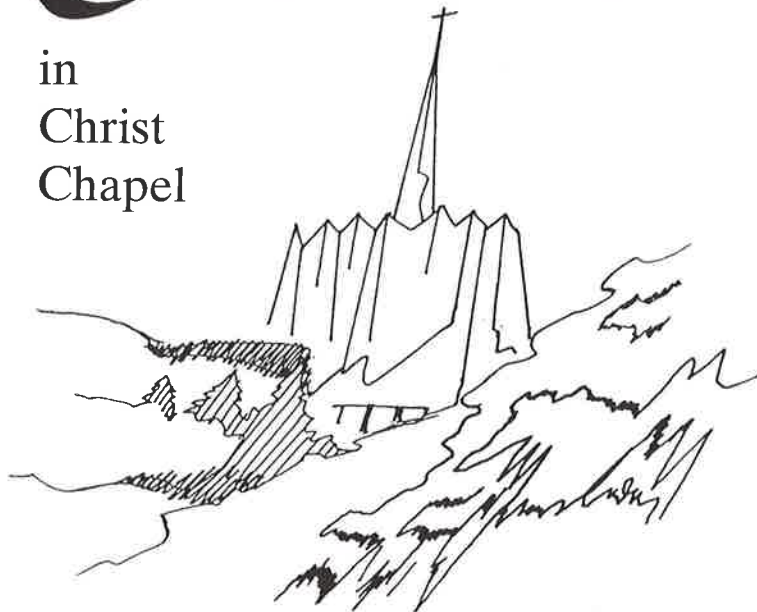


Christmas

in
Christ
Chapel



December 4, 5 and 6, 1992



GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS COLLEGE
Saint Peter, Minnesota

Welcome to the 20th presentation of **Christmas in Christ Chapel**. One of the unique features of our annual celebration of the birth of Christ is that it takes place in Christ Chapel and that worship is central to our coming together. This is no less true this year as we begin the service with the beautiful and moving Bidding Prayer used in the Service of Lessons and Carols performed annually at King's College in Cambridge, England. We shall "once again hear the message of the angels, and in heart and mind go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which is come to pass, and the Babe lying in a manger." We shall join our voices with those of the choirs and become our own angelic chorus as we sing the carols of the faith.

"God did not command Mary to conceive his Son," writes Mother Theresa, "but He sent an angel to ask her permission." So, too, we must give permission to allow the great music to touch our hearts, to stir our emotions and to enable us to have a deeper insight into the meaning of the Christ-event. Our listening must be active and not passive for Christ to be born in us.

This service consists of five sections which are delineated by the Scriptural texts. We begin with the birth of Jesus, who is the "glory of the Lord revealed to all flesh," and progress to the announcement of the angels and the musical variations on "Glory to God." Next, we contemplate Mary's role, especially as she ponders the angel's message to her and all that others have said about this child. A contemporary hymn brings her humanity to us in a most poignant way. Our drama moves from contemplation and wonder concerning the child to feeling the power of the man he grew to be — "King of Kings and Lord of Lords!"

Finally, all moods give way to a breaking forth of the joy that is found through this event, a joy that knows no bounds and is for all eternity. It is a joy that may be ours in the midst of pain, defeat and death as well as in the days of health, peace and prosperity.

We hope you will leave this place with a renewed sense of wonder at the gift of life and love and with peace in your heart.

*The Reverend Dennis J. Johnson
Vice President for Church Relations*

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PRELUDE

Adagio and Allegro, K. 594

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
(1756-1791)

You Nations All (1992)

Karle Erickson

You nations all, on you I call, come, hear this declaration,
And don't refuse this glorious news of Jesus and salvation.
To royal Jews came first the news of Christ the great Messiah,
As was foretold by prophets old, Isaiah, Jeremiah.

His parents poor in earthly store, to entertain the stranger,
They found no bed to lay his head, but in the ox's manger;
No royal things, as used by kings, were seen by those that found him,
But in the hay the stranger lay, with swaddling bands around him.

On that same night a glorious light to shepherds there appeared,
Bright angels came in shining flame, they saw and greatly feared.
The angels said, "Be not afraid, although we much alarm you,
We do appear good news to bear, a Savior's born among you."

When this was said, straightway was made a glorious sound from heaven;
Each flaming tongue an anthem sung, "To all a Savior's given.
In Jesus' name, the glorious theme, we elevate our voices.
At Jesus' birth be peace on earth, meanwhile all heaven rejoices."

William Walker



INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

THE BIRTH OF JESUS

Luke 2:1-7



And The Glory Of The Lord (from *Messiah*)

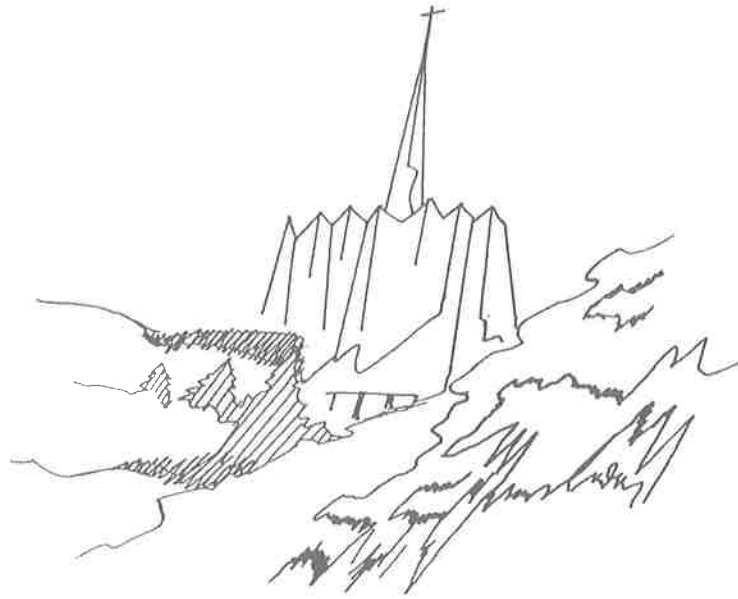
George Frideric Handel
(1685-1759)

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

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE ANGELS

Luke 2:8-14



Hodie Christus Natus Est

Healey Willan
(1880-1968)

Hodie Christus natus est:
Hodie Salvator apparuit:
Hodie in terra canunt Angeli,
Laetantur Archangeli:
Hodie exsultant justi, dicentes:
Gloria in excelsis Deo,
Alleluia.

Today Christ was born:
Today the Saviour hath appeared:
Today Angels sing on earth,
Archangels rejoice:
Today the just exult, saying:
Glory to God in the highest,
Alleluia.

Magnificat Antiphon for Second Vespers of Christmas

Gloria Deo Up In The Sky! (1990)

John Butler

Gloria Deo! Hark to the glad sound!
Gloria Deo! Hear the great cry!
Gloria Deo! Angels are singing,
Telling the news of joy from heaven on high.
Shepherds stand in deep amazement
As they hear the angel throng.
"Fear not," they say, "for we bring you glad tidings,
Jesus is born the King;
Come join the heavenly song."

Gloria Deo! Gloria Deo!
We shall sing with the angels on high.
Gloria Deo! Gloria Deo!
Gloria Deo up in the sky!

"Shepherds away to visit your Savior.
You will not find him wearing a crown.
He has been born in lowly manger,
Poor in a stable down in Bethlehem town.
Leave your sheep; make haste to the manger.
Run to bless and worship him there.
Mary, his mother, is there in maiden beauty,
Chosen to be the one,
The Son of God to bear."

Then the angels leave the poor shepherds,
Filled with awe and wonder and joy.
They run to Bethlehem and the Christ Child,
There in his mother's arms the holy Boy.
Radiant glow of peace and serenity
Wraps around the infant there,
Ox and ass his lowly companions,
Sharing their home with him
In that stable so bare.

You too must go and visit the manger.
You too must go to worship your King.
Fear not that you will feel like a stranger;
Come, join with us and all your praises sing
Nothing ever in all the world's history
Matches what has happened tonight.
God in his love has sent us our Redeemer;
Don't be afraid, come join us,
See the holy sight!

Angels We Have Heard On High (1992)

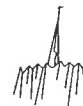
Roger Goetz

Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply,
Echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be?
Which inspire your heav'nly song?
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn king.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

French Carol tr. by H.F. Hemy, 1862



Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

(Mendelssohn)

(Congregation stands and sings)

1. Hark! The herald angels sing,
 “Glory to the newborn king;
 Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
 God and sinners reconciled.”
Joyful, all you nations, rise;
 Join the triumph of the skies;
With angelic hosts proclaim,
 “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”

Refrain

Hark! The herald angels sing,
 “Glory to the newborn king!”

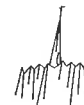
2. Christ, by highest heav'n adored,
 Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold him come,
 Offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see!
 Hail, incarnate deity!
Pleased as man with us to dwell,
 Jesus, our Emmanuel!

Refrain

3. Hail the heav'n born Prince of Peace!
 Hail the sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
 Ris'n with healing in his wings,
Mild he lays his glory by,
 Born that we no more may die,
Born to raise each child of earth,
 Born to give us second birth.

Refrain

Charles Wesley



Gloria In Excelsis Deo (from *Christmas Cantata*) (1958)

Daniel Pinkham

Glory to God in the highest
and on earth to all of good will
peace and love abiding.

O be joyful in the Lord, ye nations
Serve the Lord with gladness.

Come before His presence
with exultation.

Know ye that the Lord is God
Strong and mighty,
He created us, not we ourselves.
Alleluia!

Luke 2:14, Psalm 100:1-3a

Die Natali

Samuel Barber
(1910-1981)



THE MOTHER
Luke 1:26-31, 34-38, 2:15-19



There Is No Rose Of Such Virtue (1991)

Kenneth Mahy

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.
Resmiranda.

By that rose we may well see
There be one God in persons three.
Pares forma.

The angels sang, the shepherds too:
Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Gaudeamus.

Leave we all this worldly mirth
And follow we this joyful birth.
Transeamus.

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

Lullay My Liking

Gustav Holst
(1874 -1934)

*Lullay my liking, my dear Son, my Sweeting;
Lullay my dear Heart, mine own dear Darling!*

I saw a fair maiden
Sitten and sing:
She lulled a little child,
A sweete lording.

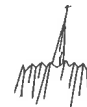
That Eternal Lord is He
That made alle thing;
Of alle lordes He is Lord,
Of every King He's King

There was mickle melody
At that childes birth:
Though the songsters were heavenly
They made mickle mirth:

Angels bright they sang that night
And saiden to that Child
"Blessed be thou and so be she
That is so meek and mild"

Pray we now to that Child,
And to His Mother dear,
God grant them all His blessing
That now maken cheer.

Anon. (Medieval)



Stay, My Child

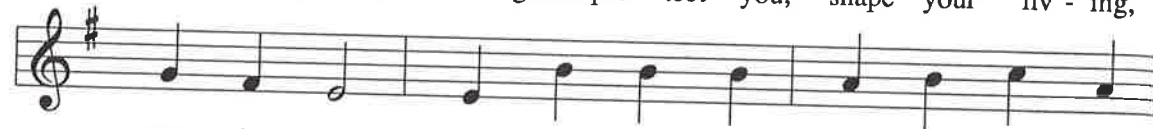
(Daniel's)

Comments on the Hymn

(Congregation stands and sings)



Stay, my child, my bod - y shar - ing, girl - hood's peace from
Grow, my child, in bod - y cho - sen by the God who
Sleep, my child, for love sur - rounds us, we have not been
Wake, my child, the world is cry - ing, calls you, e - vil's
Go, my child, God's grace pro - tect you, shape your liv - ing,



me is torn; well I know a moth - er's fear - ing,
made the earth; mine the an - swer, in con - fu - sion,
left a - lone. Though dis - grace and shame may hound us,
power to cross; o - pens you to ear - ly dy - ing,
fill your breath; by its power to res - ur - ect you,



hope mis - car - ried, joy still - born; Lul - la - by,
young, un - read - y to give birth; Lul - la - by,
Jo - seph stays and shields his own; Lul - la - by,
mo - ther - hood's most dread - ed loss; Lul - la - by,
break the grip of fear and death. Lul - la - by,

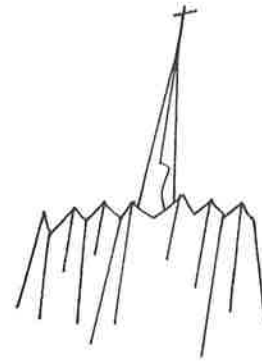


lul - la - by, God has heard a moth - er's cry, lul - la - by.
lul - la - by, God a - waits a ba - by's cry, lul - la - by.
lul - la - by, Word of God in ba - by's cry, lul - la - by.
lul - la - by, pain of God in moth - er's cry, lul - la - by.
lul - la - by, hope for all in moth - er's cry, lul - la - by.

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THE CHILD / THE MAN
Luke 1:31-33 and John 1:14



In The Bleak Midwinter

Harold E. Darke
(1888-1976)

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;
Heav'n 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,
A breastful of milk,
And a manger full of hay.
Enough for Him, whom angels
Fall down before,
The ox and ass and camel,
Which adore.

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 can I give Him,
Give my heart.

Christina Rossetti

Never Was A Child So Lovely (1984)

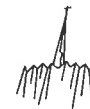
Samuel Adler

Never was a child so lovely
Born in ox's stall so lowly;
N'er was gift so great to earth
As God's gift the Virgin Birth.
So the manger they could find
Wise men were by star beshined.
And the shepherds prayed a now,
As their heads they humbly bow.

Child no crying he did make,
Angel's songs the silence break;
Came betides the neighbors all,
Homage paying to the stall.
God ne'er seen by mannes eyes,
Silent sale forment the sky.
Knowing though the angels sang,
His wee son on cross would hang.

His wee son in man's estate
Came to a wrong doer's fate.
Sinless die as lived He here,
Master Savior, Christ our dear.
Never was a child so lovely
Born in ox's stall so lowly,
Ne'er was gift so great to earth
As God's gift, the Virgin Birth.

Kentucky Carol



Sweet Dreams, Form A Shade (from *A Feast for Christmas*) (1991)

Emma Lou Diemer

Sweet dreams, form a shade
O'er my lovely infant's head:
Sweet dreams of pleasant streams
By happy, silent, moony beams.

Sweet babe, in thy face.
Holy image I can trace.
Sweet babe, once like thee,
Thy Maker lay, and wept for me.

Sweet sleep, with soft down
Weave thy brows an infant crown.
Sweet sleep, Angel mild,
Hover o'er my happy child.

Wept for me, for thee, for all,
When he was an infant small,
Thou his image ever see,
Heavenly face that smiles on thee.

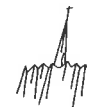
Sleep, sleep, happy child,
All creation slept and smiled;
Sleep, sleep, happy sleep,
While o'er thee thy mother weep.

Smiles on thee, on me, on all;
Who became an infant small.
Infant smiles are his own smiles;
Heaven and earth to peace beguiles.

William Blake

Coventry Carol (1991)

Cynthia Dobrinski



All This Time

William Walton
(1902-1983)

*All this time this song is best:
'Verbum caro factum est'*

This night there is a child born
That sprang out of Jesse's thorn;
We must sing and say therefor,

Jesus is the child's name,
And Mary mild is his dame;
All our sorrow shall turn to game.

It fell upon high midnight,
The stars shone both fair and bright;
The angels sang with all their might,

Now kneel we down on our knee,
And pray we to the Trinity
Our help, our succour for to be.

For Unto Us A Child Is Born (from *Messiah*)

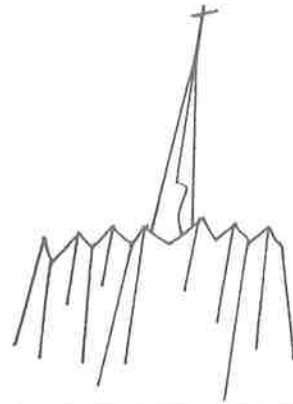
George Frideric Handel

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



FOR THE WORLD: JOY
A Reading from Martin Luther's *Christmas Sermon*



O Be Joyful (1986)

Jeffrey Van

When the king of heaven came to earth so fair,
There was none to greet him, just a stable bare.
There was none to greet him; O that we were there.

O be joyful all ye lands for the Savior is at hand.
Sing we now Alleluia.

Angels in the heavens, singing of his birth,
Shepherds in the darkness, did they see his worth
As the prince of heaven laid his glory by for earth?

Born to conquer Satan, sin and death to bind,
All God's love and power now in him we find;
Freedom for the captives, vision for the blind.

As the king of heaven comes to earth so fair,
May we rise to greet him in the stable bare;
As he comes to meet us, O may we be there.

Jeffrey Van

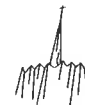
Joy to the World

(Antioch)

(*Congregation stands and sings*)

1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive its 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.
2. 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.
3. No more let sin and sorrow 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,
Far as, far as the curse is found.
4. 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, wonders of his love.

Isaac Watts



Sing With Joy, Glad Voices Lift

Hugo Distler
(1908-1942)

Sing with joy, glad voices lift,
Praise to God, the highest Gift,
Who such wondrous deeds performs,
Who sent His own beloved Son to save us.
Everlasting life through Him He gave us.

Truly, God was born of lowly maid;
Out of His great love the Father willed it.
On this day did He appear,
Christ Jesus dear, Emmanuel!
Brings to us salvation, saves from death and hell.

Children, all together sing,
Praise to God, our heav'nly King,
To our need He did incline,
And sent His own dear Son divine from heaven,
That on earth due praise to Him be given.

Truly! Let us bring Him thankful love,
Sing new songs to Him above, to our Master.
Praise we Him from depth of heart,
In tuneful art, and hope anew,
That the Lord our service may with pleasure view.

See how angels in the sky,
God in heaven glorify;
Sing as they the glad refrain,
Of peace on earth, goodwill to all, and blessing,
Exaltation in the song expressing.

Truly, truly, so bless we the Christ Child then,
Join their chorus, sing again with gladness:
Glory be to God on high,
On earth be peace, to all goodwill;
Joy and wonder evermore each heart may fill.

Johann Geletzky



Hallelujah Chorus (from *Messiah*)

George Frideric Handel

Hallelujah: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.
The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord,
and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.
King of Kings, and Lord of Lords.

Revelation 19:6, 11:15, 19:16



CHRISTMAS PRAYER AND BLESSING

O Come, All Ye Faithful

(Adeste Fideles)
setting by G. Winston Cassler
(1906-1990)

(Congregation remains seated and sings)

1. 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:

Refrain

O come, let us adore him,
O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him,
Christ the Lord!

2. God of God
Light of Light,
Lo, he abhors not the Virgin's womb.
Very God,
Begotten, not created:

Refrain

3. Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing! all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God
In the Highest:

Refrain

(Congregation stands)

4. Yea, Lord we greet thee,
Born this happy morning.
Jesus, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father,
Now in flesh appearing:

Refrain

John F. Wade



POSTLUDE

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (1983)

Arthur Frackenpohl

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