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

The St. John's Youth and Adult Choirs

## Sunday, December 12, 2021, 3:00 p.m.

Please connect with the sacred by turning off your electronic device as soon as you are seated. Your generous donations support great music. Baskets are located at the entrances.

#### Masks are required for all in attendance.



#### VOLUNTARIES FOR ORGAN

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, BWV 645 (Wake, awake, for night is flying) Prelude on What child is this? Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

M. Searle Wright (1918-2004)

Descant: Paul Halley (b. 1952)

IRBY

#### **OPENING HYMN IN PROCESSION 102** All stand and sing

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



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#### GREETING

The Reverend Todd FitzGerald

#### 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

No small wonder

Small wonder the star, Small wonder the light, The angels in chorus, The shepherds in fright; But stable and manger for God – No small wonder!

Small wonder the kings, Small wonder they bore The gold and the incense, The myrrh, to adore: But God gives his life on a cross – No small wonder!

Small wonder the love, Small wonder the grace, The power, the glory, The light of his face; But all to redeem my poor heart – No small wonder!

#### FIRST LESSON

Paul Edwards (b. 1955) Text: Paul Wigmore (1925-2014)

read by Elsa Ciscel, youth 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

A 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.

Thanks be to God.

#### HYMN All stand and sing

Prepare the way, O Zion

ADVENT







Music: Zanaida Robles (b. 1979) Text: Frans Mikael Franzen, trans. Augustus Nelson, adapted by Charles Price © 2012

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

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.

Birds, though you long have ceased to build, Guard the nest that must be filled. Even the hour when wings are frozen God for fledging time has chosen. People, look east and sing today: Love, the bird, is on the way. Christopher Steel (1938-1991) Text: Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965)

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

Angels, announce with shouts of mirth Christ 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. 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

My eyes for beauty pine

Herbert Howells (1892-1983) Text: Robert Bridges (1844-1930)

My eyes for beauty pine, my soul for Goddes grace, No other care or hope is mine, to heaven I turn my face. One splendour thence is shed from all the stars above; 'Tis named when God's name is said, 'tis love, 'tis heavenly love. And every heart that burns with true desire, Is lit from eyes that mirror part of that celestial fire.

#### FOURTH LESSON

read by Virginia Van Dyk, Warden

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

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.

Thanks be to God.

#### CAROL

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) Jessica Nelson (b. 1983) Text: Anonymous, 14th century

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 Scott Lamlein, Choirmaster

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

#### Magnificat

Olivia Sparkhall (composed 2021) after Amy Beach

My soul doth magnify the Lord,
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.
For he hath regarded
the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold from henceforth,
all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me,
and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him
throughout all generations.
He hath showed strength with his arm;
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat,
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel,
as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

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

Nativity carol

Born in a stable so bare, Born so long ago; Born 'neath light of star He who loved us so.

Wise men from distant far land, Shepherds from starry hills Worship this babe so rare, Hearts with his warmth he fills.

Cradled by mother so fair, Tender her lullaby; Over her son so dear Angel hosts fill the sky.

Far away silent he lay, Born today, your homage pay, For Christ is born for aye, Born on Christmas Day. words and music by John Rutter (b. 1945)

#### SEVENTH LESSON

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

Resonemus laudibus

Arr. by David Willcocks (1919-2015)

Resonemus laudibus cum jocunditatibus ecclesiam fidelibus. Refrain: Apparuit quem genuit Maria.

Deus fecit hominum ad suam imaginem et similitodinem. Refrain

Deus fecit omnia caelum, ternam, maria cunctaque nascentia. Refrain

Ergo nostra concio in chordis et organo benedicat Domino. Refrain

Et Deo qui venias donat et letitias nos eidem gratias. Refrain

Let us make the church resound with joyful praise of the faithful. Refrain: He who was born of Mary has appeared.

God made man in his own image and likeness. Refrain

God has created everything, heaven, earth, seas and all living creatures. Refrain

Therefore, let this gathering with string and wind instruments bless the Lord. Refrain

And to God who is gracious to us and gladdens us, we give thanks. Refrain

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.

The first Nowell the angel did say

#### THE FIRST NOWELL Arrangement: David Willcocks (1919-2015)

Stanza 3 is sung by the choir, with everyone joining in on the refrain.



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

The Lamb

Little Lamb who made thee Dost thou know who made thee Gave thee life & bid thee feed. By the stream & o'er the mead; Gave thee clothing of delight, Softest clothing wooly bright; Gave thee such a tender voice, Making all the vales rejoice! Little Lamb who made thee Dost thou know who made thee

Little Lamb I'll tell thee, Little Lamb I'll tell thee! He is called by thy name, For he calls himself a Lamb: He is meek & he is mild, He became a little child: I a child & thou a lamb, We are called by his name. Little Lamb God bless thee. Little Lamb God bless thee. John Tavener (1944-2013) Text: William Blake (1757-1827) 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.** 

#### O come, all ye faithful

#### ADESTE FIDELES Descant: David Willcocks (1919-2015)





#### ORGAN VOLUNTARY

In dulci jubilo, BWV 729 (In thee is joy)

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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.

#### Participants

#### The Reverend Todd Fitzgerald, Officiant The Reverend Margie Baker, Assisting John Nowacki, Crucifer Susie Barney, Steve Crocker, Julia Giolitto, Cheryl Lawless, Doreen Linton, Ushers

#### St. John's Choir

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

Youth Choristers

Catherine Emerick, *Head Chorister*; Sofia Jones, *Prefect* Eden Baker, James Baker, Sahara Barrow, Benjamin Clapp, Elsa Ciscel, Dana Crocker, Jayden Donnelly, Mason Donnelly, Jx Eikel, Virginia Eikel, Livvy Lorenzo, Blythe Peck

Soprano

Helen Douglas, Nancy Eaton, Danielle Foint, Candy Green, Emma Evica, Anne Harney, Kara Hart, Caitlyn Semanie, Tema Silk

Alto

Catherine Barr, Frisha Hugessen, Ann Hutchinson, Betty Knorr, Mary Beth Lamlein, Nancy Skeele, Jacqueline Smith, Abby White

Tenor

Ted Babbitt, Lynn Brooks, Michael Mei, Odanice Olibrice, Ram Tysoe, Michael Wells

Bass

Richard Barstow, Stephan Christiansen, Martin Dodd, Milo Evica, Francis Lamlein, John Nowacki, Caleb Peck, Paul Smith



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Note date change: Saturday, February 12, 7:30pm: Jazz at the Red Door - Sarah Hanahan Quartet Saturday, March 5, 3:00pm: Choral Music for the Soul - Mozart Requiem Friday, April 22, 7:00pm: Spring Chamber Music - Larksgrove Duo

**Choral Evensong:** Fourth Sunday of selected months at 5:00pm January 23: St. John's Schola February 27: Alchemy March 27: St. John's Youth Choir and Guests *at Trinity College Chapel* April 24: St. John's Schola

#### Pipes Alive! Organ Recital Series: first Sunday of each month at 12:30 p.m.

January 2: Christopher Houlihan February 6: Matthew Bickett March 6: Angela Salcedo April 3: Organ Student Showcase May 1: Floyd Higgins June 5: Christa Rakich

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January 9, May 15 www.newworldtrio.org



# Evensong

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## Christmas Pageant

Sunday, December 19, 10:30 a.m.

# Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist

Friday, 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

Saturday, December 25, 10 a.m.



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