

COME, LORD JESUS

(6 Elders)

Dedicated to the Tennessee Nashville Mission

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THE BIRTH

*Prior to beginning of the meeting, *START video, then *PAUSE it immediately, holding until program begins.*

#1 : (**START video.*) We come tonight to proclaim Jesus Christ. The Savior. The Redeemer. The Holy One of Israel. The Son of God.

#2: His birth was heralded by every prophet since the beginning of time. His life filled the earth with light and love. Because of his death and resurrection, we can live again. We can live again whole. And at life's end, we can come into the presence of God, clean and pure.

#5: Surely, we were with the multitudes of heaven, waiting in breathless anticipation for the Redeemer of the world to descend into mortality. And with the angels we, too, cried out, "Come, Lord Jesus, come! Come with healing in your wings. Come to the manger."

Choir sings first verse of "Come, Lord, Jesus."

#4: (*music continues*) The Son of God came with all power, yet He bowed to the will of His Father. He came to teach us of love, by bearing the burdens of hate. He descended to the depths of sorrow, making possible our greatest joy. He conquered death, giving us life eternal. As the king of all creation, He became a lowly servant, born in a stable.

THE SACRIFICE

#6: "...and she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger..." (*music continues*)

#3: "...arise and take the young child and his mother and flee into Egypt..."

#4: "...and when he was 12 years old...they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors..."

#1: "...and Jesus increased in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man..."

#2: "...then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John to be baptized of him..."

#5: "...and Jesus was led by the spirit into the wilderness, being 40 days an-hungered..."

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#3: "...and walking by the Sea of Galilee he saith, Follow me and I will make you fishers of men..."

#6: "...and seeing the multitude, he went up into a high mountain and taught them..."

#4: "...and the sick and those who were afflicted with all manner of diseases were healed by the power of the Lamb of God..."

#5: "As Jesus entered a certain village, he saw ten lepers standing in the distance. Their disease was considered a form of living death. *(music continues)* In like manner, each of us has a form of spiritual leprosy...sins have blotted, defaced, and eaten away at our spiritual well-being. And like the lepers of the ancient Israelite village, we cry out, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." (Luke 17:13) There is no hope for a chance cleansing or a self-induced healing. The only hope, the only cure is to seek the mercy and the cleansing powers offered by the Atoning One. Jesus Christ." Tad Callister, "The Infinite Atonement."

Solo, "I Stand All Amazed"

#2: *(music continues)* Because of His sinless life, His atonement and his resurrection, Christ freed our souls from the grasp of death and sin. He was the breath of life and our hope for heaven. After teaching and testifying, anointing and calling, He ascended to His Father, leaving behind faithful saints and servants here on earth. They were devoted to Him, to His word, and to taking His message to all men. He left a world waiting for Him to come again, for Him to return in glory.

Choir sings verse three of "Come, Lord Jesus, Great Redeemer."

THE RESTORATION

#6: The purity of the Church of Jesus Christ which He established, did not last. Early Christian leaders were ridiculed, persecuted, and eventually killed.

#1: Without revelation through prophets, precious truths gradually became polluted and changed. Some disappeared altogether. Spiritual darkness descended and the world lay covered in confusion. As the centuries passed, good men tried to reform the errors, resulting in a flood of conflicting religions.

#4: But God had a plan for His children. In 1820, a marvelous work and a wonder began as the Father and the Son returned to the earth to restore gospel truths. In preparation for His final return, the Savior came to gather His elect. He came to call His sheep home. Come. Come into the fold of God. Hear my voice and follow me.

"Come, Follow Me" begins with live accompaniment. Continue playing video.

#3: (during introduction) "Come unto me...and I will show unto you...the knowledge which is hid up because of unbelief. Come unto me...and it shall be made manifest unto you how great things the Father hath laid up for you, from the foundation of the world... Therefore, repent all ye ends of the earth, and come unto me, and believe in my gospel, and be baptized in my name; for he that believeth and is baptized shall be saved...." Ether 4: 13-14, 18

*"Come, Follow Me" continues. When song concludes, press *PAUSE.*

*Convert testimony; story of conversion; effect on life and family; testimony.
Approximately 5 minutes.*

THE OTHER SHEEP

Press *START.

#1: The restoration of the gospel of Jesus Christ brought with it a great treasure, a hidden treasure, buried in the earth. After centuries of being lost, this record of an ancient American people was translated by the gift and power of God.

#6: The message of this book, the Book of Mormon, is powerful evidence of the restoration. It testifies of Jesus Christ, for His spirit is infused within each written word.

#5: Wrapped in its pages of history are the testimonies of their holy prophets; men who also knew the Savior. Their words call to us from the dust, filled with light and truth. Come, they say. Come to Him who has the power to save. Come and find the glorious truths which can bring you to the feet of your Savior.

#3: And I, Nephi, have written these things unto my people, that perhaps I might persuade them that they would remember the Lord their Redeemer.... wherefore ye must bow down before him, and worship him with all your might, mind, and strength, and your whole soul... (1 Nephi 19:18; 2 Nephi 25:29)

#2: He is the light and the life of the world; yea, a light that is endless that can never be darkened; yea, and also a life which is endless, that there can be no more death. (Mosiah 16:9)

#4:Remember, remember that it is upon the rock of our Redeemer, who is Christ, the Son of God, that ye must build your foundation. (Helaman 5:12)

#5: ...and because of their hatred, they put to death every Nephite that will not deny the Christ. And I, Moroni, will not deny the Christ; wherefore, I wander [where] I can for the safety of mine own life. (Moroni 1:2-3)

#2: And now, my beloved brethren, and also Jew, and all ye ends of the earth...believe in these words, for they are the words of Christ, and he...will show unto you, with power and great glory, that they are his words at the last day; and you and I shall stand face to face before his bar; and ye shall know that I have been commanded of him to write these things... (2 Nephi 33: 10)

#1: O that I were an angel, and could have the wish of mine heart, that I might go forth and speak with the trump of God, with a voice to shake the earth, and cry repentance unto every people! Yea, I would declare unto every soul.... repentance and the plan of redemption, that they should repent and come unto our God... (Alma 29:1-2)

"I Know He Lives" begins.

#6: *(during introduction) ...I know that Jesus Christ shall come, yea, the Son, the Only Begotten of the Father. (Alma 5:48)*

(Choir sings "I Know He Lives")

THE INVITATION

#3: We kneel at His feet.

#4: We worship Him as Son of God, creator of the universe.

#1: *("Interlude" piano music begins.)* We add our witness to that of the prophets, and testify that He lives, for we have felt His power in our lives and He has changed our hearts.

#5: We bring to you the joyous news that He has come again to the earth in these latter days. Angels have descended in glory to restore the Priesthood of God, with its power to heal the sick, to bind families together, and to give life to the spiritually dead.

#2: Like the shepherds of old, we proclaim, "Come. See for yourselves what the Lord has made known unto us. Come with haste." Come and find the joy of His restored gospel. Come and set foot on the pathway that leads to exaltation and eternal life, the greatest of all the gifts of God. Come, drink of the water.

"Come, Drink of the Water," choir and piano.

*During the song, the video begins to pan in on picture of the Savior. When it quits moving and focuses on the Savior's face, press * PAUSE until after the closing prayer.*

Suggested closing statement by a member of choir:

"We are grateful for the opportunity we have had this evening to witness of Christ through our music. We know He lives and loves each one of us. We, like Him, invite all to come unto Him."

Closing prayer