



CANDLELIGHT SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

December 24, 2012

8 p.m.

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## *GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO*

### \* CAROL

#### *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;  
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;  
Cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

### \* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### \* EPILOGUE

*Come rejoice, queen and beggar, the homeless man and the prince of pride; saints and vagabonds, rich and poor, rejoice in gladness on Christmas night...*

*Come Rejoice!*

Collins

*Gabriel's Oboe*

Morricone

### Soloists

(in order of performance)

Tami Giusto, mezzo-soprano

Megan Mashburn, soprano

Stefanie Sudduth, soprano

Marcella Meredith, mezzo-soprano

Sheryl Wingert, soprano

Gabriel Couret, tenor

Brandon Odom, baritone

John Wingert, tenor

Dana Kling, baritone

Andrew Sudduth, baritone

Jennye Guy, soprano

Lara Longworth, mezzo-soprano

Wendy Baker, soprano

### Instrumentalists

Russell deLuna, oboe; Greg Holland, trumpet; Sam Owens, percussion  
Walter Huff, organist/choirmaster

### Liturgists

Dr. Baron Mullis, Rev. Drew Stockstill  
Jennye Guy, Dana Kling

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY                      *This Christmastide*                      Donald Fraser

EIGHTH LESSON                      *The light in the darkness*                      John 1:1-14

SERVICE OF LIGHT  
*(The light is passed throughout the congregation during the singing of the hymn.)*

CAROL                      *Silent Night*

Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright  
Round yon virgin mother and child! Holy infant, so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight,  
Glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing: “Alleluia,”  
“Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.”

Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love’s pure light  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord at Thy birth.

Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light  
With the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King;  
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.

SOLO                      *O Holy Night*                      Adolphe Adam

PRAYER (in unison)  
*(The congregation is asked to extinguish the candles following the prayer.)*

**Eternal God: in Jesus Christ your light shines in our darkness, bringing joy in our sorrow and presence in our loneliness. On this holy night, draw us in to the mystery of your love. May the blessings of Christmas fill every heart, and may we fall to our knees in recognition and joy. In the name of the Christ child we pray. Amen.**

*Christmas Eve*

*December 24, 2012*

*Order of Worship*

*8:00 p.m.*

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**To maintain the reverence of this service of worship,  
please make sure your cell phone is off and refrain from applause.**

PRELUDE                      *Ave Maria*                      Franz Biebl  
Men’s Ensemble

INTROIT                      *Come Rejoice / The First Noel / Mary, Mary*                      Collins/McLachlan, arr. Huff

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**                      Baron Mullis

Leader:                      Unto us a child is born; unto us a Son is given.  
People:                      **His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**  
Leader:                      Let us worship God!

**\* PROCESSIONAL CAROL**                      *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!  
Come, and behold Him, born the King of angels!

*Chorus: O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!*

God of God, Light of Light,  
Lo! He abhors not the Virgin’s womb;  
Very God, begotten, not created.                      *Chorus*

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation!  
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God, all Glory in the highest!                      *Chorus*

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning,  
Jesus, to Thee be all glory given;  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!                      *Chorus*

*\* (The asterisk indicates parts of the worship when the congregation is invited to stand as they are able.)*

BIDDING PRAYER

WELCOME

FIRST LESSON                      *The Messiah is foretold by Isaiah*                      Isaiah 9:2-7

ANTHEM                      *Psallite (Sing Psalms to the Christ Child)*                      Michael Praetorius  
Sung in Latin and English

SECOND LESSON                      *The peace that the Messiah will bring is foretold*                      Isaiah 11:1-9

ANTHEM                      *Of a Rose, a Lovely Rose* (15th-century English text)                      John Rutter  
Of a rose, a lovely rose, of a rose is all my song. Harken to me, both old and young, how this rose began to spring; a fairer rose to mine liking, in all this world ne know I none. Five branches of that rose there been, the which be both fair and sheen; the rose is called Mary, heaven’s queen, out of her bosom a blossom sprang. The first branch was of great honour: that blest Marie should bear the flower; there came an angel from heaven’s tower, to break the devil’s bond. The second branch was great of might, that sprang upon Christmas night; the star shone over Bethlehem bright, that man should see it both day and night. The third branch did spring and spread; three kings then the branch gan led unto our Lady in her child-bed; into Bethlehem that branch sprang right. The fourth branch it sprang to hell, the devil’s power for to fell: that no soul therein should dwell, the branch so blessedfully sprang. The fifth branch it was so sweet, it sprang to heaven, both crop and root, therein to dwell and be our bote: so blessedly it sprang. Pray we to her with great honour, she that bare the blessed flower, to be our help and our succour, and to shield us from the fiendes bond.

\* CAROL                      *Angels We Have Heard on High*  
Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o’er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.  
Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.

THIRD LESSON                      *The prophet foresees the glory of the coming of the Lord*                      Isaiah 60:1-6

ANTHEM                      *Quintet and Final Chorus (from Christmas Oratorio)*                      Camille Saint-Saëns  
Arise now, Daughter of Zion! Alleluia. Praise God in the night! Praise him in the first watches of the nighttime. That Zion’s true glory might be manifested, that her Savior might rise and shine before the nations. Praise ye the Lord of hosts. Sing his salvation, bless his name, show forth his praise in his holy house! Rejoice, ye heavens, and be joyful, on earth; rejoice in the face of the Lord, for he cometh. Alleluia.

FOURTH LESSON                      *The angel Gabriel visits the Virgin Mary*                      Luke 1:26-33

CAROL                      *Gabriel’s Message*                      Basque carol

SOLO                      *Mary Had a Baby*                      Spiritual

FIFTH LESSON                      *The birth of Jesus is told*                      Luke 2:1-7

ANTHEM                      *In the Bleak Midwinter*                      Gustav Holst

TRIO                      *What Child Is This?*                      Traditional, arr. Foster/Huff

SIXTH LESSON                      *The angels proclaim the Messiah’s birth*                      Luke 2:8-14

ANTHEM                      *The Gift*                      Traditional Shaker, arr. Chilcott  
The gift we deliver, the gift we receive is the living spirit Mary did conceive, the royal gift of love, incandescent flame is given to all mankind in His name. Joy, joy, it is our true delight to receive on this wondrous night. A boy-child to Mary is born and His light will shine on beyond the dawn.

SEVENTH LESSON                      *The shepherds go to the manger*                      Luke 2:15-20

ANTHEM                      *What Strangers Are These?*                      Old Scottish Carol, arr. Purvis  
What strangers are these that wander through the town? Hush, ‘tis Joseph and weary Mary. And what does he seek so hopeless and in vain? He is seeking shelter for Mary, for she is the blest and chosen of the Lord, who will bear to all a goodly King. And who is this king of whom ye proudly sing? Know ye not the Christ, Jesus the Saviour? What wee bairn is this, that in a manger lies? Hush, ‘tis Jesus Christ, son of Mary. Say, what fair maid is this whose joy is mixed with awe? Oh, ‘tis Mary, holy mother of Jesus. O, these are the shepherds, and these the Magi Kings who have brought him their gifts of gold and myrrh. But why kneel they in homage here before a babe? They adore their King, Jesus the Saviour. Who are these that march from death to life? These are they who love Jesus, the Christ Child. And how do they triumph o’er the gates of hell? Through the grace of him, Jesus, the Christ Child. He is born to redeem the sons of God and man, to bring peace, joy, love and brotherhood. Oh, where shall I find him, where shall I seek? He is here and now, Jesus, your Saviour.