

Music at the Red Door presents a
Candlelight Festival of Lessons and Carols

The St. John's Youth and Adult Choirs

Sunday, December 9, 2018, 3:00 p.m.

Please connect with the sacred by turning off your electronic device as soon as you are seated.

You are cordially invited to a reception following the service in the church hall.

VOLUNTARIES FOR ORGAN

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme	<i>Wake, awake, for night is flying</i>	Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
Creator of the stars of night		Robert Edward Smith (b. 1946)
Fugue in G minor, BWV 578		Johann Sebastian Bach
In dulci jubilo	<i>In quiet joy</i>	Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)

OPENING HYMN IN PROCESSION 102 *All stand and sing*

Once in royal David's city	IRBY
Stanza 1 - sung by Olivia Tummescheit	Descant: Paul Halley (b. 1952)
Stanza 2 - sung by the choir	
Stanzas 3 - 6 sung by all	

GREETING

The Reverend William J. Eakins

THE BIDDING PRAYER

The Reverend Hope H. Eakins

Beloved in Christ, in this Christmastide, let it be our care and delight to hear again the message of the Angels, and in heart and mind to go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, and the Babe lying in a manger.

Let us read and mark in Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days of our disobedience unto the glorious Redemption brought us by this holy Child; and let us make this church glad with our carols of praise. But first, let us pray for the needs of his whole world; for peace and goodwill over all the earth; for the mission and unity of the Church for which he died, and especially in this country and within this city.

And because this of all things would rejoice his heart, let us at this time remember in his name the poor and the helpless; the hungry and the oppressed; the sick and those who mourn; the lonely and the unloved; the aged and the little children; and all those who know not the Lord Jesus, or who love him not, or who by sin have grieved his heart of love.

Lastly, let us remember before God his pure and lowly Mother, and all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore and in a greater light, that multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in this Lord Jesus, we for evermore are one. These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the throne of heaven, in the words which Christ himself hath taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Almighty God bless us with his grace; Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; and unto the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all. **Amen.**

INVITATORY CAROL *Be seated*

O radiant dawn

James MacMillan (b. 1959)

O Radiant Dawn, Splendour of eternal Light,
Sun of Justice:
come, shine on those who dwell in darkness
and the shadow of death.
Isaiah had prophesied,
'The people who walked in darkness have seen the great light;
upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone.'
Amen.

God tells sinful Adam that he has lost the life of Paradise and that his seed will bruise the serpent's head.
Genesis 3: 8-15; 17-19

And they heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God amongst the trees of the garden. And the Lord God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou? And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself. And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat? And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat. And the Lord God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat. And the Lord God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life: and I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel. And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; in the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken; for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.

Thanks be to God.

CAROL

This is the truth sent from above

Trad. English, arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

This is the truth sent from above,
The truth of God, the God of love;
Therefore don't turn me from your door,
But hearken all both rich and poor.

The first thing which I do relate,
Is That God did man create
The next thing which to you I tell,
Woman was made with man to dwell.

Thus we were heirs to endless woes,
Till God the Lord did interpose
For so a promise soon did run
That He'd redeem us with a Son.

And at this season of the year
Our blest Redeemer did appear
He here did live, and here did preach,
And many thousands He did teach.

Thus He in love to us behaved,
To show us how we must be saved
And if you want to know the way
Be pleased to hear what He did say.

SECOND LESSON

read by Wesley Winterbottom

God promises to faithful Abraham that in his seed shall the nations of the earth be blessed.

Genesis 22: 15-18

And the angel of the Lord called unto Abraham out of heaven the second time, and said, By myself have I sworn, saith the Lord, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son: that in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies; and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.

Thanks be to God.

CAROL

People, look East

Christopher Steel (1938-1991)

Words: Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965)

People, look east. The time is near
Of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able,
Trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the Guest is on the way.

Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare,
One more seed is planted there.
Give up your strength the seed to nourish,
That in course the flower may flourish.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the Rose is on the way.

Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim,
One more light the bowl shall brim,
Shining beyond the frosty weather,
Bright as the sun and moon together.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the Star, is on the way.

Angels announce with shouts of mirth,
Him who brings new life to earth.
Set every peak and valley humming
With the word, the Lord is coming
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the Lord, is on the way.

THIRD LESSON

read by Paul Smith

The prophet foretells the coming of the Saviour.
Isaiah 9: 2, 6-7

The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined. 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. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

Thanks be to God.

CAROL

O magnum mysterium

Tomás Luis de Victoria (1548-1611)

O magnum mysterium et admirabile sacramentum, ut animalia viderent Dominum natum jacentem in praesepio. O beata Virgo, cuius viscera meruerunt portare Dominum Jesum Christum. Alleluia.

O great mystery and wonderful sacrament, that beasts should see the new-born Lord lying in a manger.
O blessed virgin, whose body was worthy to bear the Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia.

The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown.

Isaiah 11: 1-3a; 4a; 6-9

And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots:

And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord;

And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the Lord: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears:

But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth: with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked.

The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them.

And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den.

They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.

Thanks be to God.

CAROL

A spotless rose

A spotless Rose is blowing,
Sprung from a tender root,
Of ancient seers' foreshowing,
Of Jesse promised fruit;
Its fairest bud unfolds to light
Amid the cold, cold winter,
And in the dark midnight.

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

Words: German, 15th Century

Soloist: John Church

The Rose which I am singing,
Whereof Isaiah said,
Is from its sweet root springing,
In Mary, purest Maid;
For, through our God's great love and might,
The blessed Babe she bare.
In a cold, cold winter's night.

FIFTH LESSON

read by Kim Byrd

The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary.
Luke 1: 26-35, 38

And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, to a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: and he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end. Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her.

Thanks be to God.

CAROL

Tota pulchra es Maria

Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)

Words: Latin, 4th Century

Tota pulchra es, Maria,
Et macula originalis non est in Te.
Tu gloria Ierusalem,
Tu laetitia Israel,
Tu honorificentia populi nostri.
Tu advocata peccatorum.
O Maria, irgo prudentissima,
Mater clementissima.
Ora pro nobis,
Intercede pro nobis.,
Ad Dominum Iesum Christum.

*You are all beautiful, Mary,
and the original stain (of sin) is not in you.
You are the glory of Jerusalem,
you are the joy of Israel,
you give honour to our people.
You are an advocate of sinners.
O Mary, Virgin most intelligent,
Mother most merciful.
Pray for us,
Plead for us,
To the Lord Jesus Christ.*

SIXTH LESSON

read by Christoph Stretz

St Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.

Luke 2: 1; 3-7

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Cæsar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judæa, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

Thanks be to God.

CAROL

Still, still, still

Austrian Carol, arr. Norman Luboff (1917-1987)

Words: Marilyn Keith, Alan Bergman

Still, still, still,
One can hear the falling snow.
For all is hushed,
The world is sleeping,
Holy Star its vigil keeping.
Still, still, still,
One can hear the falling snow.

Sleep, sleep, sleep,
'Tis the eve of our Saviour's birth.
The night is peaceful all around you,
Close your eyes,
Let sleep surround you.
Sleep, sleep, sleep,
'Tis the eve of our Saviour's birth.

Dream, dream, dream,
Of the joyous day to come.
While guardian angels without number,
Watch you as you sweetly slumber.
Dream, dream, dream,
Of the joyous day to come.

SEVENTH LESSON

read by Lissie Brooks

The shepherds go to the manger.

Luke 2: 8-16

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. 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. 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. 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. And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

Thanks be to God.

CAROL

Rise up, shepherd, and follow

African-American spiritual

There's a star in the east on Christmas morn,
It will lead to the place where the Christ was born.
If you take good heed to the angel's words,
You'll forget your flocks, you'll forget your herds,
Rise up, shepherd, and follow.

Follow, follow, rise up, shepherd, and follow,
Follow the star of Bethlehem,
Rise up, shepherd, and follow.

HYMN 96 *All stand and sing.*

Angels we have heard on high

GLORIA

EIGHTH LESSON

read by Paul Shaker

The wise men are led by the star to Jesus.

Matthew 2: 1-12

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judæa in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him. When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born. And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judæa: for thus it is written by the prophet, And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel. Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, inquired of them diligently what time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also. When they had heard the king, they departed; and lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts, gold, and frankincense, and myrrh. And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.

Thanks be to God.

CAROL

The first nowell

Stephen Paulus (1949-2014)

Words: Traditional English

The first nowell the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds
in fields as they lay;
In fields as they lay, keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

*Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell,
Born is the King of Israel.*

They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east beyond them far,
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night.

And by the light of that same star
Three wise men came from country far;
To seek for a king was their intent,
And to follow the star wherever it went.

NINTH LESSON *Please stand*

read by the Reverend William J. Eakins

St. John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.

John 1: 1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that light, but was sent to bear witness of that light. That was the true light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only-begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

Thanks be to God.

CAROL *Be seated*

Lux aurumque

Eric Whitacre (b. 1970)

Words by Edward Esch, translated to Latin by Charles Anthony Silvestri

Lux
calida gravisque pura velut aurum
et canunt angeli molliter
modo natum.

*Light
warm and heavy as pure gold
and the angels sing softly
to the newborn babe.*

COLLECT AND BLESSING *All stand*

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray. God, who makest us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of thy only son, Jesus Christ: Grant that as we joyfully receive him for our redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold him, when he shall come to be our judge; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Christ, who by his incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, grant you the fullness of inward peace and goodwill, and make you partakers of the divine nature; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN IN PROCESSION 83 *All remain standing and sing*

O come, all ye faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

Descant: David Willcocks (1919-2015)

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

In dulci jubilo, BWV 729 *In quiet joy*

Johann Sebastian Bach

The closing voluntary is a part of worship, extending the beauty of holiness so that the congregation can remember and give thanks for God's Word as it has been experienced this day. All are invited to say Amen at the end of the Postlude as a conclusion to our worship.

All are welcome to a festive reception in the church hall.

Participants

The Reverend William J. Eakins, *Officiant*

The Reverend Hope H. Eakins, *Assisting*

J.P. Evans, Genella Evans, Morgan Babbitt, *Acolytes*

Matt Ciscel, Steve Crocker, Julia Giolitto, Doreen Linton, *Ushers*

Ray Giolitto, *Concert Manager*

Karan Emerick, *Reception*

St. John's Choir

Scott Lamlein, *Choirmaster*

Floyd Higgins, *Organist*

Ted Babbitt, *Organ Scholar*

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Soprano: Claudia Ayer, Helen Douglas, Nancy Hemstreet Eaton, Danielle Foint, Anne Harney, Kara Hart, Jackie McCauley, Barbara Roos, Cait Semanie

Alto: Emily Bigger, Mariana Evica, Frisha Hugessen, Ann Hutchinson, Betty Knorr, Mary Beth Lamlein, Erica Maas, Janet Poisson, Evelyn Reidenbaugh, Nancy Skeelee

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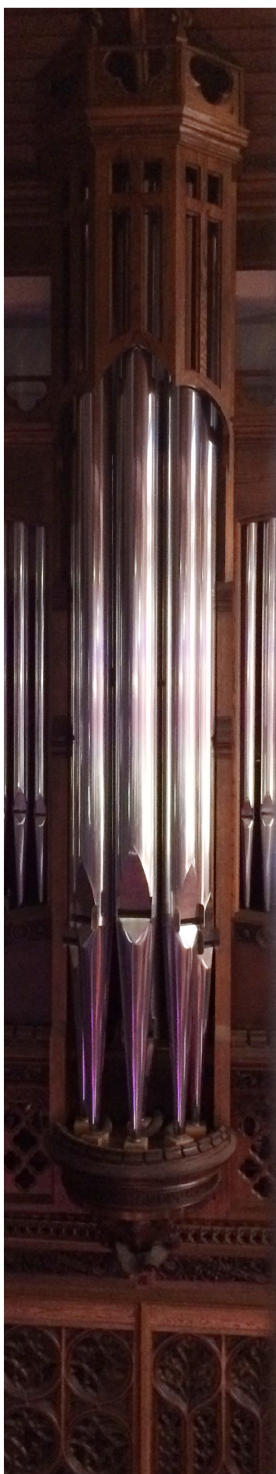
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