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Christmas Jubilee

A Christmas Presentation
by Young Children

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The Prelude

The Processional Hymn

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

(For alternate lyrics, use *LSB* 380)

The Congregation

The Invocation

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Responsive Reading

An Arrangement of Psalm 146 and Isaiah 61:1–3

Pastor: Praise the LORD!

All: Praise the LORD, O my soul!

Side 1: I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

Side 2: I will sing praises to my God as long as I have my being.

Women: Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,

Men: Whose hope is in the LORD his God,

Side 1: Who made heaven and earth,

Side 2: The sea, and all that is in them,

Pastor: Who keeps faith forever.

Pastor: The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to grant to those who mourn in Zion—to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified.

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Pastor: Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD, who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry.

All: The LORD sets the prisoners free;

Side 1: The LORD opens the eyes of the blind.

Side 2: The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

All: The LORD loves the righteous.

Men: The LORD watches over the sojourners;

Women: He upholds the widow and the fatherless,

All: But the way of the wicked He brings to ruin.

Pastor: The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the LORD!

The Hymn

The Congregation and Children

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

The Prayer for the Day

Pastor: Almighty God, You have made Yourself known in Your Son, Jesus, Redeemer of the world. We give thanks for His birth as our Savior, for He sets us free from the slavery of our sin; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

The Christmas Meditation

The pastor may offer a brief reflection on the redemption and freedom from sin, death, and the devil that Jesus secured for us.

The Offering

The Message Presented by the Children

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An Invitation

Children enter with balloons and place them around the manger.

Adult: Now Christmas time has come again,
We join tonight
This annual rite.
The shepherds said, "Let us now go
To Bethlehem
To worship Him."

Children: Come and join our jubilee. (*Beckon with arms.*)
Hear how Jesus sets us free. (*Arms up and out.*)

Adult: We want to us see this baby too,
This little boy,
His mother's joy.
Let us remember who He is,
This little child,
So small, so mild.

Children: Come and join our jubilee. (*Beckon with arms.*)
Hear how Jesus sets us free. (*Arms up and out.*)

Adult: With Mary, ponder in our hearts
What He would do
For me and you.
We pause, reflect, and give thanks and pray
His sacrifice—
Redemption's price.

Children: Come and join our jubilee. (*Beckon with arms.*)
Hear how Jesus sets us free. (*Arms up and out.*)

Adult: We come to sing and join the praise
In company
In jubilee.

The Song

The Children

Jubilee Bells

Sung to the tune of Jingle Bells. Children shakes the jingle bells they made.

1. Jubilee, Jubilee,
Hurry now and see!
Born this night in Bethlehem

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God's Son who sets set us free!

2. Jubilee, Jubilee!
See the baby boy!
He is Lord of everything.
Our Savior, King, and joy.

Who Is This Baby?

Children enter with large flowers and place them around the manger.

Adult: Who is this child of jubilee,
This child who comes to set us free?

Children: This child is Jesus, God's own Son. *(Rock baby in arms.)*
The Savior who our freedom won. *(Arms up and out.)*

Adult: Is He the Lord, God's Chosen One,
The Savior, who our freedom won.

Children: This child is Jesus, God's own Son. *(Rock baby in arms.)*
The Savior who our freedom won. *(Arms up and out.)*

Adult: Is He God's promise, coming true?
Is He the hope for me and you?

Children: This child is Jesus, God's own Son. *(Rock baby in arms.)*
The Savior who our freedom won. *(Arms up and out.)*

Adult 2: Is He God's promise coming true?
Is He the hope for me and you?

Children : This child is Jesus, God's own Son. *(Rock baby in arms.)*
The Savior who our freedom won. *(Arms up and out.)*

The Song

Oh, Come, Little Children

The Children

Jesus Is Born (Luke 2:1–20)

Children costumed as Mary, Joseph, shepherds, and angels come forward to pantomime the action and create a manger scene during the reading of the Gospel.

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Pastor: 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.

Adult: 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.

Children: 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.

Pastor: And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with a great fear.

Adult: And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger."

Pastor: And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

Children: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom He is pleased."

Adult: When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us."

Pastor: And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them.

Adult: But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

The Song

In a Little Stable

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Angels Tell—Christ Has Come!

The Recitation

Angels Tell

Children with angel puppets

Angels said up in the sky,
“Glory be to God on high.”
Christ is born in Bethlehem,
Let us go and worship Him.

Christ has come to set us free.
Join our Christmas Jubilee.
God is good and God is great.
Join the fun and celebrate!

The Children

Sample includes a portion of the program only.