



Christmas Pageant Cast

In order of appearance

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| Narrators: | Mother Lisa Allison deKanel |
| Stable Hand: | Gary Busby |
| Joseph: | Jason Murphy |
| Mary: | Diana Murphy |
| Baby Jesus: | Gwendolyn Murphy |
| Shepherds: | Moira Masambo Eddie Masambo |
| Angels: | Charlotte Hallmark Rhea Scott Eliana Masambo |
| Star: | Judy Versocki |
| Three Kings: | Russell Scott Leo Scott Levi Williams |
| Closing Anthem: | Judy Versocki |

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Part I: Mary and Joseph

Sequence Hymn LEV 27: Away in a Manger

Narrator (Mother Lisa):

Welcome to Bethlehem, everyone! Let us open our eyes and ears and listen to the story of when Christ was born.

Narrator (Allison):

Mary and Joseph, a pitiful sight.
So tired and dirty, they gave me a fright.
Sickly or dying? What was the matter?

Joseph:

“A room in the inn?”

Narrator (Allison):

Impossible chatter!
My rooms are all taken; not one empty bed.
There'll not be a room in all Bethlehem!”
But their eyes told a story of hunger and need.
I couldn't avoid them, so I tried a good deed.
I cleaned up the stable: we cooked up a meal.
We helped all we could, at least, that's how I feel.
For we noticed that Mary was expecting — and soon!
So we prepared for delivery right under the moon.
The child came so quickly. His face seemed a light.
As if God had shone God's presence so bright.

Joseph said softly.

Joseph:

It's Jesus, my friend.

Part II: The Animals

Hymn 89 (vs. 1, 2): It came Upon a Midnight Clear

Narrator (Mother Lisa):

The animals were calm, quieter than normal.
They often were noisy, and never too formal.
They always were eating, or else they were sleeping.

The stable required continuous sweeping.

Narrator (Mother Lisa) continues:

But on Christmas night, they were strangely in awe
at the sight of the babe and all that they saw.

It's as if they were aware that God had just hushed them,
Had fed and watered and carefully brushed them.

They knew, I believe, that God had been able
to work a miracle there in that stable.

Part III: Angels

Hymnal 87 (vs. 1, 3): *Hark the Herald Angels Sing*

Narrator (Allison):

We don't often see angels in flight.

But on the first Christmas, they lit up the night.

They appeared to the shepherds and, boy, were they scared!

Shepherd (Moira): *from the side aisle*

Angels! Will any lives be spared?

Are they here to destroy us? Is our time on earth up?

Shepherd (Eddie): *from the side aisle*

Have we seen our last day? Have we drunk our last cup?

Narrator (Mother Lisa):

But "Peace on earth; goodwill to all"
was the angels' sweet song; that was their call.
With a light show that dazzled all who did see,
the angels hallelujahed and sang out with glee.

Angel (Charlotte):

Hallelujah!!

Angel (Rhea):

To Bethlehem, shepherds!

Angel (Eliana):

To see Jesus Christ, whom God has perfected.

Go worship the Lord and follow his ways.

And you'll find Christmas joy for all of your days.

Part IV: Shepherds

LEV 21 (all 3 verses): *Go Tell it on the Mountain*

Narrator (Allison):

The shepherds, I told you, were scared and stunned.

Shepherd (Eddie):

Too much hard work or too much hot sun!

Narrator (Allison):

That's what they thought; that's how they explained.

Perplexed and afraid, they loudly complained.

But the angels' song calmed them, and then they believed.

They rejoiced when they knew and they were quite relieved.

They went to the stable and worshiped the Lord.

Then they left and began to spread the good Word.

Three Kings and the Star

Hymn 128 (all three verses): *We Three Kings*

Narrator (Mother Lisa):

In the gifts we receive and the ones that we give,

Let us never forget, it's in Christ that we live.

All remain seated.

Closing Anthem

Keep Your Eyes on Me

Judy Versocki