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Many of the Old Testament Scriptures predict the birth of Christ as well as His life, death, and resurrection. This musical highlights several of the best-known prophecies and shows how they were perfectly fulfilled when Jesus Christ was born in Bethlehem. It also traces His life, death on the cross, and His resurrection.

BORN THE KING has ten songs for choir, one for men's group and one for ladies. It is written for four-part choir with some optional parts here and there. The program is written for two narrators, a man and a woman. It is meant to be done in Readers' Theater format. The length of the program is 45 minutes.

Our prayer is that, through this program, people will see how God planned for the most wonderful event of all time...the birth of His Son, the Savior of the world! The fulfillment of the prophecies of old makes Christ the perfect Redeemer for lost men. We trust many will turn to Him and be encouraged through the performance of this cantata.

Byron Foxx

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Let His Praises Ring!





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Christmas Singalong

SATB

Words, Music and Arrangement by Glenn & Jan Christianson









* Hark! The Herald Angels Sing, Music by Felix Mendelssohn, Words by Charles Wesley



He Is Wonderful

SATB

Words by Byron Foxx and Angela Rueger

Music by Byron Foxx Arranged by Glenn Christianson









O Holy Night

SATB Music by Adolphe Adam Words by John S. Dwight Arranged by Glenn & Jan Christianson ₹. night!. stars are bright - ly shin is the dear Sav - ior's birth.







Something Different Tonight

SSA

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He Is Born

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Traditional French Carol, 19th Century

French Carol, 18th Century Arranged by Glenn Christianson











Jesus, Our Savior and King

SATB

Words and Music by Byron Foxx Arranged by Glenn & Jan Christianson









Peace on Earth









Glory to God, the Savior Is Born!

SATB

Words and Music by Carter M. Galentine Arranged by Glenn & Jan Christianson











Jesus, Friend of Sinners

Words and Music by Glenn & Jan Christianson









Thus Was He Born

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with **Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus** SATB

Words, Music and Arrangement by W. Elmo Mercer





* Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus, Words and Music by Helen H. Lemmel





Script

SONG: Let His Praises Ring!

The pastor or song leader invites the people to sing along with the choir.

SONG: Christmas Singalong

Narration #1

MAN: The earth is new! Where there was once a void, it's now lush with blue and green, earth and sky! Where it

was once darkness, it's now full of color and light! There is no loss, no decay, and no fear. Every inch of

it works in harmony and beauty, perfectly reflecting its Creator God.

WOMAN: No creature destroys another. There is no death...no brokenness. The first man, Adam, and the first

woman, Eve, live in unbroken joy and companionship. Their chief delight is God Himself and the world

He has created.

MAN: Then...disaster! Grief that they were never intended to know.

WOMAN: The serpent lies and Eve believes him! She doubts God and disobeys Him.

MAN: Adam chooses to follow her disobedience. Suddenly, they no longer belong in this perfect world. God

sends them away from His perfect garden and the Tree of Life into a world cursed because of their

rebellion.

WOMAN: They can no longer walk with God. Now there is sin between them, and God cannot bear their presence.

But God gives them comfort in a promise to Eve.

MAN: ¹ And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle,

and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life: And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise

thy head, and thou shalt bruise His heel.

WOMAN: Someday, God would send the Perfect Man to put them back in fellowship with Him. He would be the

One to repair the rift and fulfill all their deepest longings for joy and peace and perfection. He would be

the Savior!

MAN: Adam and Eve must have thought that they would live to see the promise fulfilled. Could they have

guessed it would be thousands of years? But they've seen God. They have walked and talked with Him.

Full of hope in this God that they know, they pass the promise on from generation to generation.

WOMAN: Centuries pass! A prophet named Isaiah prophesies the rise and fall of whole kingdoms...and of a coming

Savior. But it is Isaiah who gives us that Savior's name. In fact, this Savior is so remarkable...so

incredible...that He cannot be fully described by only one name. Isaiah joyfully prophecies FIVE names

by which this excellent Savior will be known.

MAN: ² For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given: and the government shall be upon His shoulder: and

His name shall be called Wonderful,

WOMAN: Counsellor,

MAN: The mighty God,

WOMAN: The everlasting Father,

BOTH: The Prince of Peace.

SONG: He Is Wonderful

Narration #2

MAN: Surely such a magnificent Savior would have an equally magnificent arrival! God's people must have

envisioned all kinds of remarkable, heavenly entrances for God's chosen One. And His arrival among men was remarkable...but quieter than anyone expected. Years before, the prophet Micah had been used

of God to announce where the Messiah would be born, and the town was nothing special.

WOMAN: ³ But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall

He come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from

everlasting.

SONG: O Holy Night

Narration #3

MAN: The Messiah would be born, not to royalty, but to a poor family from a poor city of no renown. If He

were born in a palace, then salvation would belong only to the rich. But as a poor Man from a poor town,

both poor and wealthy alike would be free to come to Him.

WOMAN: The broken and helpless felt no fear coming to Him and children were drawn to Him. How else could He

have been our Savior if He hadn't known and seen every want and need and struggle of simple people?

MAN: When an expectant couple arrived in Bethlehem, well after the rest of the crowd, they weren't unusual

looking. If they had been, they surely wouldn't have been sent to sleep in a stable.

WOMAN: But why was a memory of Ancient Texts not sparked when shepherds filled the streets talking about

angels announcing the Messiah. Perhaps it was because no one really expected such a thing to happen in

Bethlehem...to shepherds...in a stable.

MAN: There wasn't much lower they could go. Yet the Sovereign One did something truly unexpected and

different and came to the very lowest to raise them up to the very highest!

SONG: Something Different Tonight (Ladies)

Narration #4

WOMAN: In the annals of Israel's history, a story is told of King Ahaz who faced what looked like certain defeat.

God sent His prophet Isaiah to the king and told him that God would destroy the enemy. As a sign that

God would do as He promised, Isaiah gave Ahaz a prophecy about the coming Messiah.

MAN: ⁴ Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a Son, and

shall call His name Immanuel.

WOMAN: The story is familiar to us now. We know the virgin's name: Mary. We know that an angel named Gabriel

was sent to her with the news that she would bear the fulfillment of this incredible prophecy. And in

perhaps one of the most faith-filled responses in the Bible, we have her expression of joy in God.

MAN: Though unmarried, young, and having received this utterly life-changing news, Mary told her cousin

Elizabeth,

WOMAN:

⁵ My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior. For He hath regarded the low estate of His handmaiden: for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For He that is mighty hath done to me great things; and holy is His name. And His mercy is on them that fear Him from generation to generation.

MAN:

Mary and her family had been waiting for the Messiah. They were ready for His coming. God prepared her husband Joseph's heart to be responsible for raising God's Son. And, in perfect timing with the prophecies of God, the couple made their way to Bethlehem where Jesus the Messiah was born.

SONG:

He Is Born (Men)

SONG:

Jesus, Our Savior and King

Narration #5

WOMAN:

In Herod's palace, no one needed anything. There was wealth, plenty of food, and luxury of all kinds. Why would they need a Savior?

MAN:

But miles away on the hills outside of Bethlehem, a group of shepherds didn't have any of that. They were poor and simple and didn't have much more shelter than their sheep. They had no status and nothing that might be considered a luxury.

WOMAN:

They constantly fought against disease, injury, and predators of their flocks. How they must have dreamed of a Savior to come and fix a broken world! Perhaps that is why God chose them to be the audience of His choir and the recipients of His announcement.

MAN:

⁶ And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

BOTH:

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

SONG:

Peace on Earth

SONG:

Glory to God, the Savior Is Born!

Narration #6

MAN:

Jesus' life spanned thirty-three years; but His official ministry was in the last three. In that time, He fulfilled many of the Ancient Prophecies about Himself. One day in the synagogue He read to the people a text from Isaiah.

WOMAN:

⁷ The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He hath anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He hath sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, To preach the acceptable year of the Lord. And He closed the book, and He gave it again to the minister, and sat down.

MAN:

And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on Him. And He began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.

WOMAN:

By then He was well-known for His preaching and teaching. But His own people wanted nothing to do with their Messiah. He wasn't what they wanted. His disciples didn't understand when He told them He had to die to save people who didn't know they needed Him.

MAN:

⁸ For He taught His disciples, and said unto them, The Son of man is delivered into the hands of men, and they shall kill Him; and after that He is killed, He shall rise the third day. But they understood not that saying, and were afraid to ask Him.

SONG:

Jesus Friend of Sinners

Narration #7

WOMAN:

After His crucifixion, the Pharisees remembered what Jesus had said...that he would rise from the dead! They thought they could stop any chances of this happening, so they asked Pilate,

MAN:

⁹ Sir, we remember that that Deceiver said, while He was yet alive, After three days I will rise again. Command therefore that the sepulcher be made sure until the third day, lest His disciples come by night, and steal Him away, and say unto the people, He is risen from the dead: so the last error shall be worse than the first.

WOMAN:

But no man has ever thwarted God's plan. No one has ever changed His Word! The guards put over His tomb did nothing to stop Him. Jesus kept His promise! He rose from the dead on the third day; and He lives in heaven today...the King of Kings and Lord of Lords!

MAN:

Many times in history a baby is born a king. But only once was a King born a Baby!

BOTH:

Thus was He born!

SONG:

Thus Was He Born

The pastor will make final comments and give the invitation.

SONG:

Come to the Savior

THE END

¹ Genesis 3:14-15

² Isaiah 9:6

³ Micah 5:2

⁴ Isaiah 7:14

⁵ Luke 1:46-50

⁶ Luke 2:10-14

⁷ Luke 4:18-21

⁸ Mark 9:31-32

⁹ Matthew 27:63-64

Program Suggestions

- 1. The narration part is written for a man and a lady.
- 2. A LISTENING CD of *Born the King* is available through Bible Truth Music. (www.BibleTruthMusic.com) The narrators should listen to this CD several times to get familiar with the narration and the style of the narrators.
- 3. The narrators should sit down when the choir is singing. After each song they will walk back up to their microphones.
- 4. The narration is done in the Reader's Theater format. This means they will always face the audience and speak toward them.
- 5. Even though microphones are used, the narrators should still project their voices when they are speaking. They should imagine that they are speaking to someone in the back of the auditorium.

Microphone 1	Microphone 2
Man	Lady

Christmas Singalong

CHOIR ONLY

Christmas is a joyful time to sing of Christ our Savior. Glory to the newborn King; He came as our Redeemer. Gloria, in excelsis Deo. Jesus came to save me. Born was He in Bethlehem to die for me on Calvary.

CONGREGATION

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King! Peace on earth, and mercy mild: God and sinners reconciled." Joyful, all ye nations rise, Join the triumph of the skies; With th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!" Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

It came upon the midnight clear, That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth To touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to men," From heavens all-gracious King.
The world in solemn stillness lay To hear the angels sing.

CHOIR ONLY

I wonder as I wander out under the sky, How Jesus the Savior did come for to die. For poor ornery people like you and like I; I wonder as I wander, out under the sky.

CONGREGATION

The first Noel the angel did say, Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay; In fields where they lay keeping their sheep On a cold winter's night that was so deep. Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel.

Joyful, all ye nations rise, Join the triumph of the skies; With th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!" Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

CHOIR ONLY

"Glory to the newborn King!"

Program Summary (for technical crew)

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SONG	He Is Born (Men)	6	10
SONG	Jesus, Our Savior and King	7	11
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SONG	Peace on Earth	8	13
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NARRATION #6	Page 85		15
SONG	Jesus, Friend of Sinners	10	16
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SONG	Thus Was He Born	11	18
	Closing comments and invitation		
SONG	Come to the Savior	12	19