

Angels

Isaiah 9:6-7

“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. O the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David’s throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD, Almighty will accomplish this.”

The appearance of the angels to the shepherds on a dark lonely hillside is one the most dramatic scenes for Holy Walk. By keeping the angel scene quiet and dark until the trumpet blows and the lights come on, we are able to provide an element of surprise for the groups as they speak to the shepherds. This effect is especially important for any new travelers and for the children. It is the angel’s message that provides the reason for the experience of the Holy Walk.

It is important for the angels to dress warmly. Even though there will be heaters, it can be very cold. Hats and hoods can be covered by your headpiece. White gloves or mittens will look the best. Warm boots are also appropriate. Bring along whatever you need to be comfortable for the whole evening, such as, a cushion or blanket to sit on, cough drops, tissue, or a drink. Bring snacks if you choose.

Your BIBLICAL Reference: *And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them and the glory of the Lord shone round about them and they were sore afraid (shepherds). And the angel said unto them “Fear not for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly*

host praising God and saying “Glory to God in the Highest and on earth peace, good will toward men.” (KJV Luke 2:9-14)

The Guides bring their groups to the Shepherds, and they will place themselves so they can signal (with the swing of their lantern) when their group has gathered and in place and are ready for the angels to appear. (Sometimes the Guide may forget to signal, when it seems to be appropriate, the angels may begin.)

At the signal the Angel (Trumpeter) will play a “fanfare” and the lights will come on. He will speak, **“Fear not: for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.”**

The Angel Choir will keep their heads bowed until he is finished speaking, and then will raise their heads and sing their song. **“Glory to God in the Highest. And on earth peace, good will toward men”**. (See music attached or below. In previous years the choir decided to start on “A” instead of the high “E”. As the angels finish singing, the lights will fade out.

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