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

The St. John's Youth and Adult Choirs

Sunday, December 15, 2019, 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. Your generous donations support great music. Please use the enclosed envelope; baskets are located at the entrances.

VOLUNTARIES FOR ORGAN

Nun komm, der heiden heilandSavior of the nations, comeJohann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)Organ Sonata VII – Larghetto, AllegroDon Ignazio Cirri (1711-1787)Herr Christ, der ein'ge GottessohnLord Christ, the only Son of GodJohann Sebastian BachPastoral Dance on On Christmas nightRobin Milford (1903-1959)

OPENING HYMN IN PROCESSION 102 All stand and sing

Once in royal David's city Stanza 1 - sung by a chorister Stanza 2 - sung by the choir Stanzas 3 - 6 sung by all

IRBY Descant: Paul Halley (b. 1952)

GREETING

The Reverend Susan Pinkerton

THE BIDDING PRAYER

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

Sir Christèmas

Nowell, nowell. Who is there that singeth so, I am here, Sir Christèmas. Welcome, my lord Sir Christèmas! Welcome to all, both more and less! Come near, come near, come near, Nowell, nowell.

Dieu vous garde, beaux sieurs, Tidings I you bring: A maid hath borne a child full young, Which causeth you to sing: Nowell, nowell. William Mathias (1934-1992)

Christ is now born of a pure maid, Born of a pure maid; In an ox-stall he is laid, Wherefore sing we at a brayde: Nowell, nowell.

Buvez bien, buvez bien Par toute la compagnie. Make good cheer and be right merry, And sing with us now joyfully Nowell, nowell.

FIRST LESSON

read by Frances Eikel, Chorister

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

nd 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.

Jesus Christ the apple tree

e Elizabeth Poston (1905-1987) Words from Divine Hymns of Spiritual Songs, compiled Joshua Smith, 1784

The tree of life my soul hath seen Laden with fruit and always green The tree of life my soul hath seen Laden with fruit and always green The trees of nature fruitless be Compared with Christ the apple tree

His beauty doth all things excel By faith I know but ne'er can tell His beauty doth all things excel By faith I know but ne'er can tell The glory which I now can see In Jesus Christ the apple tree.

For happiness I long have sought And pleasure dearly I have bought For happiness I long have sought And pleasure dearly I have bought I missed of all but now I see 'Tis found in Christ the apple tree.

I'm weary with my former toil Here I will sit and rest a while I'm weary with my former toil Here I will sit and rest a while Under the shadow I will be Of Jesus Christ the apple tree.

This fruit does make my soul to thrive It keeps my dying faith alive This fruit does make my soul to thrive It keeps my dying faith alive Which makes my soul in haste to be With Jesus Christ the apple tree. 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

Tomorrow shall be my dancing day

Tomorrow shall be my dancing day: I would my true love did so chance To see the legend of my play, To call my true love to my dance:

Sing O my love; This have I done for my true love.

Then was I born of a virgin pure, Of her I took fleshly substance; Thus was I knit to man's nature, To call my true love to my dance:

In a manger laid and wrapped I was, So very poor this was my chance, Betwixt an ox and a silly poor ass, To call my true love to my dance:

Then afterwards baptized I was; The Holy Ghost on me did glance, My Father's voice heard from above, To call my true love to my dance: John Gardner (1917-2011)

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

While all things were in quiet silence

Ned Rorem (b. 1923) Words from Antiphon of Matins, Christmas I

While all things were in quiet silence, And that night was in the midst of her swift course, Thine Almighty Word, O Lord, leaped down out of thy royal throne. Alleluia.

FOURTH LESSON

The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown. Isaiah 11: 1-3a; 4a; 6-9

A nd 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.

There is no rose

There is no rose of such virtue As is the rose that bare Jesu; *Alleluia.*

For in this rose contained was Heaven and earth in little space; *Res miranda*. (Thing of wonder)

By that rose we may well see There be one God in persons three, *Pares forma.* (Equal in form)

The angels sungen the shepherds to: Gloria in excelsis deo: (Glory to God in the highest) Gaudeamus. (Let us rejoice)

Leave we all this worldly mirth, And follow we this joyful birth; *Transeamus.* (Let us follow)

FIFTH LESSON

read by the Reverend Walter McKenney, Deacon

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

A nd 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.

A hymn to the Virgin

Of one who is so fair and bright Velut maris stella, (Like a star of the sea) Brighter than the day is light, Parens et puella: (Both mother and maiden) I cry to thee, thou see to me, Lady, pray thy Son for me, Tam pia, (so pure)

That I may come to thee. *Maria!* (Mary) All this world was forlorn, *Eva peccatrice*, (because of Eve, a sinner) Till our Lord was yborn, *De te genetrice.* (through you, his mother) With ave it went away, Darkest night, and comes the day *Salutis*; (of salvation)

The well springeth out of thee. Virtutis. (of virtue) Lady, flower of everything, Rosa sine spina, (Rose without thorn) Thou bare Jesu, heaven's king, Gratia divina: (by divine grace) Of all thou bearest the prize, Lady, queen of paradise Electa: (chosen) Maid mild, mother es effecta. (you are made) Benjamin Britten (1913-1976) Quartet: Erica Maas, Mary Beth Lamlein Michael Mei, John Church 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

Rocking

Little Jesus, sweetly sleep, do not stir; We will lend a coat of fur; We will rock you, rock you, rock you, We will rock you, rock you, rock you; See the fur to keep you warm, Snugly round your tiny form.

Mary's little baby, sleep, sweetly sleep, Sleep in comfort, slumber deep; We will rock you, rock you, rock you, We will rock you, rock you, rock you; We will serve you all we can, Darling, darling little man. Czech Carol, arr. Sir David Willcocks (1919-2015) Words translated Percy Dearmer (1867-1936) 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.

CAROL

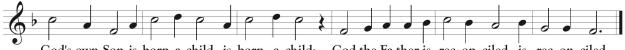
German Carol, arr. Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)

Quempas carol

All join in singing the refrain as directed.

Youth Choir: He whom shepherds once came praising, Awed by heav'nly light ablazing, Cheered by angel news amazing: "King of glory, Christ is born!" Adult Choir: The glorious angels came today, A-glow with light into the light of darkness deep, To shepherds who by moon's bright ray Did in the field o'er sheep their silent vigil keep. "Joy, great joy and tidings glad we bring from heav'n resounding, For you, for you and all the world abounding."

All join in the refrain:



God's own Son is born a child, is born a child; God the Fa-ther is rec-on-ciled, is rec-on-ciled.

He whom sages, westward faring, Myrrh and gold and incense bearing, Humbly worshiped, off'rings sharing, Judah's lion reigns this morn!

All join in the refrain.

Sing with Mary, virgin mother; Praise her Son, our newbord brother; Angel ranks, lead one another, Hailing him in holy joy!

All join in the refrain.

To our king, God ever reigning,The wond'ring shepYet of Mary manhood gaining,Let us now go withHeav'nly gifts for us obtaining,To see this thing theRaise your hymns of homage high!The sheep are safe; Ithem."There they found the

All join in the refrain.

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"God's majesty has come to earth And sent his only Son to you in humankind; A chosen virgin gave him birth. In David's town the holy infant you will find, Lying helpless in a manger, poor and bare and lowly,

To set you free from all your sorrow wholly."

Then sang the angels this refrain: "To God on high alone give praise and glory, And peace on earth again shall reign. Let all on earth with gladness heed this story And rejoice in his goodwill." The Savior came in meekness For you, for you, to bear your flesh in weakness.

The wond'ring shepherds said: "Behold! Let us now go with all good speed to Bethlehem To see this thing the Lord has told; The sheep are safe; he will indeed take care of them." There they found the wonder child, in lowly swaddling clothes lying, Yet all the world with his free grace supplying. The wise men are led by the star to Jesus. Matthew 2: 1-12

ow 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 three kings

"Who knocks tonight so late?" the weary porter said. Three kings stood at the gate, each with a crown on head.

The serving man bowed down, the Inn was full, he knew. Said he, "In all this town is no fit place for you."

A light in the manger lit; there lay the Mother meek. This place is fit. Here is the rest we seek.

Come, come. They loosed their latchet strings, so stood they all unshod "Come in, come in, ye kings, and kiss the feet of God." Healey Willan (1880-1968) Words: Laurence Housman (1865-1959) 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.

What sweeter music

What sweeter music can we bring Than a carol, for to sing The birth of this our heavenly King? Awake the voice! Awake the string!

Dark and dull night, fly hence away, And give the honor to this day, That sees December turned to May. That sees December turned to May.

Why does the chilling winter's morn Smile, like a field beset with corn? Or smell like a meadow newly-shorn, Thus, on the sudden? Come and see The cause, why things thus fragrant be: 'Tis He is born, whose quickening birth Gives life and luster, public mirth, To heaven, and the under-earth.

We see him come, and know him ours, Who, with his sunshine and his showers, Turns all the patient ground to flowers. Turns all the patient ground to flowers. The darling of the world is come, And fit it is, we find a room To welcome him. To welcome him. The nobler part Of all the house here, is the heart.

Which we will give him; and bequeath This holly, and this ivy wreath, To do him honour, who's our King, And Lord of all this revelling.

What sweeter music can we bring, Than a carol for to sing The birth of this our heavenly King? John Rutter (b. 1945) Words: Robert Herrick (1591-1674) 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

Sinfonia from Cantata 29: Wir danken dir, Gott, wir danken dir Johan We thank you, God, we thank you

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 Susan Pinkerton, Officiant The Reverend Margie Baker, Curate The Reverend Walter McKenney, Deacon The Reverend Hope Eakins, Priest Associate The Reverend William Eakins, Priest Associate Meg Babbitt, Morgan Babbitt, Bradley Crocker, Acolytes Susie Barney, Steve Crocker, Julia Giolitto, Cheryl Lawless, Doreen Linton, Ushers Ray Giolitto, Concert Manager Karan Emerick, Reception

St. John's Choir

Scott Lamlein, Choirmaster Floyd Higgins, Organist Ted Babbitt, Organ Scholar

Youth Choristers Britt Emerick, Head Chorister; Emma Evica, Prefect Eden Baker, James Baker, Sahara Barrow, Benjamin Clapp, Elsa Ciscel, Dana Crocker, Frances Eikel, Cate Emerick, Sophia Jones, Lilah Lorenzo, Livvy Lorenzo

Soprano

Claudia Ayer, Helen Douglas, Nancy Hemstreet Eaton, Danielle Foint, Anne Harney, Kara Hart, Jackie McCauley

Alto

Emily Bigger, Mariana Evica, Jessica Fletcher, Ann Hutchinson, Betty Knorr, Mary Beth Lamlein, Erica Maas, Janet Poisson, Evelyn Reidenbaugh, Nancy Skeele

Tenor

Ted Babbitt, Lynn Brooks, Francis Lamlein, Michael Mei, Odanice Olibrice, Hal Rives, Paul Smith, Michael Wells

Bass

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Sunday, December 22, 10:30 a.m.

Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist

Tuesday, December 24
4 p.m. with musical prelude at 3:45 p.m. with the St. John's Youth Choir
11 p.m. with musical prelude at 10:30 p.m. with the St. John's Adult Choir and strings

Christmas Day Holy Eucharist Wednesday, December 25, 10 a.m.



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