



## TEACHER SCORE

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# ABOUT THIS WORSHIP SERVICE

**Glory to the newborn King! As the children present this worship service, the congregation will become familiar with five kingly crowns: the Crown of Prophecy, the Crown of Incarnation, the Crown of Thorns, the Crown of Victory, and the Crown of Glory. Each of these crowns plays an important part in the life of a Christian. The parts of the service include:**

- Part 1: THE CROWN OF PROPHECY**
- Part 2: THE CROWN OF INCARNATION**
- Part 3: THE CROWN OF THORNS**
- Part 4: THE CROWN OF VICTORY**
- Part 5: THE CROWN OF GLORY**

## **SPEAKERS**

A speaker or pair of speakers introduces each new part of the service. This may be a student or adult.

## **BIBLE CHARACTERS**

There are spoken parts by five Bible characters: David, a Magi, Mary, Paul and John. These may be students or adults. It is suggested that the speaker stands in front of the banner he/she represents while speaking. If possible, have the speakers wear costumes.

## **RECITATIONS**

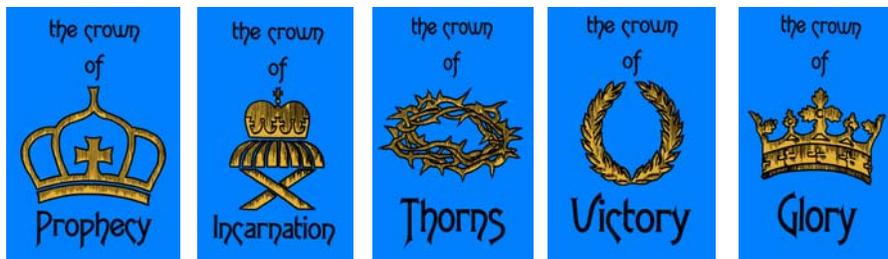
Parts labeled "Recitation" include Scripture passages recited by individuals or classes. The (\*) sections may be deleted from the service without harming the message impact.

## **SONGS**

This service includes "*Hark, the Herald Angels Sing*" as the processional and recessional. Other children's songs include "*As a Babe*", "*Just Like Me*", and "*See the Baby King*". Another song, "*Glory to the Newborn King*" (not on accompaniment CD) may be spoken or sung. There are also ample carols included for the assembly.

## **BANNERS**

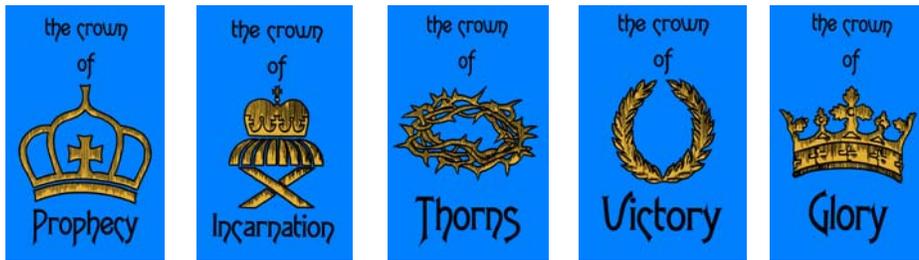
Because this service is so closely tied with visual graphics, it is suggested placing the five banners in front of church. (Notice that these banners may be used throughout the church year as well.) Directions are included in this file.



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# ABOUT THE BANNERS



The worship service *Glory to the Newborn King* is divided into five parts, each with a corresponding banner. It is suggested the banners be displayed prior to the service so the congregation can see all five at the beginning of worship. You may position them in the same order they appear in the service, or you may wish to place them as follows so the banner of Incarnation is centered.

**PROPHECY**  
Part (1)

**VICTORY**  
Part (4)

**INCARNATION**  
Part (2)

**GLORY**  
Part (5)

**THORNS**  
Part (3)

Templates are included with this disk. You may wish to print each design on a transparency on your computer printer and then broadcast them on the large surface with an overhead projector. Banner size is suggested about 3' x 6'.

## FABRIC COLOR

Feel free to do as you see fit. A suggestion would be white for each background and black for the text. Crowns may be in the following colors: Prophecy – Blue; Incarnation – Red; Thorns – Black; Victory – Green; Glory – Gold. If possible a shiny metallic fabric would work well for the crowns. You may also attach a border to each banner that is the same color as the crown.

## SUGGESTION

These banners may be used throughout the church year. You might consider the following: Prophecy (Advent), Incarnation (Christmas), Thorns (Lent), Victory (Easter), Glory (Ascension).

# Glory to the Newborn King

(Note: Recitations with an (\*) may be deleted for smaller schools or Sunday schools)

**Processional by Children:** *(Children may sing stanza 1 and congregation may join in on stanzas 2,3. See bulletin insert for melody printout.)*

## ***“Hark the Herald Angels Sing”***

*Melody by Paul Wilde*

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.

Hail, the heavenly Prince of Peace!  
Hail, the Son of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings,  
Ris’n with healing in His wings.  
Mild He leaves His throne on high,  
Born that man no more may die;  
Born to raise the sons of earth;  
Born to give them second birth.  
Hark, the herald angels sing,  
Glory to the newborn King.

Come, Desire of Nations, come,  
Fix in us Thy humble home;  
Oh, to all Thyself impart,  
Formed in each believing heart!  
Hark! The herald angels sing!  
Glory to the newborn King;  
Peace on earth and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled!  
Hark, the herald angels sing,  
Glory to the newborn King.

## **Invocation**

## **Responsive Reading**

**Pastor:** Arise, sons of the kingdom! Your King is coming near.  
Arise and hail with gladness, your Savior is now here.

**Children:** *Arise with praise, you children! And sing his songs anew.  
Give honor, praise and glory! The King has come for you.*

**Pastor:** Prepare your hearts this Christmas! The King is at the door.  
With scarlet banner waving, to reign forevermore.

**Congregation:** *No glorious throne he needeth, rather a manger small.  
Yet here is found the Ruler, who is the King of all.*

**All:** *Arise, and be glad-hearted! The King is not afar.  
Rejoice with glad hosannas, behold, the Morning Star.*

**Prayer for Christmas:**

O Lord, our Lord, as we once again look inside the Bethlehem stable, our eyes become fixed on a newborn baby who was and is and always will be the King of all the earth. We are truly humbled as we consider your omnipotent greatness. Be with us and fill our hearts with love and praise and thankfulness for your birth, death and resurrection. May we always see you both as a humble baby in Bethlehem and as the great King above all kings and Lord above all lords. Hear our prayer in the name of Jesus our newborn King. Amen.

**Congregation Song:** “Lift Up Your Heads, You Mighty Gates” Stanzas 1,2

## Part 1: The Crown of Prophecy

**Speaker 1:** Crowns! The dictionary calls them “ornamental circlets or head coverings often made of precious metals and set with jewels, and worn as symbols of sovereignty.” They are also called “decorative garlands or wreaths worn on the head as symbols of victory, honor or distinction.” By now you’ve noticed the five banners here in front of the church. Through recitation and songs, we will take a close look at these five crowns and see how each one tells about Jesus, our newborn King!

**Speaker 2:** The first and oldest crown represents the Crown of Prophecy. Prophecy was very important in the life of Jesus. Throughout the Old Testament, writers mentioned the coming of Jesus. As we read about Jesus in the New Testament, we find that he faithfully and perfectly fulfilled each prophecy. One of those who prophesied about the coming King was David who was also a king. If King David would speak to us today, perhaps this is what he would say:

**David:** The Crown of Prophecy looked forward to the King who was about to come. All of the followers of the Lord looked to the day when the Messiah would come to reign over God’s kingdom. I, too, looked for this coming King. Although I was a man of great power and wealth, one mightier and far more important than I was yet to come. This is what I wrote about the coming of this King:

**Recitation:**

(Responsive recitation by 3 groups {perhaps lowers grades} and David) [Psalm 24:7-10]

**Group 1:** Lift up your heads, O you gates;

**Group 2:** Be lifted up, you ancient doors,

**Group 3:** That the King of glory may come in.

**David:** Who is this King of glory?

**All:** The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.

**Group 1:** Lift up your heads, O you gates;

**Group 2:** Lift them up, you ancient doors,

**Group 3:** That the King of glory may come in.

**David:** Who is he, this King of glory?

**All:** The Lord Almighty—he is the King of glory.

**David:** Yet I was not the only one who wrote about the coming King.

**\*Recitation:** Isaiah wrote: “Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David’s throne and over his kingdom, establishing it and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever.” (Isaiah 9:7)

**Recitation:** Jeremiah said: “‘The days are coming’ declares the Lord, ‘when I will raise up to David a righteous branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land.’ This is the name by which he will be called: The Lord our Righteousness.” (Jeremiah 23:5)

**\*Recitation:** Daniel also wrote: “His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.”

**Song:** (*Middle Grades 2-part*)

***See the Baby King***

*By Paul Wilde*

**REFRAIN**

Ding, dong! Ding, dong! See the Baby King!

Ding, dong! Ding, dong! Hear the heavens ring!

Heav’n and earth all sing His praises!

Ding, dong! Ding, dong! See the Baby King!

## **COUNTER REFRAIN**

Come, and see the Baby King! Ding, dong, ding!  
Come, and hear the heavens ring! Ding, dong, ding!  
Heav'n and earth sing!  
Come, and see the Baby King! Ding, dong, ding!

1. Come, adore the Baby King;  
Lord of Lords, enthroned in glory!  
“Peace on Earth”, the angels sing;  
Shepherds go to tell the story!

2. Awe and wonder fill the earth—  
Christ has come to bring salvation!  
Let us all proclaim His birth:  
Christ, the hope of every nation!

## **Part 2: The Crown of Incarnation**

**Speaker:** Our second banner represents the birth of the newborn King. It shows the Crown of Incarnation. Incarnation means that God became a man. In the manger of Bethlehem we find not just a little baby, but a baby who was and is true God. Just think, the King of all the universe was lying in a manger. Sometime after Jesus was born, the Magi came searching for a king. They found Jesus and saw with their own eyes a very special newborn King. What do you think they might want to tell us today?

**Magi:** Unlike many manger scenes you see today, my fellow travelers and I did not see Jesus and his parents in the stable. We found them living in a house. We knew what we were looking for. We traveled many miles and brought precious gifts for one reason only. We wanted to see the Baby King! That is why the first question we asked Herod was, “Where is the one who has been born King of the Jews? We are looking for a king.” Do you know who that King is?

**Recitation:** In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) And everyone went to his own town to register.

So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

### **Congregation Song: Silent Night**

**Recitation:** And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their

flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests.”

When the shepherds had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.”

So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them.

**Congregation Song: “Joy To The World”**

**(Parts 3 and 4 have been removed from this sample)**

## **Part 5: The Crown of Glory**

**Congregation Song: “Angels From the Realms of Glory”**

**Speaker:** The last crown we see is the Crown of Glory. Although it looks like a regular crown that any king might wear, for the Christian it is very important. The precious glory we will see in heaven cannot be compared to anything we have yet experienced. We can get a glimpse of this glory when we listen to the angels’ song over the fields of Bethlehem on the night that Jesus was born. Do you remember what they sang?

**Recitation:** “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests.”

**Speaker:** Glory to God! We now see our newborn King surrounded in glory! And we too will experience his glory when we spend eternity in heaven. The apostle John might say this about the Crown of Glory.

**John:** It all started in the Garden of Eden where my Savior was first promised. Finally we saw it fulfilled in a stable, in Bethlehem. What a joy it was to live a few years with my Lord and Savior. I know that because of his birth, death, and resurrection, I too will wear a crown someday. It will be the Crown of Glory. This is what my friend Peter wrote about this crown.

**\*Recitation:** “And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.” (1 Peter 5:4)

**John:** And this is what I said about this crown.

**Recitation:** “Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life.”  
(Revelation 2:10)

**Recitation:** “I am coming soon. Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take your crown.” (Revelation 3:11)

**Speaker 1:** Did you hear that? Our King will give each of us a crown of glory. That is why we repeat: Glory to our newborn King! There is so much to see when we bend down and look into Bethlehem’s manger bed. Here lies our Lord. Here lies our Savior. Here lies our King! This is what Christmas is all about!

**Recitation or sung to the melody of “Savior of the Nations, Come”**

**Children's Group #1:**

Glory to the newborn King!  
Let the bells this Christmas ring.  
Peal them loud to God above  
For his precious gift of love.

**Children's Group #2:**

With our eyes a baby see  
Very much like you and me,  
Yet in him true God appears  
Who will reign for endless years.

**Children's Group #3:**

Now upon his throne on high,  
Ruling o’er his kingdom nigh,  
We with bended knee adore  
Jesus Christ forevermore.

**All Children:**

Thank you, Lord, for mercy free.  
Thank you for eternity.  
May my heart forever sing;  
Glory to the newborn King!

**Congregation Song: “Crown Him With Many Crowns” Stanzas 1,2,5**

**Prayer, Lord’s Prayer, Benediction**

**Recessional: “Hark the Herald Angels Sing”**

(Suggestion: There are three possible ways you may wish to present the recessional: 1) Perform it with trumpet and organ with no singing. (Trumpet part is printed in sheet music.) 2) Sing the song the same as you did in the processional. 3) Revert to the standard melody for the singing.)