The Wonder of Christmas: A Christmas Cantata

2 actors or more (not including choir)

30-45 minutes (with music)

Theme: Christ’s Birth

Summary: This Christmas cantata focuses on the true meaning of Christmas and the wonder of that first Christmas and includes a large amount of Scripture. It also urges Christians to go out and tell the world the wondrous news of Christ’s coming. This script transitions between the songs of the Christmas cantata. You can use the songs suggested or find ones that fit your church better.

NOTE: South Side Baptist Tabernacle does not necessarily endorse all the songs listed for these cantatas. Many of the songs mentioned were heavily adapted and played by our own instrumentalists. If your church does not have the capabilities to do that, you may not feel comfortable using some of the suggested songs.

(For this cantata, you can use 2 narrators or have more than 1 person quote the verses.

Narrator 1 (N1): FROM THE BEGINNING OF TIME, THERE WAS ONE…

Narrator 2 (N2)Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands: (Hebrews 1:10)

N1: THERE WAS ONE WHO WAS WAITING TO COME IN STRENGTH AND POWER TO SET HIS PEOPLE FREE…

N2:… to preach good tidings unto the meek…to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; 2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD… (Isaiah 61:1-2)

N1: THE ARRIVAL OF THIS ONE WAS ANNOUNCED, AND HE WAS EXPECTED…

N2: 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. (Micah 5:2)

N1: BUT THE EXPECTED ONE DID NOT COME IN THE EXPECTED WAY…

N2: Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. (Isaiah 7:14)
N1: IMMANUEL—GOD WITH US. [MUSIC for Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus BEGINS] GOD DID THE UNEXPECTED—THE UNEXPLAINABLE—AND BECAME MAN, FOR IT WAS THE ONLY WAY TO SAVE MEN FROM THEIR SINS…

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

N1: Yes, the Son of God had come to this earth as a child. The only witnesses to this glorious event were Mary, his mother and Joseph, his earthly father, along with the cattle in the stable and a group of shepherds who received the good tidings from a host of angels. However we’re all invited to marvel at this scene of mystery and wonder when God reached down from Heaven and demonstrated his love for this world… [MUSIC for Silent Night from What Christmas Really Means BEGINS] …on that very first Christmas.

What Christmas Really Means

N1: The Bible tells us that when the shepherds, those first witnesses to the birth of Jesus “had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds… And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen…” (Luke 2:17-18, 20) And ever since then, down through the ages, those who have sought and found the Savior have continued to tell the wonderful story of God’s plan of salvation that began to unfold to all the world on that first Christmas Day. And this Christmas season, it’s still our privilege to Go…Go tell it…

Go, Tell It On the Mountain

N1: The angels called it “good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people.” A Savior was born. A Savior from Sin. No wonder the angels rejoiced saying, “Glory to God in the Highest, and on earth, peace, good will toward men.” And it’s no wonder that Christmas is still a time of singing and celebration [MUSIC for Sing We Now of Christmas BEGINS] as we consider the wonder of God coming down to man…

[after solo]

“And thou shalt bring forth a son, and shalt call His name Jesus. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and He shall reign…and of His kingdom there shall be no end.”

Choir – Sing We Now of Christmas

The First Noel

God, Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

Joy To The World

Finale