

A Service of Lessons and Carols



The Chapel of Saint Michael the Archangel
Saint Michael's College, Colchester, Vermont
Friday, December 8, 2017, 7:30 p.m.

The Saint Michael's College Chorale
Counterpoint Vocal Ensemble
Nathaniel G. Lew, Director
Susan Summerfield, Organ

Prelude: Singt ihr lieben Christen all

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

Sing, you dear Christians all, let your resounding voice be heard, peace and goodwill be unto you. For the holy Christ has appeared, the child of the virgin Mary. God is made man today as was foretold by Gabriel. Today he has appeared, the holy Christ in Israel, through Mary, undefiled yet unrefined: Great is his wonderful name, Immanuel, as was proclaimed by the angel Gabriel.

Invocation

Rev. Michael Carter, SSE

Welcome

Patrick J. Gallivan, Vice President for Government and Community Affairs

Please stand if you are able and join in the singing.

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks English carol, arr. David Willcocks (1919-2015) (words by Nahum Tate, 1652-1715)

While shepherds watched their flocks by night all seated on the ground,
The angel of the Lord came down and glory shone around.
"Fear not," said he (for mighty dread had seized their troubled mind),
"Glad tidings of great joy I bring to you and humankind.

"To you in David's town this day is born of David's line
A savior, who is Christ the Lord, and this shall be his sign:
The heav'nly babe you there shall find to human view displayed,
All meanly wrapped in swathing bands and in a manger laid."

This spake the seraph, and forthwith appeared a shining throng
Of angels praising God, who thus addressed their joyful song:
"All glory be to God on high, and to the earth be peace,
Good will henceforth from heav'n to us begin and never cease."

Please be seated.

The First Lesson: Luke 1: 26-38

Karen Neuhauser-Daley '20

Ave Maria

Richard Stoeckl (1874-1967)

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and in the hour of our death. Amen.

The Second Lesson: Isaiah 40: 1-5

Rowena He, Assistant Professor of History

The Cherry Tree Carol

Trond Kverno (b 1945) (English medieval text)

The Third Lesson: Luke 2: 1-7

Allison Gardner, Associate Director for Alumni and Family Relations

Please stand and join in the singing.

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

Arthur Sullivan (1842-1900), arr. David Willcocks (words by E. H. Sears)

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, goodwill to all, from heav'n's all-gracious King!"
The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come with peaceful wings unfurled,
And still their heav'nly music floats o'er all the weary world.
Above its sad and lowly plains they bend on hovering wing,
And ever o'er its Babel sounds the blessed angels sing.

Yet with the woes of sin and strife the world has suffered long,
Beneath the angel-strain have rolled two thousand years of wrong.
And man, at war with man, hears not the love-song which they bring.
O, hush the noise, ye men of strife, and hear the angels sing!

For lo! the days are hast'ning on by prophet-bards foretold,
When, with the ever-circling years comes round the Age of Gold,
When peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,
And the whole world give back the song which now the angels sing.

Please be seated.

The Fourth Lesson: Isaiah 9: 2-7

Joseph Mendes '18

Sanctus (*Kevin Jeter '19, violin soloist*)

Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

The Fifth Lesson: Luke 2: 8-16

Michele McCaffrey, Reference Coordinator, Library

Da pacem Domine

Arvo Pärt (b 1935)

Give peace, O Lord, in our time, because there is no one else who will fight for us if not You, our God.

The Sixth Lesson: Isaiah 40: 9-11

D. Sydney Rybicki '18

Please stand and join in the singing.

The First Nowell

English carol, arr. David Willcocks

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. Nowell...

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. Nowell...

Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our heavenly Lord
That hath made heav'n and earth of naught, and with his blood mankind hath bought. Nowell...

Please be seated.

The Seventh Lesson: Matthew 2: 1-11

Michael Stefanowicz, Director of Admission

What Sweeter Music

John Rutter (b 1945) (poem by Robert Herrick, 1591-1633)

The Eighth Lesson: Isaiah 35: 1-6

Deirdre McPhee '19

Psalm 24

Richard Stoeckl

The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein. For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods. Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? or who shall stand in his holy place? He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully. He shall receive the blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

The Ninth Lesson: John 1: 1-14

Very Rev. Stephen Hornat, SSE, Superior General, Society of St. Edmund

Please stand while the light from the Advent Candle is passed through the congregation and join in the singing.

Silent Night

Franz Xaver Grüber (1787-1863) (words by Joseph Mohr, trans John F. Young)

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, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight:
Glories stream from heaven afar; heav'nly hosts sing "Alleluia,
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born."

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, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Please extinguish your candle and be seated.

Benediction

Rev. David Theroux, SSE

Please remain quiet for the postlude.

Postlude: Agnus Dei from the Mass in G

Francis Poulenc (1899-1963)

Lamb of God, you who take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us, grant us peace.

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Counterpoint Vocal Ensemble

Soprano

Sophie Augustinowicz
Vanessa Malloy
Akane Tsuchida
Danielle Valyou
Madeline Walker
Catie White

Alto

Cassidy Flanagan
Lily Reed
Elaine Mengqi Yu

Tenor

Joseph Mendes
Cameron Shippee

Bass

John Jacob
Michael Oggiani
Caleb Roman

Soprano

Allison Devery
Colleen Flynn Campbell

Alto

Rebecca Bailey
Marjorie Drysdale
Linda Radtke

Tenor

Charlie Briggs
Cameron Steinmetz

Bass

Stephen Falbel
Zebulun McLellan
Kevin Quigley

After the service, please join the musicians in the Alliot Lobby for hot chocolate and cookies.