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CHRISTMAS in CHRIST CHAPEL

LESSONS AND MUSIC IN CELEBRATION
OF THE

"CHRISTMAS CAROLS"

—arr. Irvin Wagner

THE VOICE OF CREATION

—Teilhard de Chardin

LESSON OF THE GENESIS OF THE WORLD

—John 1:1-5; Genesis 1

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God; all things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep; and the Spirit of God was moving over the face of the waters. And God said, 'Let there be light,' and there was light . . ."

SLIDE PRELUDE

—Johannes Riedell

"THE HEAVENS ARE TELLING" from THE CREATION

—Franz Joseph Haydn

The heavens are telling the glory of God, the wonder of his work displays the firmament.
To day that is coming speaks it the day, the night that is gone to following night, in all
the lands resounds the word, never unperceived, ever understood.
The heavens are telling the Glory of God, the wonder of his work displays the firmament.

PSALMKONZERT

—Heinz Werner Zimmerman

Sing ye! Sing to the Lord, all ye lands, sing to the Lord your newest song! Sing praises to His glory! From day to day make known His saving grace! Declare unto all nations His glory and his wonders! Alleluia!

THE VOICE OF DISSOLVING CREATION AND ADVENT LONGING

—Teilhard de Chardin

CHORALE: Es ist das Heil uns kommen her (Salvation unto us has come)

—Dietrich Buxtehude

THE PROCESSION OF THE PEOPLE: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

THE PEOPLE SIT

VERSE 1: CHOIR

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.

REFRAIN: Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

VERSE 2: WOMEN

O come, O come, thou Lord of Might,
Who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height,
In ancient times didst give the law
In cloud, and majesty, and awe.

REFRAIN: ALL

VERSE 3: MEN

O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell thy people save,
And give them victory o'er the grave.

REFRAIN: ALL

VERSE 4: WOMEN

O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits by thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.

REFRAIN: ALL

VERSE 5: MEN

O come, thou Key of David, come,
And open wide our heavenly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery.



THE LESSON OF THE JESSE TREE

—Isaiah 11:1-9

"There shall come forth a shoot from the stump 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 the fear of the Lord. And his delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. . ."

LO, HOW A ROSE E'ER BLOOMING

—Hugo Distler

Lo! How a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung,
Of Jesse's lineage coming, as men of old have sung.
It came a Flowret bright amid the cold of winter, when half spent was the night.
Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind.
With Mary we behold it, the Virgin Mother kind.
To show God's love aright, she bore to men a Savior, when half-spent was the night.
This Flower whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air,

THE VOICE OF THE ANNUNCIATION

—Teilhard de Chardin

THE LESSON OF THE ANNUNCIATION

—Luke 1:26-33,38

"In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Hail, O favored one, the Lord is with you!' But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and considered in her mind what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there will be no end.' . . . And Mary said, 'Behold, I am the handmade of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.' And the angel departed from her."

LITTLE BULL

—A. H. Green

Hey, little bull behind the gate, what are you doing up so late?
And, little bull, what have you seen on this starry Christmas E'en?
If you raise your eyes to heaven you will see the Virgin's Song.
He is clothed in white apparel and is blessing everyone.
From the tree was born the branch, and from the branch was born the flower.
From the flower was born our Lady; from the Lady the Sweet Savior.
Forward, forward, little shepherd, march on bravely, everyone.

TRADITIONAL LESSON OF THE NATIVITY

—Luke 2:1-7

"In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be enrolled, each to his own city. . ."

MIDST THE DEEP SILENCE

—Jennings

Midst the deep silence of that holy night came angel voices and a radiant light!
"Wake, O shepherds, hear our tidings, for this night the Christ is born in Bethlehem!
Ye shall find Him in a manger small, Go ye and welcome Him the Lord of all!
Gloria in excelsis Deo, and on earth good will to all, for the Christ is born!"
Then did the shepherds go to Bethlehem; and there found Jesus, come to dwell with men.
"Welcome blessed Savior, who by prophets long foretold now to earth has come!"
Thus did the shepherds welcome Christ, the King, and with God's angels joyfully did sing:
"Glory be to God on high! Peace on earth, alleluia, for the Christ is born!"
Welcome now, O Lord, into our hearts!

HYMN OF THE CONGREGATION: "Silent Night, Holy Night"

—Franz Gruber

THE PEOPLE STAND

VERSE 1: CHOIR

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.

VERSE 2: CONGREGATION

Silent night, holy night,
Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing, Alleluia,
Christ, the Saviour, is born!

VERSE 3: CONGREGATION

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.



A JOYFUL CHRISTMAS SONG

—Francois Auguste Gevaert

Yonder in the crib sleeps a baby holy, born on Christmas night in a manger lowly,
Shepherds left their flocks at night guided by a star so bright;
From the East, three wise men hasten to adore Him. Gifts they bear of jewels rare,
frankincense and myrrh,

For these men, recognize, Christ is Lord of earth and skies.

The angelic hosts above us are singing, and with their glad news the echoes are ringing:
Noel! Let us sing Noel!

Oh, Babe sweet and holy, born in manger lowly, with joyful accord we worship you, Lord!
While angels are keeping their watch over your sleeping: and we join with them in a
last Amen!

Born of a virgin, Mary so pure and mild, you are God's own Son holy and undefiled.

Hear us when we pray at night for protection 'til daylight.

To the Father above who has proven his love we raise our voices and sing praises to
our King;

For we too realize, Christ is Lord of earth and skies.

Christ, to you is given all the power in heaven; ease our pain and grief, fulfill our belief;
Make our hearts all gladness; and relieve our sadness; hear us, Jesus mild! Amen,
our Christ-child.

THE LESSON OF THE SHEPHERDS

—Luke 2:8-16

"And in that region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. And the angel said to them, "Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the

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GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

—Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin
of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE LESSON OF THE ETERNAL WORD

—John 1:1-14

There was a man sent from God; whose name was John. He came for testimony, to
bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but
came to bear witness to the light. The true light that enlightens every man was com-
ing into the world.

THE VOICE OF THE COSMIC CHRIST

—Teilhard de Chardin

NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD

—Johann Pachelbel

Now thank we all our God who worthy deeds hath done for every creature.
Who all our lives his wondrous love hath us richly blessed and grants us all things good.
He gives to us a joyful heart and a holy peace to his chosen ones.
We implore that his grace with us abide, and redeem us Lord, while we are living.
Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done, in whom the world rejoices;
Who from our mother's arms hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love and still is ours today!

THE VOICE OF CREATION RESTORED

—Teilhard de Chardin

THE LESSON OF THE RECONCILIATION

—Colossians 1:5-20

He is the image of the invisible God; his is the primacy over all created things. . . For
in him the complete being of God, by God's own choice, came to dwell. Through him
God chose to reconcile the whole universe to himself. . . .

THE VOICE OF CHRISTMAS HOPE

—Teilhard de Chardin

RECESSIONAL HYMN: "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

THE PEOPLE STAND

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
In the highest: CHORUS:

Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
Born this happy morning,
Jesus, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father,



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