Unfolding the Christmas Story Script

MARY
Leader: “... And the song gave her courage to continue, as she sang:”
Marys, I invite you to read aloud the words of your Magnificat:

“My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for God has looked with favor on the lowliness of God’s servant.
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is God’s name.
God’s mercy is for those who fear God
from generation to generation.
God has shown strength with God’s arm;
God has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.
God has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;
God has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.
God has helped God’s servant Israel,
in remembrance of God’s mercy,
according to the promise God made to our ancestors,
to Sarah and Abraham and to their descendants forever.”

JOSEPH
Leader: “...Gently, Joseph repeated the words the angel had said to him:”
Josephs, I invite you to gently share these words:

“Do not be afraid, for the child that will be born is from the Holy Spirit. Mary will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will bring liberation for God’s people. Just as the prophet said, she will bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, God-with-us.”

ANGELS
Leader: “...But the angel said to them:”
Let all the angels proclaim:

“Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy
for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior,
who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find
a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.”

EVERYONE GATHERED
Leader: “...praising God and saying:”
Everyone gathered proclaims:

“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among
those whom God favors!”

SHEPHERDS
Leader: “When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another:”
Let all shepherds proclaim...

“Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place,
which the Lord has made known to us.”