Proclamation of the Birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ

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Performance Note

After the double bar in the fourth last line of music, the reciting tone is a perfect fourth higher.
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OME millions of years having passed since the creation of the world,
when, in the beginning, God created heaven and earth; Some thousands
of years from the salvation of man when the family of Noah survived
the flood; About nineteen centuries after the promise was given to
Abraham, the father of our faith; Many ages after Moses brought the
people from bondage in Egypt; A thousand years from the anointing
of David as King over the chosen people; In fulfillment of the times
and years and months and days discerned by the vision of the prophets;
In the course of secular history: In the one hundred and ninety-third
Olympiad; Seven and one half centuries from the founding of the
cit-y of Rome; In the twentieth year of the reign of the Emperor Oc-ta-vi-an Augustus, while the whole world enjoyed a span of peace;

In the sixth and final age of human achievement; Wishing to consecrate the whole world and all time by his blessed presence, Jesus Christ, eternal God, and Son of the eternal Father, conceived as man by the overshadowing of the Ho-ly Spir-it, after nine months of growth in the womb of his mother, Was born of the Virgin Mar-ý and for our salvation be-came man in Bethlehem of Ju-dah. Now in our own times this marks the birth-day of Our Lord Je-sus Christ after the manner of all flesh.