

The Christmas Journey

Thank you for coming with us on our Christmas Journey
Here is our itinerary. Please join in where indicated.

1. The Bidding Prayer

2. Come With Us To Bethlehem - Choir

3. The Shepherds - Choir

4. While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks By Night

Verses 1 to 4 - Choir & Solos

Please join in verses 5 & 6

Verse 5

Thus spake the Seraph and forthwith appeared a shining throng
Of Angels praising God who thus addressed their joyful song.

Verse 6

All glory be to God on high and to the earth be peace,
Good will henceforth from heav'n to men, begin and never cease.

5. Come With Us To Bethlehem - Choir

6. The Three Kings - Choir

7. We Three Kings Of Orient Are

Verses 1 to 4 Choir and Soloists Audience please join in the chorus each time
and also verse 5

Chorus

O star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light.

Verse 5 Choir and Audience

Glorious now behold him arise,
King and God and sacrifice;
Heaven sings alleluya,
Alleluya the earth replies.

8. Come With Us To Bethlehem - Choir

9. O Little Town Of Bethlehem - For everybody to sing

O Little town of Bethlehem how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in the dark streets shineth the everlasting light;
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.
For Christ is born of Mary; and, gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wond'ring love.

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.

Where children pure and happy pray to the blessed child,
Where misery cries out to thee, Son of the mother mild,
Where charity stands watching and faith holds wide the door,
The dark night wakes and glory breaks,
And Christmas comes once more.

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 Emmanuel.

10. The Collect for Christmas Eve

11. We All Went To Bethlehem - Choir and audience

We all went to Bethlehem, Bethlehem, Bethlehem
We all went to Bethlehem, we all went today.
We followed the star, it was quite far but we all went today.
We followed the star, it was quite far, we joined others on the way,
On the way, on the way.
We all went to Bethlehem, Bethlehem, Bethlehem.
We all went to Bethlehem, we all went today,
We went there today.