispered,
 “I am coming!
 I am coming to be with you
 to stay with you forever!”

It was Love that celebrated that night
in the skies over Bethlehem with
 angels,
 music, and
 shouts of praise.

Love was the shining star
high in the sky,
sent to draw people from far away
to come and worship the Baby.

Christmas is a story of Love,
Love that has come to us,
Love that has brightened our lives;
and Love is
 Jesus.

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SONG: ***Love Has Come!*** (Congregation)

Love Has Come!

TUNE: Bring a Torch, Jeannette, Isabella

Luke 2:1-20

F F C F Gm7 BbM7 Gm Bb C13 C7 C7 F F A A C7 F

1. Love has come— a light in the dark - ness! Love ex - plodes in the
 2. Love is born! Come share in the won - der. Love is God now a -
 3. Love has come— He nev - er will leave us! Love is life ev - er -

Gm Gm9 C7 F F A F A F sus F BbM7 Gm7 Bb Bb C C7

Beth - le - hem skies. See, all heav - en has come to pro - claim it.
 sleep in the hay. See the glow in the eyes of His moth - er.
 last - ing and free. Love is Je - sus with - in and a - mong us.

Bb C Bb Bb F A Gm7 C13 A7 Dm C F Bb F F

Hear how their song of joy a - ris - es: Love! Love! Born un - to
 What is the name her heart is say - ing? Love! Love! Love is the
 Love is the peace our hearts are seek - ing. Love! Love! Love is the

C A C7 A7 Dm C F Bb F C C7 F F

you, a Sav - ior! Love! Love! Glo - ry to God on high!
 name she whis - pers. Love! Love! Je - sus, Im - man - u - el.
 gift of Christ - mas. Love! Love! Praise to You, God on high!

WORDS: Ken Bible
 MUSIC: French Carol Melody, attr. to Saboly, 17th c.;
 arr. by Ken Bible

BRING A TORCH
 Irregular

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SCRIPTURE READER:

To us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. (Isaiah 9:6-7; NIV)

NARRATOR:

Christmas Is the story of a King.

When the King was born,
Caesar Augustus was emperor of Rome.
He ruled the world
 with great power
 and vast military might.
But he died in A.D. 14,
 and his kingdom passed to another.

Herod the Great was King of Judea.
He ruled with
 violence
 and cruel jealousy.
He tried to kill the Child King.
The Child lived,
but Herod died,
and his power died with him.

The Child King was
 Lord of the Universe,
 Almighty God.
He ruled
 with humility and self-sacrifice,
 with love and forgiveness.
He faced death
 and destroyed it.
His kingdom will never end.

Christmas is the story of a King,
and our King forever is
 Jesus.

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SONG: ***Infinite Lord*** (Congregation)

Infinite Lord

TUNE: Coventry Carol

Luke 2:6-7

Gm D Gm Eb F Gm D Gm F $\frac{Bb}{D}$

1. In - fi - nite Lord, my In - fant King, Throned in hu -
 2. Je - sus, in dust and hay I kneel, Sta - bled in

Cm Dsus D Gm Gm D Gm Eb F Gm D

mil - i - ty; Your on - ly robes- Your swad - dling clothes;
 deep - est need; My on - ly robes- Your right - eous - ness;

Gm F $\frac{Bb}{D}$ Cm Dsus D Gm Bb F Gm Dm Gm

Cry - ing- Your first de - cree; Your grand do - main, Your
 "Mer - cy"- my on - ly plea; My light- Your gaze; My

F Cm D Gm D Gm Cm Dsus D

1	D.C.	2
Gm		G

crown and train- Dark - ness and dust and sheep.
 song- Your praise; My hope and prayer- Your peace.

WORDS: Ken Bible
 MUSIC: Traditional English Melody

COVENTRY CAROL
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SCRIPTURE READER:

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him."... They went on their way, and the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was... On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh. (Matthew 2:1-2, 9, 11; NIV)

NARRATOR:

Christmas is a story of worship.
The Scriptures say that
the heavens sing of God's glory,
and the earth tells of the
wonderful things He does.
Jesus said that if God's people are silent,
the rocks themselves will cry out and
praise Him.

When the shepherds heard that
the Promised One had come,
they ran to Bethlehem and
worshiped the Child.

When the wise men knew that
He was born,
distance could not keep them away.
They came and brought Him
precious gifts—
 gifts fit for a king.
They bowed low and
worshiped Him.

How can we do any less?
With all the elaborate celebrating
this time of year,
how much do we truly worship Him?

Christmas is a story of worship.
And this season,
in the privacy of our hearts,
 with the wise men,

with the shepherds, and
with all creation,
let us bow and worship Him.
Let us worship
Jesus.

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SONGS: Select several from the following

All the Angels Worship You

Come Rejoicing!

Jesus

Jesus, Joy of Earth and Heaven

My Soul Exalts You, Lord (Solo)

All the Angels Worship You

TUNE: AURA LEE (Love Me Tender)

Hebrews 1:6

♩ = 92

G D7/A G/B Am/C C Am7 D7sus D7 Am/D D7 G D7sus D7

1. All the an - gels wor - ship You. All the heav - ens bow.
2. An - gry voic - es, an - gry hands Soon will take Your life.

G D7/A G/B Am/C C Am7 D7sus D7 Am/D D7 Gsus G

All the pow - ers high a - bove Kneel be - fore You now.
Joy will rise, a might - y flood, From Your sac - ri - fice.

G B7/F# Em G/B CM7 Am/C C/D D7 G D13

All that was, all that is, All that is to come,
Ho - ly Child, Pre - cious Lamb, Son of God a - bove,

G Am7 G/B Am/C C Am7 C/D D7 D13 D7 G

All God's awe - some maj - es - ties Fill You, Low - ly One.
Here we bow for - ev - er - more Lost in praise and love.

WORDS: Ken Bible
MUSIC: George R. Poulton; arr. by Ken Bible

AURA LEE
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Come Rejoicing!

TUNE: O SANCTISSIMA

C F C G⁷_C C G⁷_C C F C G⁷_C C G⁷_C C G B

1. Come re - joic - ing! Come with sing - ing! Christ is
 2. Come re - joic - ing! Come with sing - ing! Love is
 3. Come re - joic - ing! Come with sing - ing! Joy that's

D A G C G D D⁷ G G C G F E D⁷ G⁷ B C G⁷_C C G⁷_C

here, and all is well! He has come to win us From the sin with -
 here, and all is well! Hear the time-less sto - ry, Full of grace and
 more than words can tell! In the Son are giv - en All the gifts of

C E C A^m C M⁷ F C C F C D^m₆ C E D^m F C G G⁷ C

in us. Glo - ri - fy Em - man - u - el!
 glo - ry: God Him - self has come to dwell!
 heav - en! Praise His name, Em - man - u - el!

WORDS: Ken Bible

MUSIC: Tattersall's *Psalmody*, 1794

O SANCTISSIMA

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Jesus

TUNE: Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

E_b $\frac{E_b}{D}$ $\frac{A_b}{C}$ $\frac{B_b}{D}$ $\frac{B_bsus}{C}$ $\frac{Gm}{B_b}$ A_bM7 $\frac{B_b7}{D}$ E_b B_b E_b $\frac{E_b}{D}$ $\frac{A_b}{C}$

1. Je - sus, Je - sus, High and Ho - ly, You whom
 2. Ho - ly Lord and hum - ble ser - vant, Might - y
 3. Great Cre - a - tor, God and Sav - ior, Light of

$\frac{E_b}{G}$ Cm $\frac{Fm}{A_b}$ $\frac{Gm}{B_b}$ $\frac{Cm}{B_b}$ B_b7 E_b E_b $\frac{E_b}{D}$ $\frac{A_b}{C}$ $\frac{B_b}{D}$ $\frac{B_bsus}{C}$ $\frac{Gm}{B_b}$

worlds can - not con - tain, Bound - less life no
 God and help - less Child. Shep - herd, lamb, and
 that e - ter - nal day, All cre - a - tion

$\frac{A_bM7}{C}$ $\frac{B_b7}{D}$ E_b B_b E_b $\frac{E_b}{D}$ $\frac{A_b}{C}$ $\frac{E_b}{G}$ Gm Cm $\frac{Fm}{A_b}$ $\frac{Gm}{B_b}$ $\frac{Cm}{G}$ B_b7

mind can fath - om, Bound - less love no word can
 time - less sov - ereign Sin and death could not end de -
 stands to wor - ship, Fills the sky with end - less

E_b B_b $\frac{B_b}{A}$ $\frac{C7}{G}$ Fm $\frac{Fm}{E_b}$ D_b $\frac{D_b}{C}$ B_bm6 $\frac{B_bm6}{G}$ C Fm

name; Yet You share Your life and glo - ry,
 file. Lord, I reach to see and know You,
 praise. We Your peo - ple bow, con - fess - ing,

WORDS: Ken Bible

MUSIC: Johann Schop; arr. by J. S. Bach

JESU, JOY OF MAN'S DESIRING

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Fm Eb G Ab Fm7 Ab Db6 Bbm Eb Ab Eb Ab C Eb Cm7

Make Your love a sim - ple sto - ry, Glad to share our
 Lift - ing love I long to show You, But You fill my
 Lift - ing hon - or, praise, and bless - ing; This the goal of

Fm7 Bb7 Eb Eb Fm7 Bb Eb Eb Ab Eb G Cm Fm Gm Cm Bb7 Eb

time and space, Glad to bathe our sin in grace.
 need - y heart As I rest in all You are.
 all we do: Now, for - ev - er on - ly You.

Jesus, Joy of Earth and Heaven

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E_b
 $\frac{E_b}{D}$
 $\frac{A_b}{C}$
 $\frac{B_b}{D}$
 $\frac{B_b \text{ sus}}{C}$
 $\frac{Gm}{B_b}$
 $A_b M7$
 $\frac{B_b 7}{D}$
 E_b
 B_b
 E_b
 $\frac{E_b}{D}$
 $\frac{A_b}{C}$

1. Je - sus, joy of earth and heav - en! God of
 2. Je - sus, joy of all Your peo - ple, See, from

$\frac{E_b}{G}$
 Cm
 $\frac{Fm}{A_b}$
 $\frac{Gm Cm}{B_b}$
 $B_b 7$
 E_b
 E_b
 $\frac{E_b}{D}$
 $\frac{A_b}{C}$
 $\frac{B_b}{D}$
 $\frac{B_b \text{ sus}}{C}$
 $\frac{Gm}{B_b}$

Gods be - come a man! Hills and moun - tains
 dis - tant lands they come. Kings and shep - herds,

$\frac{A_b M7}{C}$
 $\frac{B_b 7}{D}$
 E_b
 B_b
 E_b
 $\frac{E_b}{D}$
 $\frac{A_b}{C}$
 $\frac{E_b}{G}$
 Gm
 Cm
 $\frac{Fm}{A_b}$
 $\frac{Gm Cm}{B_b}$
 $G B_b 7$

rise re - joic - ing. All the trees now clap their
 saints and an - gels, Kneel to You, Al - might - y

E_b
 B_b
 $\frac{B_b}{A}$
 $\frac{C 7}{G}$
 Fm
 $\frac{Fm}{E_b}$
 D_b
 $\frac{D_b}{C}$
 $B_b m6$
 $\frac{B_b m6}{G}$
 C
 Fm

hands. See our dry - ness bloom and flour - ish!
 One. Full - ness of our Fa - ther's bless - ing,

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Fm $\frac{E\flat}{G}$ A \flat Fm7 $\frac{A\flat}{C}$ D \flat 6 B \flat m E \flat A \flat E \flat $\frac{A\flat}{C}$ E \flat Cm7

Ev - 'ry heart You tend and nour - ish. Poor and need - y
 Life and love be - yond ex - press - ing, Joy and peace for -

Fm7 $\frac{B\flat}{F}$ $\frac{7E\flat}{G}$ A \flat M7 B \flat E \flat $\frac{E\flat}{D}$ $\frac{A\flat}{C}$ $\frac{E\flat}{G}$ Cm $\frac{Fm}{A\flat}$ $\frac{Gm}{B\flat}$ $\frac{Cm}{G}$ B \flat 7 E \flat

all a - round Come and join the joy - ful sound.
 ev - er new, Je - sus Lord, we find in You!

My Soul Exalts You, Lord

TUNE: Ave Maria

Luke 1:46-55

F F $\frac{F}{A}$ $\frac{E}{C}$ $\frac{G13}{D}$ $\frac{G7}{D}$ F $\frac{F}{A}$ $\frac{E}{C}$ $\frac{C7}{E}$ Dm $\frac{Dm}{A}$ $\frac{Dm}{F}$

1. My soul ex - alts You, Lord, Our
2. My soul ex - alts You, Lord, Our

$\frac{Gm}{Bb}$ Gm C sus C C⁹ C⁷ F F F+ A+

Fa - ther Al - might - y! In praise I
Rock and our Ref - uge! For You have

Dm⁹ Dm $\frac{Dm}{F}$ Dm⁶ $\frac{Dm6}{F}$ Dm⁶ E $\frac{E}{D}$ E^{o7} C^{#o7} C^{#o7}

mag - ni - fy Your great - ness! With joy I glo - ri -
come as our sal - va - tion, Our joy, our glo - ry,

Dm $\frac{Dm}{F}$ $\frac{Dm}{A}$ $\frac{Dm}{B}$ $\frac{G7}{B}$ C C E $\frac{D7}{F\#}$ D⁷

fy Your name! Might - y God, Your arm has done great
and our peace. Might - y God, Your love has done great

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MUSIC: Franz Schubert; arr. by Ken Bible

AVE MARIA

Irregular

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C C/E G G7 C C/Bb Am7 C7 C7 C7/E

things! Ho - ly is Your name! Your mer - cy
things! Ho - ly is Your name! Your grace is

C7 C° C7 C13 C^{sus}_F C^{sus} F/A F C7 C7/E

reach - es to the low - ly. Your love is
free to all the need - y. Your mer - cy

C7 C7/E Dm Dm/A Dm/F Dm C C/E A

faith - ful ev - er - more. You fill the hun - gry
flows for - ev - er - more. You fill the hun - gry

A/E G^{sus} Gm/Bb Gm/D Gm Gm Gm/D Dm F°7

with Your good - ness, And You bless the hearts that trust Your
with Your pres - ence. You are near to all who trust Your

C C/G C/E C F E/A E/C G13/D G7/D F E/A E/C C7 F

Word. My soul ex - alts You, Lord!
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NARRATOR:

Christmas is only the beginning.
It's the beginning of a beautiful Life—
a Life of healing and teaching,
 of feeding and forgiving,
a Life of suffering, dying, and
 rising again.
This Life shows us the best
 and happiest way to live.

This Life still goes on
and will go on forever,
 redeeming,
 blessing,
 creating,
 and surprising.

Discover this Life.
Discover the One who is
 the Beginning and the Ending,
 Life's Source and
 its Ultimate Goal,
the One who
 lived in time
 but fills eternity,
Who was a tiny baby
 yet the whole universe
 cannot contain Him.

This Christmas,
make the greatest discovery of your life.
Now, today,
come discover
 Jesus.

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SONG: ***Discover Jesus Christ*** (Congregation)

Discover Jesus Christ

TUNE: I Sing the Mighty Power of God (ELLACOMBE)

N.C. Ab / C Fm Bb / F Eb Ab Db Ab / C Db^6 Eb Ab

1. Dis - cov - er in a ti - ny child The Lord of time and space,
 2. Come see the most des - pised of men; Come see the most a - dored.
 3. Now see the One you cru - ci - fied- He lives, and all is well.

N.C. Ab / C Fm Bb / F Eb Ab Db Fm Eb _{sus} Eb Ab

In help - less - ness and pov - er - ty, The hope of all our race.
 Come watch Him move in might - y love; Come won - der at His words.
 His Spir - it fills the un - i - verse, Our Lord, Em - man - u - el.

Ab Eb _{7sus}/ Ab Ab Eb / G Ab Db Eb Eb _{sus} Eb Fm Eb / G Ab Eb / G Ab Db Eb

The spring of joy, the dawn of peace, The my - ste - ry of life-
 Come see Him suf - fer, see His pain; Stand watch - ing as He dies,
 Dis - cov - er hope. Dis - cov - er joy. Dis - cov - er love and life.

N.C. Ab / C Fm Bb / F Eb Ab Db Fm Eb _{sus} Eb Eb ₇ Ab

Come touch the hand and heart of God: Dis - cov - er Je - sus Christ.
 And hear for - give - ness for your sins: Dis - cov - er Je - sus Christ.
 Dis - cov - er God your dear - est friend. Dis - cov - er Je - sus Christ.

WORDS: Ken Bible

MUSIC: *Gesangbuch der Herzogl*, 1784

Alternate Tune: FOREST GREEN

ELLACOMBE

C.M.D.

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Optional Staging

CAST

Non-speaking roles for tableau:

Man

Child

Mary

Joseph

3 wise men

During *Before the Starry Universe*

Present this song as an ancient tale told by a bard. Off-stage soloist sings the verses. Congregation joins on the refrain. On v.3, solo is stronger, more determined.

Sanctuary, or at least the stage, should be as dark as possible while still allowing the congregation to sing on the refrains.

Tableau should take place behind a scrim if available, allowing the actors to be seen in outline only. Actors freeze in position except where a change of position is indicated.

A single bright light or spotlight is seen on stage, representing God.

TABLEAU, cued by phrases in the hymn text:

v.1, "*In love conceived a man*"—A man appears in the light; either the light moves to focus on the man, or the man comes into the light, or the man blossoms from a crouching, huddled position to a standing position. Man faces the light, looking up to it, with arms outstretched to it.

v.2, "*...but in pride he turned away*"—Man turns away from the light, takes a step away, then folds arms in defiance.

v.2, "*He clothed himself in suffering...*"—Man huddles in fear, with hands over his bowed head.

v.3, "*Our Lord is now Immanuel...*"—A child walks downstage into the light, toward the congregation, then turns and faces the man, arms outstretched.

WHEN THE SONG ENDS: Actors hold for a moment in the silence. Then lights up; actors exit.

During *All Praise to You, Eternal Lord*

TABLEAU:

A manger scene, with Mary and Joseph focused on the manger with the Christ child, placed between them. Use lighting to highlight the Christ child.

During readings after *Infinite Lord*

TABLEAU, cued to scripture reading:

“*On coming to the house...*”–Three wise men kneel around an unseen Christ child, presenting gifts. Use lighting to highlight the place where the unseen Christ child would be; for example, you might place a bright light there. Hold position throughout scripture reading and the following narration, “Christmas Is a Story of Worship”.

VISUAL IMAGES

If you have access to visual images and a screening system, consider highlighting selected readings (choose from those without tableau) with images meaningful to those readings. These might be elements of the Christmas story (the star, angels, shepherds, etc.), or perhaps people or natural images that convey the point of the reading. Again, be creative and resourceful.

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