

CHRISTMAS AT SAINT JOHN'S

P R E L U D E

COLLEGE OF SAINT BENEDICT/SAINT JOHN'S UNIVERSITY BRASS CHOIR

**Contrapunctus I
Ah, Dolente Partita
Rise Up**

**Johann Sebastian Bach
Claudio Monteverdi
Brooke Pierson**

P R O G R A M

O come, O come Emmanuel
Richard Witteman, Flügelhorn Solo

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O Nata Lux **Morten Lauridsen**
O nata lux de lumine, Jesu redemptor saeculi, dignare clemens supplicum laudes preces que sumere.
Qui carne quondam contegi dignatus es pro perditis. Nos membra confer effici, tui beati corporis.
*O born light of light, Jesus, redeemer of the world, mercifully deem worthy and accept the praises and prayers
of your supplicants.
Thou who once deigned to be clothed in flesh for the sake of the lost ones, grant us to be made members of
your holy body.*

LET ALL MORTAL FLESH KEEP SILENCE

- 1) Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand; ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in his hand Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.
- 2) At his feet the six-winged seraph; cherubim with sleepless eye, veil their faces to the Presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry, "Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Lord most high!"

ALL CHOIRS

The Glory of the Father **Egil Hovland**

The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us. We beheld the glory of the Father, full of grace and truth. In the beginning was the Word. The Word was with God. In Him was life; and the life was the light of men. He came to his own, and his own received him not.

ALL CHOIRS AND BRASS ENSEMBLE

Personent Hodie arr. Lara Hoggard

(Tune and text: *Piae Cantiones*: 1582)

Let youthful voices resound today, joyfully praising Him who is born for us, who is given unto us by the most-high God, and brought forth from a Virgin. He is born in the world, is wrapped in swaddling clothes and placed in a manger in a stable of beasts. He is the ruler over all things. Three wise men come, bearing gifts. They have found the babe by following a little star. Adoring the Lord, they offer Him gold, incense and myrrh. Let all the young choristers now sing, as did the angels, praising Him who has come into the world: "Glory to God in the highest!"

ALL CHOIRS AND THE AMADEUS CHAMBER SYMPHONY

From *Christus* **Felix Mendelssohn**

There Shall A Star Come Out Of Jacob

There shall a star come out of Jacob and a scepter shall rise out of Israel. With might destroying princes and nations. As bright the star of morning gleams, so Jesus sheds His glorious beams of light and consolation! Thy Word, O Lord, radiance darting, truth imparting, gives salvation. Thine be praise and adoration!

O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL

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: O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

2) Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation; Sing, all ye citizens from heav'n above; Glory to God in the highest: O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

THE ST. JOHN'S BOYS' CHOIR

Deck the Hall arr. John Rutter

Deck the hall with boughs of holly, fa la la, 'tis the season to be jolly, fa la la...
Fill the mead-cup, drain the barrel, fa la la, troll the ancient Christmas carol, fa la la...
See the flowing bowl before us, fa la la, strike the harp and join the chorus, fa la la...
Follow me in merry measure, fa la la, while I sing of beauty's treasure, fa la la...
Fast away the old year passes, fa la la, hail the new, ye lads and lasses! Fa la la...
Laughing, quaffing, all together, fa la la, heedless of the wind and weather, fa la la.

What Sweeter Music John Rutter

What sweeter music can we bring than a carol, for to sing the birth of this our heavenly King?
Awake the voice! Awake the string!
Dark and dull night, fly hence away, and give the honor to this day, that sees December turned to May. That sees December turned to May.
Why does the chilling winter's morn smile, like a field beset with corn? Or smell like a meadow newly shorn, thus, on the sudden? Come and see the cause, why things thus fragrant be: 'Tis He is born, whose quickening birth gives life and luster, public mirth, to heaven, and the under-earth.
We see him come, and know him ours, who, with his sunshine and his showers, turns all the patient ground to flowers. The darling of the world is come, and fit it is, we find a room to welcome him. The nobler part of all the house here, is the heart.
Which we will give him; and bequeath this holly, and this ivy wreath, to do him honor, who's our King, and Lord of all this reveling.
What sweeter music can we bring, than a carol for to sing the birth of this our heavenly King?

Masters in This Hall

arr. Mark Hayes

Masters in this hall, hear ye news today brought from over sea, and ever I you pray:
Nowell! Nowell! Nowell! Nowell sing we clear! Holpen are all folk on earth, born is God's Son so dear.
Going over hills, through the milk-white snow, heard I ewes bleat while the wind did blow.
Shepherds many an one sat among the sheep. No man spake more word than they had been asleep.
Quoth I, "Fellows mine, why this guise sit ye, making but dull cheer, shepherds though ye be?"
Shepherds should of right leap and dance and sing. Thus to see you sit is a right strange thing.
Quoth these fellows then, "To Bethl'em town we go to see a mighty Lord lie in manger low."
Therein did we see a sweet and goodly may and a fair old man, upon the straw she lay,
And a little child on her arm had she. "Wot ye who this is?" said the hinds to me.
This is Christ, the Lord, masters, be ye glad! Christmas is come in, and no folk should be sad.
Nowell! Nowell! Nowell! Nowell sing we loud! God today hath poor folk raised and cast adown the proud!

LO, HOW A ROSE

- 1) Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem has sprung! Of Jesse's lineage coming as men of old have sung. It came a flow'ret bright, amid the cold of winter, when half spent was the night.
- 2) 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 us a Savior, when half spent was the night.

SAINT JOHN'S UNIVERSITY MEN'S CHORUS

Rise Up Shepherd and Follow **arr. Frank Almond**

Soloists: Michael Lah and Jack Cassidy

There's a star in the east on Christmas morn, it'll lead to the place where the Savior's born.
Rise up shepherd and follow.
Leave your sheep and leave your lambs; Rise up shepherd and follow. Leave your ewes and leave your rams;
Follow the star of Bethlehem, Rise up shepherd and follow.
If you take good heed to the angel's words, you'll forget your flocks and forget your herds.
Rise up shepherd and follow.
Leave your sheep...

Hodie Christus natus est **G. P. Palestrina**

Hodie Christus natus est, Alleluia! Hodie salvator apparuit. Alleluia!
Hodie in terra canunt angeli, Alleluia. Laetantur archangeli. Alleluia!
Hodie exultant justi dicentes: Gloria in excelsis Deo. Alleluia!

Today Christ is born; today the Savior has appeared; today the Angels sing, the Archangels rejoice; today the righteous rejoice, saying: Glory to God in the highest. Alleluia!

Whisper! Whisper! **Jay Althouse**

Soloists: Nathan Beal, John Girgen, Ryan Murphy, Stephen Renze

Whisper! Tiny baby in a manger lay. Whisper! Baby born today.
Whisper! Tiny baby, he sleep in the hay. Whisper! Baby born today.
Oh, Shout it out! From the highest mountain. Shout it out! Hear what I say.
Shout it out! To the hills and valleys. Tiny baby is born today.
Oh, shout it out! With a thousand voices. Shout it out! Let the music play.
Shout it out! Go, tell all the people. Tiny baby is born today.

Mary had a baby. Yes, my Lord. Glory hallelu!
Whisper...

HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING

1) Hark! the herald angels sing, glory to the newborn King; peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled! Joyful all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies; with th'angelic host proclaim, Christ is born in Bethlehem, 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 the Virgin's womb. Veil'd in flesh the Godhead see; hail th'Incarnate Deity, pleased as Man with man to dwell, Jesus our Emmanuel! Hark! the herald angels sing, glory to the newborn King.

COLLEGE OF SAINT BENEDICT WOMEN'S CHOIR

Jerusalem Luminosa

Abbie Betinis

Alleluia. Jerusalem, city of light, vision of true peace.
Alleluia. All holy, all elegant, is that which shows itself in thee.

O Regem Coeli – Natus Est Nobis

Tomas Luis de Victoria

O Regem caeli, cui talia famulantur obsequia! Stabulo proponitur qui continet mundum: Iacet in praesepio, et in caelis regnat. Alleluia. Natus est nobis hodie Salvator, qui est Christus Dominus, in civitate David: Iacet in prasepio, et in caelis regnat. Alleluia

*For the Feast of the Birth of the Lord O King of Heaven, served by such great honors: Placed in a stable which contains the whole world: He lies in a cradle, and reigns above the heavens. Alleluia.
There is born to us today a savior, who is Christ the Lord. In the city of David: He lies in a cradle, and reigns above the heavens. Alleluia*

ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

1) Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains; and the mountains in reply echo back their joyous strains. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

2) 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.

COLLEGE OF SAINT BENEDICT/SAINT JOHN'S UNIVERSITY CHAMBER CHOIR

Huron Carol

Jesse Edgar Middleton

Arr. Susan La Barr

'Twas in the moon of winter-time, when all the birds had fled, that mighty Gitchi Manitou sent angel choirs instead.
Before their light the stars grew dim and wandering hunter heard the hymn: "Jesus your King is born, Jesus is born, in excelsis gloria."
Within a lodge of broken bark the tender Babe was found, a ragged robe of rabbit skin enwrapp'd His beauty round;

But as the hunter braves drew nigh, the angel song rang loud and high... "Jesus your King is born, Jesus is born, in excelsis gloria."
 The earliest moon of wintertime Is not so round and fair as was the ring of glory on the helpless Infant there. The chiefs from far before Him knelt with gifts of fox and beaver pelt. "Jesus your King is born, Jesus is born, in excelsis gloria."
 O children of the forest free, O sons of Manitou, the Holy Child of earth and heaven is born today for you. Come kneel before the radiant Boy who brings you beauty, peace and joy.
 "Jesus your King is born, Jesus is born, in excelsis gloria."

Bogoróditse Djévo Arvo Pärt

Bogoroditse Djévo, radujssja, Blagodátnaja Maríje, Gossóp ss Tobóju; Blagosslovjéna Ty v zhenákh i blagosslovjén plod chrjéva Tvojegó, Jáko Sspássa rodilá jeessí dush náshikh.

Rejoice, O virgin Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee: Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, for thou hast borne a Savior of our souls.

Glory to the newborn King arr. Robert L. Morris

O Mary, what you goin' to name that pretty little baby? (Glory to the newborn King, Glory!)
 Oh, some call Him one thing, I think I'll call Him Jesus, Glory! Glory to the newborn King!
 Oh, some call Him one thing, I think I'll say Emmanuel, Glory! Glory to the newborn King. Think I'll call Him King!

CHAMBER CHOIR, MEN'S CHORUS AND THE AMADEUS CHAMBER SYMPHONY

Regina Coeli Wolfgang A. Mozart

Soloist: Maria Schneider, soprano
 Nora Merk, alto
 Jeffrey Wilkinson, tenor
 Jordan Green, bass

Regina caeli, laetare, alleluia. Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia. Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia. Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.

Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia. For He whom you were worthy to bear, alleluia, Now has risen, as He said, alleluia. Pray for us to God, alleluia.

ALL CHOIRS AND THE AMADEUS CHAMBER SYMPHONY

SILENT NIGHT

- 1) 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.
- 2) Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht! Alles schläft, einsam wacht nur das traute hochheilige Paar, holder Knabe mit lockigem Haar. Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh!
- 3) 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.

Magnificat in C Johann Christian Bach

Soloists: Maria Schneider, soprano
 Nora Merk, alto
 Jeffrey Wilkinson, tenor
 Jordan Green, bass

Magnificat ánima mea Dóminum. Et exultávit spíritus meus: in Deo salutári meo. Quia respéxit humilitátem ancíllae suae: Ecce enim ex hoc beátam me dicent omnes generatiónes. Quia fécit mihi mágna qui pótens est: et sánctum nómen eius. Et misericórdia eius in progénies et progénies tíméntibus eum. Fécit poténtiam in bráchio suo: dispérsit supérbos mente cordis sui. Depósuit poténtes de sede: et exaltávit húmiles. Esuriéntes implévit bonis: et dívites dimísit inánes. Suscépit Ísrael púerum suum: recordátus misericórdiae suae. Sicut locútus est ad patres nostros: Ábraham, et sémini eius in saecula. Glória Patri, et Fílio, et Spirítui Sancto, Sicut erat in princípio, et nunc, et semper, et in saecula saeculórum. Amen.

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, forever. 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.

Hallelujah (from *Messiah*) George F. Handel

Hallelujah! for the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth. Hallelujah! The kingdom of this world is become the Kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ; and He shall reign forever and ever. King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Hallelujah!

JOY TO THE WORLD

- 1) Joy to the world! The Lord is come: Let earth receive her king;
let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing.
- 2) He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love.

**OUR BEST WISHES FOR A MOST JOYOUS
HOLIDAY SEASON!**

PERFORMERS

THE ST. JOHN'S BOYS' CHOIR

Aaron VanDanacker, Interim Artistic Director

Myles Aumock	Theo Brown	Henry Buehrer	Sebastian Castrillon
Owen Fradette	Hunter Gebhardt	Andre Heerts	Teddy Hennen
Adam Holien	Cole Jelliff	Hunter Kahre	Alex Kenyon
Jack Larson	Hayden Lenarz	Zander Lund	Grant McDermond
Josh Mertensotto	Aaron Ringsmuth	Caden Rothstein	Blake Schaeffer
Zachary Schreifels	Isaac Schroers	Cade Schwarzkopf	Brady Skahen
Charlier Steil	Dominic Sufka	Mason Tiaht	Jackson Viemeister
Timothy Wilwerding			

AMADEUS CHAMBER SYMPHONY

Axel Theimer, Conductor

Violin 1	Marion Judish, Concertmaster Rachel Tisdahl	Rachael Athman	Dianne Brady	Laura Dahl
Violin 2	Dan Larson, Principal Jeanie Schoephoerster	David Arnott Shigeyuki Yachi	Kristen Bauer	Tamara Bottge
Viola	Cecilia Diffley, Principal	Jim Johnson	Carter Scheele	Kathryn Weinmann
Cello	Thea Stockinger, Principal	Emily Imm	Fr. William Skudlarek, OSB	
Bass	Patrick Dinndorf	Dave Lorenz		
Flute	Betsy Eickhoff	Kris Boyle		
Oboe	Rachel Tessier	Rachel Koehler		
Clarinet	Tom Gaetz	Katie Johnson		
Bassoon	Maia Hamann			
Trumpet	Richard Witteman	Sean Jacobson		
French Horn	Terri Deming	Trey Perez		
Trombone	Brian Campbell			
Timpani	Nelson Mitchell			
Organ	Peter Vanderwaal			

COLLEGE OF SAINT BENEDICT WOMEN'S CHOIR

Susan H. Vollbrecht, Conductor

Soprano 1	Callie Anderson Anna Savage Ashlee Vyskocil	Paige Barfknecht Kate Stebbins	Abbie Kluitert Allie Swearingen	Marne Milanowski Tessa Venables
Soprano 2	Abigail Freeman Grace Schneider	Claire Hokanson Abby Thompson	Alexis Neas Frances Thornton	Madelynn Reichmann Anna Webb
Alto 1	Claire Boettcher Rachael Gronstal Jackie Townsend	Gabby Brown Stephanie Holmgren Kaitlyn Vondall	Molly Carley Carly Hulstein	Sabrina Ehrmantraut Eva Sundheim
Alto 2	Arzinda Abedu-Bentsi Janet Mills	Katelyn Dingmann Kinsey Morford	Amy Infanzon Grace Schillewaert	Allison Maddock Maryssa Ziegler

**COLLEGE OF SAINT BENEDICT/SAINT JOHN'S UNIVERSITY
BRASS CHOIR**

Justin T. Zanchuk, Director

Trumpet	Michaela Becker Hudson Maiers	George Doyle Quinlen Marshall	Patrick Janning Katherine Mendel
Horn	Zhituan (Peter) Gao	Linnea Metelmann	Dallas St. Hilaire
Trombone	Francis Donlon Levi Schwieters	Owyn Ferguson (bass) Austin Windsperger	Patrick Mullon Tian Yi (Jason) Zhang
Euphonium	Leo Braun	Conor Stuebner	Nick Tawil
Tuba	Matthew Keefe	Bauer Stetzenbach	
Percussion	Andrea Doty	Bonnie Finn	Elise Vomacka

COLLEGE OF SAINT BENEDICT/SAINT JOHN'S UNIVERSITY CHAMBER CHOIR

Axel Theimer, Conductor

Sopranos	Emma Archbold Tia Connelly Katie Hinrichs Grace Savard	Marissa Bauer Maria Determan Jane Ludwig Maria Schneider	Maggie Beckmann Rianna Doyle Elizabeth Padula Alyssa Wedin	Maggie Blaska Kate Hillesheim Sydney Pribula
Altos	Sydney Bordson Quinn Hynes-Marquette Claire Oelfke Grace Spaniol	Taylor Bothun Hope Lindenfelser Chelsea Ricker Brianna Steigauf	Bernie Donlon Nora Merk Abigail Sarazin Marie Valois	Johanna Dykhoff Sarah Neve Brenna Skahen
Tenors	Ethan Gustafson Isaiah Svoboda	Carter Howell Dave Weitzel	Brady Labine Nate Stoebe	Adam Schwartz Jeff Wilkinson
Basses	Alex Doering Michael Kennedy Garrett Welsh	Martin Figueroa Drew Reynhout	Jacob Heinlen Ben Richards	Jordan Green Ben Ungar

SAINT JOHN'S UNIVERSITY MEN'S CHORUS

Axel Theimer, Conductor

Tenor 1	Theodore Knudson Alexander Ramirez	Michael Lah James Siems	Ryan Murphy	Noah Polipnick
Tenor 2	Nathan Beal Ben Epper Alex Mao	Braden Bizal John Girgen	Kyle Curphy Jason Iverson	Kevan Donohue Sam Kelly
Bass 1	Jack Cassidy Philip Polipnick	William Conzemius Stephen Renze	Paul Langan Dallas St. Hilaire	Mike Lara Nick Uphoff
Bass 2	Peter Janssen Logan Woods	Nick Pink	Soren Pitt	Conor Stuebner