**Come let us adore Him**

**The 1986 Christmas Program of the Albany John Calvin School**

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**COMMUNITY SINGING**: Psalm 100

You lands and peoples of the earth

before the LORD your joy shout forth.

Serve Him with gladness all your days

and come to Him with songs of praise.

Know that the LORD is God alone;

He made us, and we are His own,

the sheep that he to pasture leads

and as their shepherd guards and feeds.

Come, enter then His gates with praise

and in His courts your voices raise.

Give thanks to Him and bless His Name;

within His house your joy proclaim.

The LORD is good, and evermore

His love and mercy will endure.

All generations He will bless

in His unchanging faithfulness.

**OPENING**

1.I **SCHOOL** **SINGING: "O Come, All Ye Faithful"**

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

O sing, all ye bright hosts of heaven above

Glory to God, all

Glory in the highest.

Refrain:

Yes, Lord, we greet Thee

Born this happy morning

Jesus to Thee be all glory given

Word of the Father,

Now in flesh appearing.

Refrain:

**2. RECITATION - Year 6 and 7**

In the beginning, the first beginning,

The very beginning was God.

God spoke His Word and created the world

Heaven and Earth. No, not

From dust or clay or elements

Or from one little part.

No, not with hands and not with tools

as artists create art.

God spoke one Word, one mighty Word;

He spoke the light and called it day,

He spoke the sky in wondrous way,

He spoke the land, He spoke the sea,

The sun and moon and stars spoke He,

He spoke ... really, there is no end

To what appeared at His command:

The fowl and fish, both great and small

The animals, God spoke them all.

A world of life, a world of love,

Both earth below and heaven above

One image of His magnitude

Ready to render gratitude

To Him who spoke.

In this new world, this brand new world,

This brilliant world stood man,

He knew his God, he knew His voice,

He knew His great command.

He looked away from what was good,

And reached for the forbidden fruit;

He listened to God's enemy

And he despised God's company.

He took the "step ahead" and fell,

Forgetting all He knew so well

The love of God, the grace of God,

The burning jealousy of God.

He fell ...

**3. COMMUNITY SINGING: Hymn 10: 1, 6, 8**

Lord, I have heard the tidings

of You and of your might.

Your deeds reveal your greatness;

I tremble at their sight.

Lord, in our time renew them;

In our day make them known.

In wrath remember mercy;

Do not forget your own!

 Your glittering spear and arrows

made sun and moon stand still.

You, marching on in fury,

made earth in terror kneel.

You, trampling down the nations,

came with Your dreadful wrath

to rescue your own people,

to clear for them a path.

I hear your steps approaching

and at their sound I quake.

Lips quiver, bones are trembling;

I totter and I shake.

In quiet expectation

I shall await the day

when those who now invade us

will all be swept away.

**4. RECITATION - Year 8 and 9**

The Lord called to Adam and said to him "Where are you?"

"I have Your voice in the garden and I was afraid ..."

Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?"

“The woman whom You gave to with me, she gave me of the fruit, and I ate."

"What is this that you have done?

“The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

The LORD said to the serpent:

"I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel".

**5. SCHOOL SINGING: "Unto Us a Child is Born"**

Unto us a child is born,

King of all creation:

Cradled in a stall was He,

The Lord of every nation.

The Lord of every nation.

Herod then with fear was filled:

"A prince", he said, "in Jewry!"

All the little boys he killed

At Bethlehem in his fury,

At Bethlehem in his fury.

Enmity between God's Son,

And the wicked serpent,

Thus we know He is the One

Whom the Lord has promised,

Whom the Lord has promised.

Omega and Alpha He!

Let the organ thunder,

While the choir with peals of glee

Doth rend the air asunder.

Doth rend the air asunder.

**6. COMMUNITY SINGING: Hymn 15: 1, 2**

Comfort, comfort now My people,

Speak of peace, so says our God!

Comfort those who sit in darkness,

mourning under sorrow's load.

Cry out to Jerusalem

of the peace that waits for them;

Tell her that her sins I cover,

and her warfare now is over.

For the herald's voice is crying

in the desert far and near,

Calling all men to repentance,

since the Kingdom now is here.

O that warning voice obey!

Now prepare for God a way.

Let the valleys rise to meet Him,

and the hills bow down to greet Him.

**7. RECITATION: Year 4 and 5**

John 3:16

"For God so loved the world that He gave us His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Isaiah 9:6

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder.

And His name will be called WONDERFUL, COUNSELLOR, MIGHTY GOD, EVERLASTING FATHER, PRINCE OF PEACE."

Jeremiah 33:15

“Thus says the LORD: 'In those days and at that time I will cause to grow up to David a Branch of righteousness; He shall execute judgement and righteousness in the earth'."

**8. SCHOOL SINGING: "Once in Royal David's City"**

Once in royal David's city Stood a lowly cattle shed

Where a mother laid her baby in a manger for His bed!

Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.

He came down to earth from heaven, Who is God and Lord of all,

And His shelter was a stable, and His cradle was a stall;

With the poor and mean and lowly Lived on earth our Saviour holy.

God His promise has remembered in His own redeeming love

Comfort, comfort to His people, Glory be to God above.

On His fatherDavid's throne Christ has come unto his own.

Not in that poor lowly stable with the oxen standing by,

Shall we see Him; but in heaven, Set at God's right hand on high; Where His children shall be crowned Hallelujah's shall resound.

**9. RECITATION: Luke 2:8-12 - YEAR 10**

"Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. And behold an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. Then the angel said to them:

"Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all the people; for there is born to you this day in the city of David a Saviour who is Christ the Lord. And this will be the sign to you: you will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger."

**10. SCHOOL SINGING: "Shepherds Do You Under­stand?" - LOWER PRIMARY**

**Shepherd**s, do you understand?

Christ is born to tend you.

Shepherds, with your staff in hand,

go where angels send you.

Angels sing their new refrain;

God is helping man again.

Trust your flock to Him;

Go to Bethlehem.

In the manger straw is sleeping

what you've long been seeking..

**Wise men**, do you understand?

Christ is born to teach you.

Calling you from distant lands,

His bright star will lead you.

Pack your gifts safe and secure

Gold and frankincense and myrrh.

Where you are to go,

Heaven's star will show.

In the manger straw is sleeping

what you've long been, seeking.

**People**, do you understand?

Christ is born to save you.

Brand new life is now at hand,

Coming down above you.

Peace on earth, goodwill to men;

We are one with God again.

God has made it clear.

He is with us here.

In the manger straw is sleeping

what you've long been seeking.

**11. RECITATION: John 1:14 - YEAR 2 AND 3**

"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory as of the only begotten Son of the Father
full of grace and truth;”

**12. SCHOOL SINGING: "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"**

Hark! The herald angels sing, Glory to the new-born King,

Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled. Joyful all ye nations rise, Join the triumph of the skies;

With angelic host proclaim "Christ is born in Bethlehem".

Hark! The herald angels sing, Glory to the new-born King.

Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,

Late in time behold Him come, Offspring of the virgin's womb, Veiled in flesh, the Godhead see! Hail, the incarnate Deity!

Pleased as man with man to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.

Hark! The herald angels sing, Glory to the newborn King.

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 glories by, Born that man no more may die,

Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them second birth. Hark! The herald angels sing Glory to the newborn King.

**13. COMMUNITY SINGING: Hymn 25: 2, 3, 6**

See how He grew up like a tender plant

 And sprouted like a root in arid land.

He had no form or beauty to command

our adoration.

He was despised and by mankind rejected –

a man of sorrows, burdened and afflicted.

His greatness was not noticed or respected:

We shrank from Him.

Our suff’rings and infirmities He bore;

Our sorrows He was willing to endure,

While we thought He was being punished for

His own wrongdoing.

But He was pierced because of our transgres­sion,

Bruised for our sin: His punishments and passion

procured our peace; His scourgings and oppres­sion

Healed us again.

With wicked men they Him a grave assigned,

but then a rich man Him a tomb did find,

since He had not been to deceit inclined,

for He was blameless.

It was God’s will to grieve Him by oppression:

He made His Son an off'ring for transgression.

He, when at last He has fulfilled His mission

shall see His seed.

**14. SCHOOL SINGING: "God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen"**

God rest you merry, gentlemen,

Let nothing you dismay,

Remember Christ our Saviour was born on Christ­mas Day,

To save us all from Satan's power

When we were gone astray.

Refrain:

O, tidings of comfort and joy, Comfort and joy,

O, tidings of comfortand joy.

Fear not, thus said the angel,

Let nothing you affright

A saviour has been born to you In Bethlehem this night,

To free all those that trust in Him

From Satan's pow’r and might.

Refrain:

Now to the Lord sing praises,

 All you who fear His Name,

For trusting in His promises you'll not be put to shame.

He was, and is, and yet shall be

for evermore the same.

Refrain:

**15. RECITATION: Romans 8: 31b, 32 –**

"If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son but delivered Him up for us all how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?"

**16. RECORDER ENSEMBLE - SECONDARY RECORDER GROUP**

3 Carols

**17. SCHOOL SINGING: "Christ is Risen"**

Christ is risen burst His prison

Let us hymns of triumph sing

For our sadness turned to gladness

Death today has lost its sting.

Refrain:

Alleluia, Alleluia! Soli Deo Gloria! (2x)

Let our living Be thanksgiving

For what God in Christ has done.

Bow before Him and adore Him

Jesus Christ, God's only Son.

Refrain

At the dawning of the morning

He'll return from heaven on high.

Christ descending, we ascending:

Meet each other in the sky.

Refrain:

**18. RECITATION – Years 6 and 7**

Acts 2:39

"For the promise is to you and to your children and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call."

"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?

Shall tribulation or distress, or persecution or famine or nakedness, or peril or sword?"

"For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

**19. COMMUNITY SINGING: Hymn 35:4**

 I am convinced that neither powers, death nor life,

nor angels, things to come, things present, princes, strife,

nor height, nor depth, nor any other thing created

will from the love of God now keep us separated -

His love in Jesus Christ, the Saviour, whom He gave us

that through His precious blood He might redeem and save us.

**20. SCHOOL SINGING: “Joy to the World” – Upper Primary**

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 the earth! The Saviour reigns!

Let men their songs employ!

While field 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.

**21. RECITATION: Matthew 24: 30, 31**

“Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory; and He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other."

**22. SCHOOL SINGING! "We'll See Him on the Clouds"**

We'll see Him on the clouds when He comes, We

shall see Him, we shall see Him.

We'll see Him on the clouds when He comes, in

might and majesty.

Refrain:

Alleluia, shout with joy before the Lord,
He is mighty

He is mighty

Alleluia, shout with joy before the Lord,

He is King of heaven and earth.

We'll all be with Him when He comes, We’ll be

with Him, We'll be with Him,

We'll be with Him when He comes, in

all eternity.

Refrain:

**23. CLOSE**

**24. COMMUNITY SINGING: Hymn1**

I believe in God the Father, Almighty

Maker of heav'n and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, our Lord;

Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the virgin Mary;

suffered under Pontius Pilate;

was crucified, dead, and buried;

He descended into hell;

the third day He rose again from the dead;

He ascended into heav'n,

and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit;

I believe in a holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints;

the forgiveness of sins;

the resurrection of the body;

and the life everlasting. Amen.