

FROM FEAR

to Love



## Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

December 24, 2020

7 pm

### Prelude Recital

*In dulci jubilo*

Hermann Schoeder  
(1904-1984)

Lynn Liepold, organ

*Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion from Messiah*

G.F. Handel  
(1685-1759)

Carmelita Guse, soprano ▪ Lynn Liepold, organ

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem!  
Behold, thy King cometh unto thee.

He is the righteous Saviour, and He shall speak peace unto the heathen.

*Bethlehem Down*

Jeremy Hiniker, arr.  
(b. 1991)

Brad Bradshaw, tenor ▪ Jeremy Hiniker, guitar

When He is King we will give him the King's gifts,  
Myrrh for its sweetness, and gold for a crown.  
Beautiful robes! said the young girl to Joseph,  
Fair with her first born on Bethlehem Down.

When He is King they will clothe him in gravesheets,  
Myrrh for embalming, and wood for a crown,  
He that lies now in the white arms of Mary,  
Sleeping so lightly on Bethlehem Down.

Bethlehem Down is full of the starlight,  
Winds for the spices, and stars for the gold.  
Mary for sleep, and for lullaby music,  
Songs for a shepherd by Bethlehem fold.

Here He has peace and a short while for dreaming,  
Close huddled oxen to keep Him from cold,  
Mary for love, and for lullaby music,  
Songs of a shepherd by Bethlehem fold.

## *Gesù bambino*

KrisAnne Weiss, mezzo-soprano • Lynn Liepold, organ

Pietro Yon  
(1886-1943)

Nell'umile capanna  
Nel freddo e povertà,  
É nato il Santo pargolo  
Che il mondo adorerà.

In a humble stable  
in cold and poverty,  
was born a Holy Child  
that the world will love.

Osanna, osanna cantano  
con giubilante cor,  
I tuoi pastori ed angeli  
Oh Re di luce e amor.

Hosanna, hosanna sing  
with jubilant heart,  
your shepherds and angels  
oh King of light and love.

Venite adoremus, Dominum.

Oh come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

O bel bambin non piangere,  
Non piangere Redentor,  
La mamma tua cullandoti  
Ti bacia, o Salvator.

Oh beautiful child do not cry,  
do not cry Redeemer,  
your mother will rock you  
she will kiss you, oh Savior.

Osanna, osanna cantano  
Con giubilante cor  
I tuoi pastori ed angeli  
O Re di luce e amor.

Hosanna, hosanna sing  
within jubilant chorus  
your shepherds and angels  
oh King of light and love.

Venite adoremus, Dominum.

Oh come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Ah! Venite adoremus, Dominum.  
Venite adoremus, Gesù Redentor.

Ah! Oh come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.  
Let us adore him, Jesus the Redeemer.

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*  
Jeremy Hiniker, guitar

John Duarte, arr.  
(1919-2004)

### **Carol**

*Once in Royal David's City*  
Verse 1: Cantor • Verses 2-4: All

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### **Call to Worship**

Christine Ford

### **Carol**

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*  
Verses 1, 3 & 6

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### **Scripture**

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

Rev. Corinne Freedman Ellis

### **Carol**

*It Came Upon a Midnight Clear*

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### **Gospel Reading**

Luke 2:1-7

Christine Ford

## Anthem

*What Child is This?*  
Jeremy Hiniker, guitar

John Duarte, arr.  
(1919-2004)

## Gospel Reading

Luke 2:8-20

Rev. Adam Blons

## Response

One: May these words be to us our light and our life.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

## Meditation

## Carol

*Joy to the World*

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## Invitation to the Christmas Offering

George Mackey

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## Offertory

*Quelle est cette odeur agréable?*

KrisAnne Weiss, mezzo-soprano ▪ Lynn Liepold, organ

Samuel Liddle, arr.  
(1867 - 1951)

Quelle est cette odeur agréable,  
Bergers, qui ravit tous nos sens?  
S'exhale-t-il rien de semblable  
Au milieu des fleurs du printemps?  
Quelle est cette odeur agréable  
Bergers, qui ravit tous nos sens?

Mais quelle éclatante lumière  
Dans la nuit vient frapper nos yeux?  
L'astre de jour, dans sa carrière,  
Fut-il jamais si radieux!  
Mais quelle éclatante lumière  
Dans la nuit vient frapper nos yeux?

A Bethléem dans une crèche  
Il vient de vous naître un Sauveur.  
Allons, que rien ne vous empêche  
D'adorer votre rédempteur.  
A Bethléem dans une crèche,  
Il vient de vous naître un Sauveur.

What is that lovely fragrance,  
Shepherds, that delights all our senses?  
Does nothing like it waft as  
Among the flowers of spring?  
What is that lovely fragrance,  
Shepherds, that delights all our senses?

But what is this dazzling light  
In the night that comes to shine in our eyes?  
The day star, the sun in its course,  
Never was it as radiant!  
But what is this dazzling light  
In the night that comes to shine in our eyes?

In Bethlehem, in a manger,  
Has been born to you a Savior.  
Come, let nothing stop you  
To worship your Redeemer.  
In Bethlehem, in a manger,  
Has been born to you a Savior.

# Lighting of the Christ Candle

Norm Tiedemann, Mary Buckett,  
Daniela Tiedemann, Kelly Tiedemann

# Lighting of the Candles *Silent Night Partita*

Lynn Liepold, organ

Charles Callahan  
(b. 1951)

We invite you to find a candle at home to light. If it is safe to turn off the other lights,  
we invite you to hold your candle in the dark and sing.

# Carol

## *Silent Night, Holy Night*

Jeremy Hiniker, arr.



Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm, all is bright  
Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake at the sight;  
Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God, love's pure light;



round yon vir - gin moth - er and child. Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and  
glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far, heav - en - ly host - sing Al - le - lu -  
ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face with the dawn of re - deem - ing



mild, sleep in heav - en - ly peace, — sleep - in hea - ven - ly peace.  
ia! Christ the Sav - ior is born, — Christ - the Sav - ior is born!  
grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth, — Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

# Christmas Blessing

## Postlude

## *O Holy Night*

Adolphe Adam

Carmelita Guse, soprano • Lynn Liepold, organ

(1803-1856)

O Holy night! The stars are brightly shining,  
It is the night of the dear Savior's birth;  
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,  
'Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth.  
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices,  
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.  
Fall on your knees! O, hear the angel voices,  
O night divine, O night when Christ was born.

Truly He taught us to love one another;  
His law is love and His Gospel is Peace.  
Chains shall He break, for the slave is our brother,  
And in His name, all oppression shall cease.  
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we,  
Let all within us praise His Holy name.  
Christ is the Lord, O praise His name forever!  
His power and glory evermore proclaim.

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## *Once In Royal David's City*

### **Cantor**

Once in royal David's city  
stood a lowly cattle shed,  
where a mother laid her baby  
in a manger for his bed;  
Mary, loving mother mild,  
Jesus Christ, her little child.

### **All**

He came down to earth from heaven  
who is God and Lord of all,  
and his shelter was a stable,  
and his cradle was a stall.  
With the poor, the scorned, the lowly  
lived on earth our Savior holy.

### **All**

Jesus is our childhood's pattern;  
day by day, like us he grew;  
he was little, weak, and helpless,  
tears and smiles like us he knew;  
and he feeleth for our sadness,  
and he shareth in our gladness.

### **All**

And our eyes, at last, shall see him,  
through his own redeeming love;  
for that child so dear and gentle  
is our Lord in heaven above;  
and he leads his children on  
to the place where he is gone.

## *O Come All Ye Faithful*

### **Verse one:**

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;  
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us  
adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

### **Verse three:**

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;  
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;

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

### **Verse six:**

Yea, Lord, we greet thee,  
born this happy morning,  
Jesus, to thee, be all glory given.  
Word of the father,  
now in flesh appearing:  
O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
Christ the Lord.

## *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*

### **Verse one:**

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 men,  
from heaven's all-gracious King.”  
The world in solemn stillness lay,  
to hear the angels sing.

### **Verse two:**

Still through the cloven skies they come  
with peaceful wings unfurled,  
and still their heavenly 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.

### **Verse three:**

And ye, beneath life's crushing load,  
whose forms are bending low,  
who toil along the climbing way  
with painful steps and slow,  
look now! for glad and golden hours  
come swiftly on the wing.  
O rest beside the weary road,  
and hear the angels sing!

### **Verse four:**

For lo! the days are hastening on,  
by prophet seen of old,  
when with the ever-circling years  
shall come the time foretold  
when peace shall over all the earth  
its ancient splendors fling,  
and the whole world send back the song  
which now the angels sing.

## *Joy to the World*

### **Verse one:**

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her King;  
let every heart prepare Him room,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

### **Verse two:**

Joy to the world, 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.

### **Verse three:**

No more let sins and sorrows 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.

### **Verse four:**

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.