



PILGRIMAGE OF ADORATION

Narrator: Drop whatever you're doing. Put away the everyday things and join the happy throng of those who come to kneel before our newborn King. Come young and old, rich and poor, join the jubilee - for a Savior is born, for you - for me! Come, just as shepherds came on that blessed night, leaving their sheep and in great awe and wonder, investigating what the angels had proclaimed.

All Sing: "Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful" Stanzas 1,2 (TLH 102, LW 41)

Nurse: I'm not a shepherd, but I do spend many nights on the job. In the dark quiet of the wee hours, I would be overwhelmed if I heard the whirl of angels' wings in the hospital halls. I'd probably drop a tray or thermometer in my excitement. Though I am no shepherd, I do try to adore Jesus in my profession as I minister to the sick and dying. How wonderful that one quiet night long ago, God sent His Son to heal our souls.

All Sing: "We Three Kings of Orient Are"

Teacher: I'm not one of the three wise men but as a teacher I am supposed to be wise. I hope I would have had enough faith and devotion to ride all those miles (on a camel, no less) to rejoice in the birth of the most wonderful child ever born. I love children and feel it is a privilege to help them learn and grow. What a joy to take the hand of a child and bring him to the manger to adore the Holy Christ Child. Let all wise men everywhere journey to our Savior, bearing gifts of love and praise!

All Sing: "Away in a Manger" (LW 64)

A Child: The Baby Jesus! I wish I could have been there. I would have tiptoed to His manger and kissed His sweet forehead. His tiny hand would have curled around my finger. Jesus makes me so happy - I'm so glad He loved me and came to save my soul. I've made Jesus a manger in my heart where I adore Him.

All Sing: "O Little Town of Bethlehem" (TLH 647, LW 60)

Court

Official: Instead of Bethlehem, my little town is _____ where I am an official of the court. Sometimes I wonder if Bethlehem was as pure and holy as portrayed in that song. _____, too, lies under starlit skies but we have our problems. Believe me, I see them every day - broken homes, drugs,

petty crimes, major crimes, misery, trouble, strife. But into this sin-whacked world a Savior was born and in Him is the answer to every problem. I praise God that in His great Court of Justice, He arranged for our redemption. I praise Him that He is the Lord, not only of Bethlehem, but of _____, and the hope of every town across the world.

All Sing: “Angels We Have Heard on High” (LW 55)

Solo: “O Holy Night” or some other appropriate song.

Singer: I like to sing! I’m so glad God gave me a voice so the music in my soul can burst forth in sound. Have you ever wondered what it should have felt like to be in that angel chorus the night Jesus was born? Can you imagine how wonderful it would feel to make such an announcement to the world? “Unto you a Savior is Born! Glory to God in the Highest Glory!” It makes me tingle to think about being among those angels as the earth reverberated in their glad hosannas. But wondrous thought - I am alive now and with my own human voice I can tell others the good news of a Savior. What an honor - what a way to adore Him! Tell others about Him!

All Sing: “Hark the Herald Angels Sing” (TLH 94 , LW 49)

Motel

Operator: I’m a motel operator. Back in Bible days, you might have called me an innkeeper. I’ve turned on that “No Vacancy” sign many a night. I shudder to think that I ever turned away the Master. You know what the Bible says about entertaining angels unaware. I’d give up my own bed to the Virgin Mary to such a blessed event as the birth of a Savior. Trouble is, we are often too tired or busy to love one another. God, forgive me for often hanging up a “No Vacancy” sign in my heart and crowding You out. Let me adore You as I care for others.

All Sing: “Silent Night” (TLH 646, LW 68)

(Bible reading of the Christmas story from Luke 2 as “Silent Night” is played softly in the background).

Narrator: Let us come now, each one of us, and kneel before our Wonderful Counselor, Savior, Everlasting God, kneel before Him in our hearts and adore Him. In the next few moments of quiet meditation, let us praise Him in our minds, embrace Him in our hearts, adore Him with all our being.

(Quiet Meditation)

We come, Lord, we come! We come with glad hosannas and everlasting gratitude. We come rejoicing and adoring You! Bless us as we come and may Your Peace abide with us always. Amen.

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