

Stations of the Creche

Opening Ritual ~ Franciscan Federation Annual Meeting

*Soon and Very Soon- Opening Meditation/Bop then raffle ticket drawing
Suzanne Kush will officially open the Conference before the opening ritual
Introduce facilitator, Krista Clements
Local Leaders' welcome: Sr. Renita Bremmer
Jamie intro and call for quiet*

Opening Hymn: Love is the Reason- Cathy Tisel Nelson

The First Station- The Annunciation

All: We adore you O Christ and we praise you for by your holy birth you have redeemed the world.

Readers will proclaim from the mic nearest them in the space, then return to their seat during the meditation

Reading:

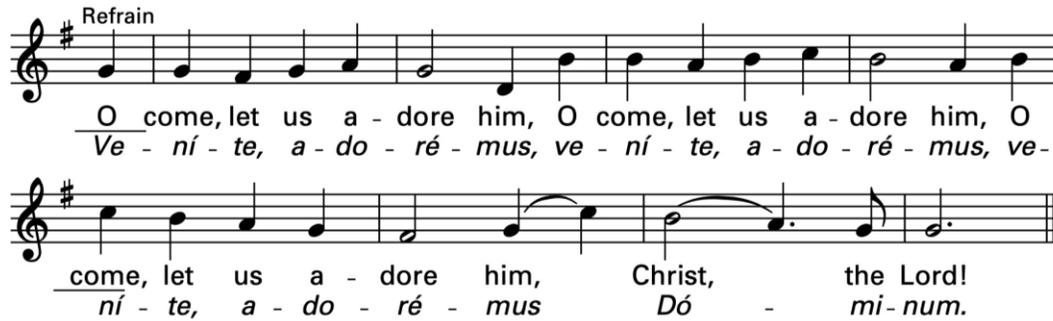
And the angel said to her, "Fear not, Mary, for you have found favor with God. You will bear a son and call his name Jesus, and he will be great. . ."
And Mary said, "Behold the handmaid of the Lord; let it be done to me according to your word." *Luke 1:30-31, 38*

Meditation (Optional)

Prayer (together): Lord God, you who do miracles in the souls of those who love you, help each of us to bear witness to the incarnation and proclaim without fear your saving love. Amen.

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Text: Irregular with refrain; John F. Wade, ca. 1711-1786;
 tr. by Frederick Oakeley, 1802-1880, alt. Music: John F. Wade.

The Second Station The Visitation

All: We adore you O Christ and we praise you for by your holy birth you have redeemed the world.

Reading: When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the baby leapt in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke with a loud voice, saying, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.” *Luke 1:41-42*

Meditation (Optional)

Prayer (together) O God, teach us the joy and happiness of doing your will always, and seeing your love and goodness in everyone whom we encounter on this weekend’s journey. Amen.

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Third Station The Magnificat, the Song of Mary

All: We adore you O Christ and we praise you for by your holy birth you have redeemed the world.

Reading: My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my savior... for he that is mighty has done great things for me. . .His mercy is on those who fear him in every generation. . .He fills the hungry with good things. . .and he helps his servant Israel.” *Luke 1:46-47, 49, 50, 53-54*

Meditation (Optional)

Prayer: Through the help of Mary, our Mother, may God make the sick well, the troubled calm, and the wounded healed. Amen.

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Fourth Station The Birth of John the Baptist

All: We adore you O Christ and we praise you for by your holy birth you have redeemed the world.

Reading Elizabeth's time came for delivery, and she gave birth to a son, and her neighbors and relatives. . .rejoiced with her. . .They made signs to [the child's] father how he would name him. . . and he wrote, 'His name is John'.

Luke 1:57-58, 62,63

Meditation (Optional)

Prayer: Provident God, you sent John the Baptist before your Son to wake us up and call us to deeper attention. May we recognize Christ's presence in our lives and welcome his love into our hearts. Amen.

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Fifth Station The Prophecy of Zechariah

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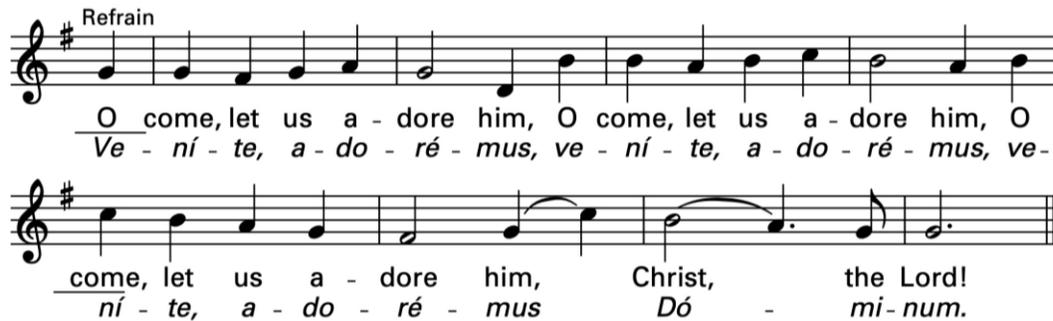
Reading Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied, saying, “Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people. . .that we might serve him without fear, holy and righteous in his sight all the days of his life.” *Luke 1:67-68, 74-75*

Meditation (Optional)

Prayer (together) O God, who sent John the Baptist to remind us of your eternal mercy, grant that we turn from our sins and treat one another with justice, love, and respect. Amen.

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Sixth Station Joseph's Dream

All: We adore you O Christ and we praise you for by your holy birth you have redeemed the world.

Reading: Behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, fear not to take to yourself Mary your wife...She shall bring forth a son and you will call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." *Matthew 1:20-21*

Meditation (Optional)

Prayer (together): God of Safe Harbor, help us to imitate the faith and trust of Joseph, the earthly guardian of Christ and to seek your help in all our troubles. Amen.

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Seventh Station: Joseph Takes Mary into his Home

All: We adore you O Christ and we praise you for by your holy birth you have redeemed the world.

Reading Then Joseph awakened from sleep and did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and received Mary as his wife. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and [Joseph] called his name Jesus. *Matthew 1:24-25*

Meditation (Optional)

Prayer: O God, you sent your Son to live with us on earth that we might live with him forever in heaven. Grant that we may stay close to Christ and follow the path of discipleship all the days of our lives. Amen.

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Eighth Station The Journey to Bethlehem

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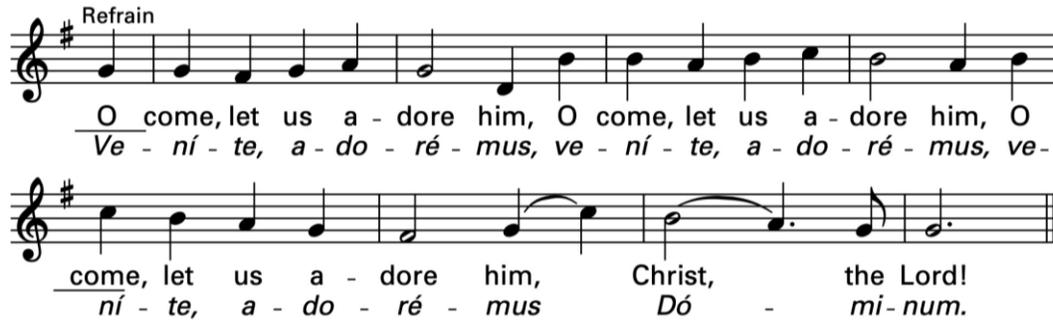
Reading And Joseph went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth into Judea, to the city of David which is called Bethlehem, with his engaged wife Mary, who was near to giving birth, in order to pay the tax there. *Luke 2:4-5*

Meditation (Optional)

Prayer (together) O Lord, be with us in every pain and difficulty, and give us the courage to endure hardship and suffering. Let us serve you as faithfully as Mary and Joseph did in their lives. Amen.

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Ninth Station The Birth of Jesus

All: We adore you O Christ and we praise you for by your holy birth you have redeemed the world.

Reading And so it was, that while they were there, her days were completed so that she was to give birth. And she brought forth her first born son and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. *Luke 2:6-7*

Meditation (Optional)

Prayer (together) O God of all love and mercy, look upon us with kindness when we are most in need. Help us also to imitate the love and kindness Christ had for all people. Amen.

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Tenth Station The Angels Announce the Good News

All: We adore you O Christ and we praise you for by your holy birth you have redeemed the world.

Reading And there were shepherds in the same area watching their flocks by night, and behold the angel of the Lord appeared to them...and said, "Fear not, I bring you good news of great joy to all peoples, for unto you is born this day in the city of David a savior; who is Christ the Lord." *Luke 2:8-11*

Meditation (Optional)

Prayer (together) Creator God, let us listen to the word of God without fear, with joy in our hearts, knowing that Christ became human for the salvation of all creation. Amen.

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Eleventh Station The Shepherds Share the Good News

All: We adore you O Christ and we praise you for by your holy birth you have redeemed the world.

Reading: The shepherds said to one another, “Let us go then to Bethlehem and see this event which the Lord has made known to us.” So they went in haste and found Mary and Joseph and the baby lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child. *Luke 2:15-17*

Meditation (Optional)

Prayer O Lord, open our ears to everyone who speaks your name, and loosen our tongues at every chance to praise you. Amen.

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Twelfth Station The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple

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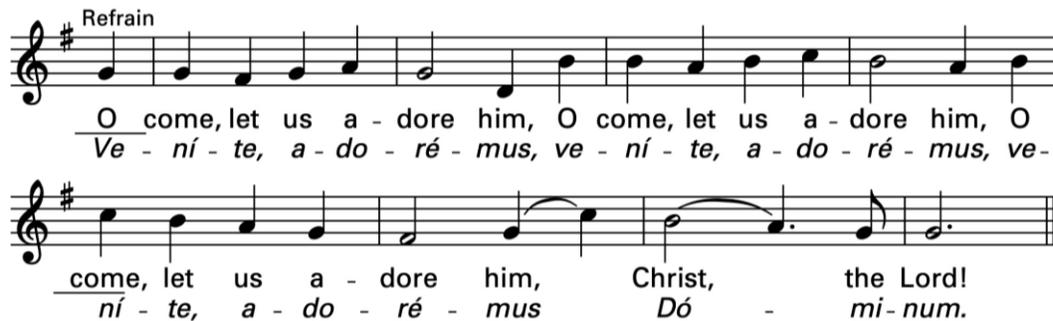
Reading: When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord”), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.” *Luke 2:22-24*

Meditation (Optional)

Prayer: Lord God, you care for us with the love of both a father and a mother. Keep us close to you as part of your family. Help each of us to act as a true child of God in everything we do. Amen.

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Thirteenth Station The Blessing of Simeon

All: We adore you O Christ and we praise you for by your holy birth you have redeemed the world.

Reading: Simeon took the boy into his arms and blessed God, saying, “Now Lord, you may let your servant die in peace. For according to your word, my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all peoples, a light of revelation for the pagans and the glory of your people Israel.” *Luke 2:28-32*

Meditation (Optional)

Prayer: Loving God, help us to see your face in the faces of all we meet, and to treat every human being as a gift from you, deserving of dignity and love.

Amen.

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Fourteenth Station The Magi Come from the East

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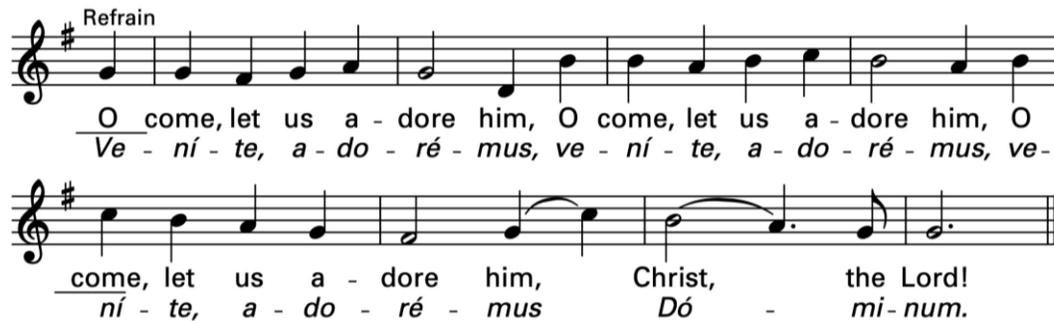
Reading: When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea...wise men came from the East to Jerusalem, saying “Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We have seen his star at its rising and have come to pay him honor.” *Matthew 2:1-2*

Meditation (Optional)

Prayer: God of All Nations, you make your glory known throughout all the earth. Bless all your people throughout the world and help us to live in peace with one another. Amen.

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