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CAROL SERVICE

FOR
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1st CAROL: "Joy to the World!" Choir and Congregation

1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come; Let earth receive her King:-
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room, And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.
2. Joy to the world! The Savior reigns: Let men their songs employ:-
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, Repeat the sounding
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat, repeat the sounding joy. | joy
3. No more let sin and sorrow grow, Nor thorns infest the ground:-
He comes to make His blessings flow Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found, Far as, far as the curse is found.
4. He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the nations prove:-
The glorios of His righteousness, and wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love, And wonders, and wonders of His love.

THE BIDDING

2nd CAROL: "O Come, All Ye Faithful" Choir, Soloist - Lt. W. L. Brown.

1. 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;
Chorus:
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.
2. Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above:
Glory to God in the highest; Chorus:
3. Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this happy morning,
Jesus, to Thee be glory giv'n
Word of the Father Now in flesh appearing; Chorus:

THE FIRST LESSON: "The prophet Micah foretelleth the glory of
little Bethlehem." Micah v:2 & 4

3rd CAROL: "O, Little Town of Bethlehem." Choir & Congregation.

1. O little town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie;
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep The silent stars go by;
Yet in thy dark streets shineth The everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee tonight.
2. For Christ is born of Mary; And gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep Their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars, together Proclaim the holy birth;
And praises sing to God the King, And peace to men on earth.
3. How silently, how silently, The Wondrous Gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts The blessings of His heav'n.
No ear may hear His coming, But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him, still The dear Christ enters in.
4. O holy Child of Bethlehem, Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in, Be born in us today,
We hear the Christmas angels The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Emanuel.

THE SECOND LESSON: "The Birth of the Savior is foretold by the
Prophet Isaiah." Isaiah ix:2, 6, 7.

4th CAROL: "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" Choir

1. Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming, From Tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming As men of old have sung.
It came a flower-et bright, Amid the cold of winter,
When half-spent was the night.
2. Isaiah 'twas foretold it, The Rose I have in mind,

- With Mary we, behold it, The virgin mother kind.
 To show God's love aright, She bore to men a Savior
 When half-spent was the night.
3. This Flow'r whose fragrance tender With sweetness fills the air,
 Dispels with glorious splendor The darkness ev'rywhere.
 True Man, yet very God, From sin and death He saves us
 and lightens every load.

THE THIRD LESSON: "The Angel Gabriel announceth to the virgin
 Mary that she shall be the mother of Jesus."
 St. Luke i:26-35,38.

- 5th CAROL: "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" Choir & Congregation.
1. It came upon the midnight clear, That glorious song of old,
 From angels bending near the earth, To touch their harps of gold:
 "Peace on the earth, good-will to men From heav'n's all-gracious King:"
 The world in solemn stillness lay To hear the angels sing.
2. Still thro' the cloven skies they come, With peaceful wings unfurled;
 and still their heav'nly music floats O'er all the weary world;
 Above its sad and lowly plains They bend on hov'ring wing,
 And ever o'er its Babel sounds The blessed angels sing.
3. For lo the days are hast'ning on, By prophets seen of old,
 When with the ever-circling years Shall come the time foretold,
 When the new heav'n and earth shall own The Prince of Peace their King,
 And the whole world send back the song Which now the angels sing.

THE FOURTH LESSON: "St. Matthew telleth of Jesus' holy birth."
 St. Matthew 1:18-25.

- 6th CAROL: "Silent Night" Choir and Quartet
1. Silent night! Holy night! All is calm, all is bright.
 Round yon virgin mother and Child! Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
 Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.
2. Silent night! Holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight!
 Glories stream from Heaven afar, Heav'nly hosts sing Alleluia,
 Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!
3. Silent night! Holy night! Son of God, love's pure light
 Radiant beams from Thy holy face, With the dawn of redeeming grace,
 Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord at Thy birth.

THE FIFTH LESSON: "The shepherds hasten to the stable at
 Bethlehem." St. Luke ii:8-16

- 7th CAROL: "While Shepherds Watched" Choir & Congregation
1. While shepherds watched their flocks by night, All seated on the ground;
 The angel of the Lord came down, And glory shone around,
 And glory shone around.
2. "Fear not," said he,--for mighty dread Had seized their troubled minds,
 "Glad tidings of great joy I bring To you and all mankind.
 To you and all mankind.
3. "To you in David's town this day, Is born of David's line,
 The Savior who is Christ, the Lord, And this shall be the sign:,
 And this shall be the sign:-
4. The Heav'nly Babe you there shall find To human view displayed,
 All meanly wrapped in swathing bands, And in a manger laid,
 And in a manger laid."
5. Thus spake the Seraph--and forthwith Appeared a shining throng
 Of angels praising God, who thus Addressed their joyful song:-
 Addressed their joyful song.
6. "All glory be to God on high, And to the earth be peace;
 Goodwill henceforth, from heav'n to me Begin and never cease!
 Begin and never cease!"

8th CAROL: "We Three Kings of Orient Are" Choir & Soloists

1. We three kings of Orient are, Bearing gifts we traverse far
Field and fountain, moor and mountain, Following yonder star.

Chorus:

- Oh, star of wonder, star of might, Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding, Guide us to the perfect light.
2. Born a babe on Bethlehem's plain, Gold we bring to crown Him again,
King forever, ceasing never, Over us all to reign. Chorus:
 3. Frankincense to offer have I; Incense owns a Deity nigh,
Pray'r and praising all men raising, Worship God on high. Chorus:
 4. Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume Breathes a life of gath'ring gloom;
Sorr'wing, sighing, bleeding, dying, Sealed in the stone-cold tomb.
Chorus:
 5. Glorious now behold Him rise, King and God and Sacrifice:
Heav'n signs "Hallelujah!" "Hallelujah!" earth replies. Chorus:

THE SIXTH LESSON: "The wise men, led by a star, come to worship
Jesus." St. Matthew ii:1-11.

9th CAROL: "The First Noel" Choir and Congregation

1. The first Noel the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay:
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Chorus:

- Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, -- Born is the King of Israel.
2. They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the East beyond them far,
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night. Chorus:
 3. This star drew nigh to the northwest,
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
and there it did both stop and stay
Right over the place where Jesus lay. Chorus:
 4. Then enter'd in there Wise-men three,
Full rev'rently upon their knee,
And offer'd there in His presence
Their gold and myrrh and frank-incense. Chorus:

THE SEVENTH LESSON: "The Eternal gospel of Love." St. John i:1-14.

THE COLLECT FOR CHRISTMAS DAY

10th CAROL: "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" Choir & Congregation

1. Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled."
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, Join the triumph of the skies;
With th' angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem."

Chorus:

- Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King!"
2. Christ, by highest heav'n adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord;
Late in time behold Him come, Offspring of the favored one,
Veiled in flesh, the God-head see; Hail the incarnate Deity
Pleased, as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Immanuel! Chorus:
 3. Hail! the heav'n born Prince of Peace! Hail! the Son of righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings. Ris'n with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by, Born that man no more may die:
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them second birth. Chorus:

THE BENEDICTION