



Sunday, December 13, 2020

“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”

Luke 2:14

Christmas Cantata: Behold the Lamb of God
by Andrew Peterson

Order of Worship and Lyrics

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Advent Carol: Emmanuel

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, His name is called Emmanuel
God with us, revealed in us;
His name is called Emmanuel

Call to Worship

Praise Carol: Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Come, Thou long-expected Jesus,
Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us;
Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear desire of ev'ry nation,
Joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Born Thy people to deliver,
Born a child, and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever,
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit, Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all-sufficient merit,
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth:
And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by
the Holy Ghost, 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 heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Gloria Patri:

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

Unison Reading: Luke 2:1-7

“In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be registered, each to his own town. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.”

Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer:

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread, forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Cantata: Behold the Lamb of God :
The True Tall Tale of the Coming of the Christ

We invite the congregation to sing along when the text is bold.

I. Gather 'Round, Ye Children, Come by Andrew Peterson

Gather 'round ye children come Listen to the old, old story
Of the power of death undone By an infant born of glory
Son of God, Son of Man

Gather 'round Remember now how creation held its breath
How it let out a sigh and it filled Up the sky with the angels
Son of God, Son of Man, so

Sing out with joy for the brave little boy
Who was God, but He made Himself nothing
Well He gave up His pride and He Came here to die like a man

Therefore God exalted Him to the Place of highest praises
And He gave Him a name above every name That at the very name
of Jesus, Son of God, we would

Sing out with joy for the brave little boy
Who was God, but He made Himself nothing
Well He gave up His pride and He Came here to die like a man
So in heav'n and earth and below
Every knee would bow in worship
And ev'ry tongue would proclaim that
Jesus He reigns with the angels

Sing out with joy for the brave little boy
Who was God, but He made Himself nothing
Well He gave up His pride and He Came here to die like a man

So gather round ye children come Listen to the old, old story
Of the power of death undone By an infant born of glory
Son of God, Son of Man

II. Passover Us by Andrew Peterson

Well, we all remember Moses on the banks of the river
He said "Pharaoh, you've got to let my people go.
You don't want me to have to tell you this ten times over--
Denial ain't just a river, you know"

And we all remember Pharaoh, he just wouldn't do it
So the plagues they came upon Egypt one by one
His heart was hard and the other nine just couldn't move it
So the last was the worst: the death of the firstborn son

But the Lord, he gave to Moses a word for the people
He said their firstborn sons would live to see another day
"Put the blood of a lamb on the doorway and death will
pass right over"
That night all of the children of Israel prayed,

"Lord, let your judgment Passover us,
Lord, let your love hover near
Don't let your sweet mercy Passover us,
Let this blood cover over us here"

So the years went by and the people they whined
and they wandered
And only sacrifice atoned for the sins of the land
So you see the priest he placed upon the holy altar
The body of a spotless lamb And he prayed,

"Lord, let your judgment Passover us
Lord, let your love hover near
Don't let your sweet mercy Passover us
Let this blood cover over us here"

III. So Long, Moses by Andrew Peterson

So long, Moses, Hello, Promised Land
It was a long, long road, But your people are home
So long, Moses

Hello, Joshua, Goodbye, Canaanites, We're coming to town
Twelve tribes and no crown, No crown, Oh Lord

We want a king on a throne, Full of power, with a sword in his fist
Will there ever be, ever be a king like this?

Hello, Saul, First king of Israel, You were foolish and strong
So you didn't last long, Goodbye, Saul

Hail, King David, Shepherd from Bethlehem,
Set the temple of God in mighty Jerusalem

He was a king on a throne, Full of power, with a sword in his fist
Has there ever been, ever been a king like this?
Full of wisdom, full of strength, the hearts of the people are his
Hear, O Israel, was ever there a king like this?

Hello, prophets, the kingdom is broken now
The people of God have been scattered abroad
How long, O Lord?

So speak, Isaiah, Prophet of Judah Can you tell of the One
This king who's going to come

Will he be a king on a throne Full of power with a sword in his fist?
Prophet, tell us will there be another king like this?
Full of wisdom, full of strength, The hearts of the people are his
Prophet, tell us will there be another king like this?

"He'll bear no beauty or glory, rejected, despised
A man of such sorrow, we'll cover our eyes
He'll take up our sickness, Carry our tears, For his people
He will be pierced, He'll be crushed for our evils
Our punishment feel, By his wounds We will be healed."

"From you, O Bethlehem, Small among Judah
A ruler will come Ancient and strong."

IV. Deliver Us...by Andrew Peterson

Our enemy, our captor is no pharaoh on the Nile
Our toil is neither mud, nor brick, nor sand
Our ankles bear no calluses from chains Yet Lord, we're bound
Imprisoned here, we dwell in our own land

Deliver us, deliver us, oh Yahweh, hear our cry
And gather us beneath your wings tonight

Our sins they are more numerous than all the lambs we slay
Our shackles they were made with our own hands
Our toil is our atonement and our freedom yours to give
So Yahweh, break this silence if you can

Deliver us, deliver us, oh Yahweh, hear our cry
And gather us beneath your wings tonight
Deliver us, deliver us, oh Yahweh, hear our cry
And gather us beneath your wings tonight

Jerusalem, Jerusalem how often I have longed
To gather you beneath my gentle wings

V. 175 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

**O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns the lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!**

**O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!**

**O come, Thou Wisdom from on high,
And order all things far and nigh;
To us the path of knowledge show,
And cause us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!**

**O come, Desire of nations, bind
All peoples in one heart and mind.
Bid envy, strife, and quarrels cease;
Fill the whole world with heaven's peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!**

VI. Matthew's Begats by Andrew Peterson

Abraham had Isaac, Isaac, he had Jacob
Jacob, he had Judah and his kin
Then Perez and Zerah came from Judah's woman, Tamar
Perez, he brought Hezron up and then came

Aram, then Amminadab then Nahshon,
Who was then the dad of Salmon, who with Rahab fathered Boaz
Ruth, she married Boaz who had Obed who had Jesse
Jesse, he had David who we know as king

David, he had Solomon by dead Uriah's wife
Solomon, well you all know him, he had good old Rehoboam
Followed by Abijah who had Asa
Asa had Jehoshaphat had Joram had Uzziah
Who had Jotham then Ahaz then Hezekiah

Followed by Manasseh who had Amon who was a man
Who was father of a good boy named Josiah
Who grandfathered Jehoiachin
Who caused the Babylonian captivity because he was a liar

Then he had Shealtiel, who begat Zerubbabel
Who had Abiud who had Eliakim
Eliakim had Azor who had Zadok who had Akim
Akim was the father of Eliud then
He had Eleazar who had Matthan who had Jacob

Now, listen very closely
I don't want to sing this twice

Jacob was the father of Joseph
The husband of Mary
The mother of Christ

VII. It Came to Pass...by Andrew Peterson

It came to pass back in those days that Caesar, he decreed
A census would be taken of the Roman world, you see
So everyone packed up and headed back to their home towns
And this couple up from Galilee to Bethlehem was bound

So it came to pass this man named Joe was with his fiance
Back when her pregnancy began to show he planned to go away
But it came to pass that in a dream an angel of the Lord
Said, "Joseph, don't you be afraid to marry Mary for
The little baby in her womb it is the Holy Spirit's work
You may have read the prophet said a virgin would give birth

So it came to pass that Joseph was the noblest of men
With a woman on a donkey on their way to Bethlehem
And I wonder whether either was aware enough that day
To know the child would bring a Kingdom
And the old would come to pass away
Yes, it came to pass that Joseph was the noblest of men
With a woman on a donkey on their way to Bethlehem

VIII. Labor of Love by Andrew Peterson

It was not a silent night, there was blood on the ground
You could hear a woman cry in the alleyway that night
On the streets of David's town
And the stable was not clean and the cobblestones were cold
And little Mary full of grace with the tears upon her face
Had no mother's hand to hold

It was a labor of pain, it was a cold sky above
But for the girl on the ground in the dark
With every beat of her beautiful heart it was a labor of love

Noble Joseph by her side, calloused hands and weary eyes
There were no midwives to be found on the streets of David's town
In the middle of the night
So he held her and he prayed, shafts of moonlight on his face
But the baby in her womb He was the maker of the moon
He was the Author of the faith
That could make the mountains move

It was a labor of pain, it was a cold sky above
But for the girl on the ground in the dark
With every beat of her beautiful heart it was a labor of love

Little Mary, full of grace, with tears upon her face
It was a labor of love

It was not a silent night, on the streets of David's town

IX. While Shepherds Watch Their Flocks

Traditional tune with additional words and music by Andrew Peterson

While shepherds watched their flocks by night,
All seated on the ground the angel of the Lord came down,
And glory shone around "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 in David's house this day is born of David's line
The Savior who is Christ the Lord and this shall be the sign:
The heavenly babe you there shall find to human view displayed
All meanly wrapped in swaddling bands and in a manger laid"

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Christ is born
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Christ is born
"All glory be to God on high and to the earth be peace
Good will henceforth from God to man Begin and never cease"

X. Behold the Lamb of God

by Andrew Peterson and Laura Story

We who walk in darkness deep now see the light of morning
The mighty God, the Prince of Peace, A child to us is born

Behold the lamb of God, who takes away our sin
Behold the lamb of God, the life and light of men
Behold the Lamb of God, who died and rose again
Behold the lamb of God who comes to take away our sin

Wand'ers in the wilderness, now hear a voice is crying
Prepare the way, make straight the paths your king has come to die

Behold the lamb of God, who takes away our sin
Behold the lamb of God, the life and light of men
Behold the Lamb of God, who died and rose again
Behold the lamb of God who comes to take away our sin

Son of God (Emmanuel), Son of man (we praise You)
Behold (behold) the Lamb, the hope (the hope) of man
Behold the lamb

Behold the lamb of God, who takes away our sin
Behold the lamb of God, the life and light of men
Behold the Lamb of God, who died and rose again
Behold the lamb of God who comes to take away our sin

XI. The Theme of My Song/Reprise...by Andrew Peterson

Glory to Jesus, Ancient and strong,
Giver of love and the theme of my song
Glory to Jesus, Ancient and strong
Come to your people and carry us home

Sing out with joy for the brave little boy
Who was God, but He made Himself nothing
Well He gave up His pride and He Came here to die like a man

So gather round ye children come Listen to the old, old story

Of the power of death undone By an infant born of glory
Son of God, Son of Man

So rejoice, ye children, sing
And remember now His mercy
And sing out with joy for the brave little boy is our Savior
Son of God, Son of Man

XII. Is He Worthy?...by Andrew Peterson

Do you feel the world is broken, **we do**
Do you feel the shadows deepen, **we do**
But do you know that all the dark won't stop
The light from getting through, **we do**
Do you wish that you could see it all made new, **we do**

Is all creation groaning, **it is**
Is a new creation coming, **it is**
Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst, **it is**
Is it good that we remind ourselves of this, **it is**

Is anyone worthy, is anyone whole
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll
The Lion of Judah, who conquered the grave
He is David's root and the Lamb who died
To ransom the slave
Is He worthy, is He worthy
Of all blessing and honor and glory
Is He worthy of this, He is

Does the Father truly love us, **He does**
Does the Spirit move among us, **He does**
And does Jesus our Messiah hold forever those He loves, **He does**
Does our God intend to dwell again with us, **He does**

Is anyone worthy, is anyone whole
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll

**The Lion of Judah, who conquered the grave
He is David's root and the Lamb who died
To ransom the slave**

**From ev'ry people and tribe, ev'ry nation and tongue
He has made us a kingdom and priests to God
To reign with the Son
Is He worthy, is He worthy
Of all blessing and honor and glory
Is He worthy, is He worthy, is He worthy of this**

**He is
Is He worthy, is He worthy
He is
He is**

XIII. Closing Hymn: 199 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!
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 heav'n above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest!
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!**

**Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus to Thee be all glory giv'n;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!**

Cantata Musicians

Director: Bess Desta

Violin 1: Lydia Gregory

Violin 2: Tirzah Sheldon

Viola: Donna Ruiz

Cello: Noah Gregory and Malkah Sheldon

Bass: Joe Glotzbach

Percussion: Bryan Williams - Hawthorne Conservatory Staff

Piano: Robert Lubin

Guitar: James Desta and Dan Kish

Vocalists: James Desta, Meagan Kish, Dan Kish and Bess Desta

Children's Choir

Director: Sara McFaddin

Hannah Cummings

Maggie Cummings

Stella Crossley

Anna Kish

Kailyn Kish

Madison Lill

William Saraceni

Park Saraceni

Elouise Saraceni

Johnny Skinner

Sheep:

Sullivan Bennett

Navi Cummings

Arya Desta

Bella Kish

Hadley Lill

James Lill

Tess Moody

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