

Christmas Concert

December 8, 2019



Waiting for the
Messiah

*A blend of the Christmas part 1 of Handel's
Messiah and Advent & Christmas favorites*

CHANCEL CHOIR

SOPRANO

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Megan Leslie
Sarah Saturnino
Laura Snyderman
Sue Thomas

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Jeannette Mulherin
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Joe Capra
Doug Colley
David Foster
Zachary Gutierrez

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Jack Calhoun
John Clewett
Mike Deese
Bob Gottke
Clay McConnell
Doug McGuire
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ORCHESTRA

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Yasha Borodetsky , Will Baxley
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Cello - Katie McCarthy
Bass - Lucas Zurbuchen
Trumpet - Aaron Klaus
Percussion - Michael Ransom

NARRATOR

Jim Scopelitis

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WAITING FOR THE MESSIAH

SCENE I

The general prophecies of salvation. In three movements, five consecutive verses from the Book of Isaiah foretelling the return to Jerusalem following the Babylonian captivity.

Isaiah 40:1-5

Sinfony Overture

Orchestra

Comfort Ye

(tenor air)

Evan Ayars

Comfort ye, comfort ye my people saith your God. Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned. The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness; prepare ye the way of the Lord: make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Isaiah 40: 1-3

Ev'ry Valley Shall be Exalted

(tenor air)

Zachary Gutierrez

Ev'ry valley shall be exalted, and ev'ry mountain and hill made low; the crooked straight and the rough places plain.

Isaiah 40:4

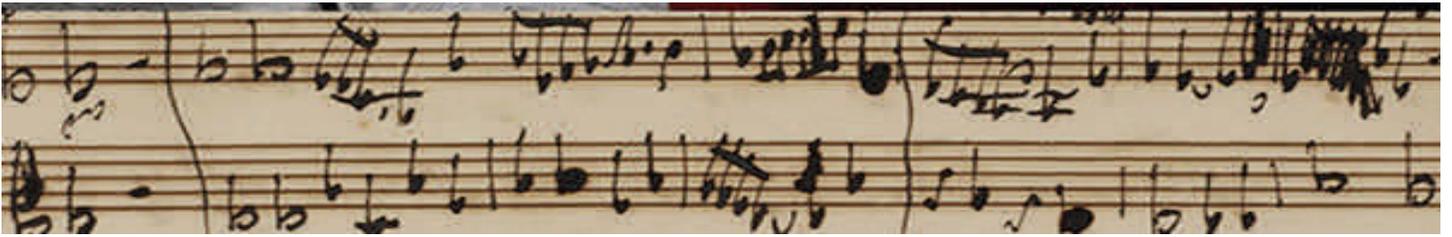
And the Glory of the Lord

(Chorus)

Chancel Choir

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

Isaiah 40:5



SCENE II

The apparition of God. An accompagnato is based on the words of the prophet Haggai, dealing with the splendor of the temple, and of Malachi who foretold the coming messenger. Malachi's words are continued in an aria and a chorus.

Thus Saith the Lord

(bass recit)

John Clewett

Thus saith the Lord, the Lord of hosts: Yet once a little while and I will shake the heavens and the earth, the sea and the dry land. And I will shake all nations; and the desire of all nations shall come. Haggai 2: 6-7

The Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to His temple, even the messenger of the Covenant, whom you delight in; behold, He shall come, saith the Lord of hosts.

Malachi 3:1

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

(Arr. Cathy Moglebust)

Lewinsville Bells

1-Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand; ponder nothing earthly-minded, for with blessing in his hand, Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.

2-King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood, Lord of lords, in human vesture, in the body and the blood; he will give to all the faithful his own self for heavenly food.

3-At his feet the six-winged seraph, cherubim, with sleepless eye, veil their faces to the presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Lord Most High!

But Who May Abide the Day of His Coming? (alto aria)

Sarah Saturnino

But who may abide the day of His coming, and who shall stand when He appeareth? For He is like a refiner's fire.

Malachi 3:2

E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come

(by Paul Manz)

Chancel Choir

Peace be to you and grace from him Who freed us from our sins Who loved us all and shed his blood That we might saved be sing Holy, Holy to our Lord The Lord, Almighty God Who was, and is, and is to come Sing Holy, Holy Lord Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell within Rejoice on earth, ye saints below For Christ is coming, is coming soon For Christ is coming soon E'en so Lord Jesus, quickly come And night shall be no more They need no light nor lamp nor sun For Christ will be their All!

Revelation 22

And He Shall Purify

(Chorus)

Chancel Choir

And He shall purify the sons of Levi, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness. Malachi 3:3

SCENE III

After the rather general introduction, Isaiah's prophecy about the virgin birth of a Messiah is expanded with verses from chapters of the prophet.

Personent Hodie

(Arr. Gustav Holst)

Lewinsville Choristers

Personent hodie voces puerulae, laudantes iucunde qui nobis est natus, summon Deo datus

(Translation: On this day earth shall ring with the song children sing to the Lord, Christ our King, born on earth to save us; him the Father gave us.)

His the doom, ours the mirth; when he came down to earth, Bethlehem saw his birth; ox and ass beside him from the cold would hide him. God's bright star, o'er his head, Wise Men three to him led; kneel they ow by his bed, lay their gifts before him praise him and adore him.

Omnes clericuli, partier pueri, cantent ut angeli: advenisti mundo, laudes tibi fundo.

(Translation: On this day angels sing; with their song earth shall ring, praising Christ, heaven's King, born on earth to save us; peace and love he gave us.)

Id-e-o-o-o, id-e-o-o-o, Id-e-o Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Behold a Virgin Shall Conceive

(soprano recit)

Manerah Malike

Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call His name Emmanuel, God with us. Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:23

Carol: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

(Arr. David Willcocks)

Vs. 1 - All

O come, O come, Emmanuel!

Redeem thy captive Israel,

That into exile drear is gone

Far from the face of God's dear Son.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel

Shall come to thee, O Israel.

Vs. 3 - Women

O come, O come, thou Dayspring bright!

Pour on our souls thy healing light;

Dispel the long night's ling'ring gloom,

And pierce the shadows of the tomb.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel

Shall come to thee, O Israel.

Vs. 2 - Men

O come, thou Branch of Jesse! draw

The quarry from the lion's claw;

From the dread caverns of the grave,

From nether hell, thy people save.

All - Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel

Shall come to thee, O Israel.

Vs. 4 - Men

O come, thou Lord of David's Key!

The royal door fling wide and free;

Safeguard for us the heav'nward road,

And bar the way to death's abode.

All - Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel

Shall come to thee, O Israel.

Vs. 5 - All

O come, O come, Adonai,

Who in thy glorious majesty

From that high mountain clothed with awe

Gavest they folk the elder law.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel

Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O Thou That Tellest Good Tidings to Zion (alto aria & chorus) Jeannette Mulherin & Choir

O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion, get thee up into the high mountain. O thou that tellest good tidings to Jerusalem, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, behold your God! Isaiah 40:9

Arise, shine, for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. Isaiah 60:1

For, Behold Darkness Shall Cover the Earth (bass recit)

John Clewett

For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people; but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and His glory shall be seen upon thee. And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of they rising.

Isaiah 60:2-3

The People That walked in Darkness (reading)

Jim Scopelitis

The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light; and they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.

Isaiah 9:2

**In the Bleak Midwinter (Arr. Karen Lakey Buckwalter)
(Text by Christina Rossetti)**

Chancel Bells

*In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan,
Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,
In the bleak midwinter, long ago.*

*Our God, Heaven cannot hold Him, nor earth sustain;
Heaven and earth shall flee away when He comes to reign.
In the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed
The Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.*

*Enough for Him, whom cherubim, worship night and day,
Breastful of milk, and a mangerful of hay;
Enough for Him, whom angels fall before,
The ox and ass and camel which adore.*

*Angels and archangels may have gathered there,
Cherubim and seraphim thronged the air;
But his mother only, in her maiden bliss,
Worshipped the beloved with a kiss.*

*What can I give Him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part;
Yet what I can I give Him: give my heart.*

For Unto Us a Child is Born (Chorus)

Chancel Choir

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and the government shall be upon His shoulder; and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6

Amuworu Ayi Otu Nwa (composed by Christian Onyeji)

Chancel Choir

*O n'ih i n'amuwor'ayiotu nwa, otu nwa, otu nwa, n'ih i n'amuwor'ayiotu nwa.
(Translation: For unto us now a child is born, unto us, unto us, for unto us now a child is born.)
Otu nwa ka e nyewor'ayi, out nwa kae nyewor'ayi. Otu nwa nwoke ka e nyewor'ayi, out nwa ka e neywor'a yi..
(Translation: Unto us, unto us a child's born, Unto us a Son, unto us a Son's giv'n.)*

N'ih i n'amuwor'ayiotu nwa

(Translation: For unto us now a child is born)

Chinekenke bu dike. Nnanke bu nna mgbe nile.

(Translation: The mighty God, Prince of Peace. Father everlasting.)

Isaiah 9:6 sung in Nigerian Igbo

SCENE IV

The annunciation to the shepherds, taken from the Gospel of Luke, Luke 2:14. This is an episode in the Nativity of Jesus described in the Bible in which angels tell a group of shepherds about the birth of Jesus.

Lirum, Lirum

(by Thomas Morley)

Lewinsville Cantorum

You that wont to my pipe's sound, Daintily to tread the ground, Shepherds leave your pasture sweet, (Lirum, lirum.)

Here met together in winter weather, Hand in hand uniting, Holy Child come greet. (Lirum, lirum.)

Lo, triumphing, brave comes he, All in pomp and majesty, Monarch of the world and king. (Lirum, lirum.)

Let whoso list Him, dare to resist Him, His praise shall ever sing. (Lirum, lirum.)

Pastoral Symphony Pifa

Orchestra



There Were Shepherds Abiding in the Field (soprano recit)

Eimi Tuttle

There were shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flocks by night.

Luke 2:9

And, Lo, The Angel of the Lord Came Upon Them (soprano recit)

Eimi Tuttle

And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon the, and the glory of the Lord shone round about the and they were sore afraid.

Luke 2:9

And the Angel Said unto Them (soprano recit)

Eimi Tuttle

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 Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

Luke 2:10-11

And Suddenly There was with the Angel (soprano recit)

Eimi Tuttle

And suddenly there was with the angel, a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God, and saying:

Luke 2:13

Glory to God

(chorus)

Chancel Choir

*“Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth, good will towards men.”
Luke 2:14*



Carol: Hark the Herald Angels Sing

(Arr. David Willcocks)

Vs. 1 - All

*Hark! The herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled:”
Joyful all ye nations rise,
Join the triumph of the skies,
With th’angelic host proclaim,
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!”*

(Refrain):

*Hark! The herald angels sing,
Glory to the newborn King!*

Vs. 2 - All

*Christ, by highest heav’n adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold him come
Offspring of a Virgin’s womb:
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,
Hail th’incarnate Deity,
Pleased with us in flesh to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.*

(Refrain)

Vs. 3 - All

*Hail the heav’n-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
Risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
Born that we no more may die,
Born to raise us from the earth,
Born to give us second birth.*

(Refrain)



SCENE V

The deeds of the Messiah on earth and the response of man. The text is compiled from Zechariah, who saw God's providential dealings, Isaiah's oracles of salvation for Israel, and his vision of the Shepherd.

Rejoice Greatly, O Daughter of Zion (soprano aria)

Laura Snyderman

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, thy King cometh unto thee; He is the righteous Saviour, and He shall speak peace unto the heathen. Zechariah 9:9-10

Carol: Joy to the World

(Arr. John Rutter)

Vs. 1 - All

Joy to the world! The Lord is come! let earth receive her King; let ev'ry heart prepare him room, and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and heav'n and nature sing.

Vs. 2 - Choir

Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ; while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

Vs. 3 - Choir

No more let sins and sorrows grow, Nor thorns infest the ground; He comes to make his blessings flow Far as the curse is found far as the curse is found.

Vs. 4 - All

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love, and wonders, and wonders of his love.

Then Shall the Eyes of the Blind Be Opened (soprano recit)

Emma Staeger

Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped. Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb shall sing.

Isaiah 35:5-6

He Shall Feed His Flock Like a Shepherd (soprano duet) Sarah Saturnino & Laura Snyderman

He shall feed His flock like a shepherd; and He shall gather the lambs with His arm, and carry them in His bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

Isaiah 40:11

Come unto Him, all ye that labour, come unto Him that are heavy laden, and He will give you rest. Take his yoke upon you, and learn of Him, for He is meek and lowly of heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

Matthew 11:28-29

His Yoke is Easy

(reading)

Jim Scopelitis

His yoke is easy, and His burden is light.

Matthew 11:30

Hallelujah !

Chancel Choir and Congregation

All: Hallelujah: for the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth.

Revelation 19:6

The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord, and of His Christ; and He shall reign for ever and ever.

Revelation 11:15

King of Kings, and Lord of Lords

Revelation 19:16

Hallelujah!



UPCOMING EVENTS

PARENTS' DAY OUT

On December 14 from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon, the Lewinsville Youth Ministry is sponsoring an intergenerational event where children (ages 3-grade 6) from the community can spend time with Lewinsville Youth while their parents prepare for the holidays.

CHANCEL BELLS PERFORM AT LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

Come listen to Lewinsville's Chancel Bells perform Christmas Music at the Library of Congress on December 17 at noon in the Great Hall in the Jefferson Building .

LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE

On the longest night of the year we gather in the sanctuary to worship the One who is the Light of the World. At the longest Night Worship Service we will gather in candlelight to sing, pray and receive the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper as we lay claim to the Light of Life even in the midst of deep darkness.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

4:30 pm Family Service featuring Lewinsville Puppeteers

7:00 pm Candlelight Communion Service featuring Chancel Choir and Chancel Bells

9:30 pm Candlelight Communion Service

LESSONS & CAROLS SERVICE

Our worship on Sunday, December 29th will be Lessons & Carols. We'll have one service at 10:00 am. Come celebrate the birth of our Savior and enjoy music of the season.

MESSY CHURCH CELEBRATION SERVICE

Messy Church is an informal style of Christian worship for the whole family, involving celebration, story, singing, creative activities, and sharing a meal together! We begin in Fellowship Hall at 9:30 am for activities, then move to the Sanctuary at 10:15 am for a 15-minute period for worship, then we move back to Fellowship Hall to have breakfast. Join us on January 5th!

U.S. NAVY BAND WOODWIND QUINTET

Lewinsville's next *Concert in the Community*, January's *Holy Happy Hour!* on January 22nd at 6:15 pm, will feature music for flute, oboe, clarinet, French horn and bassoon. This concert will run one hour, followed by fellowship.

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