CHRISTMAS AT SAINT JOHN’S

PRELUDE

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

Contrapunctus I  
Ah, Dolente Partita  
Rise Up  

Johann Sebastian Bach  
Claudio Monteverdi  
Brooke Pierson

PROGRAM

O come, O come Emmanuel

Richard Witteman, Flügelhorn Solo

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

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 CHOIR

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

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/SAIN T 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.”

**Regina Coeli** ..........................  **Wolfgang A. Mozart**
Soloist: Maria Schneider, soprano
Nora Merk, alto
Jeffrey Wilkinson, tenor
Jordan Green, bass


*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.*

**Magnificat in C** ..........................  **Johann Christian Bach**
Soloists: Maria Schneider, soprano
Nora Merk, alto
Jeffrey Wilkinson, tenor
Jordan Green, bass

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 Omniproter 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

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AMADEUS CHAMBER SYMPHONY
Axel Theimer, Conductor

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Susan H. Vollbrecht, Conductor

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BRASS CHOIR
Justin T. Zanchuk, Director

Trumpet
- Michaela Becker
- George Doyle
- Patrick Janning

Horn
- Zhituan (Peter) Gao
- Linnea Metelmann

Trombone
- Francis Donlon
- Austin Windsperger

Euphonium
- Leo Braun

Tuba
- Matthew Keefe

Percussion
- Andrea Doty

COLLEGE OF SAINT BENEDICT/SAINT JOHN'S UNIVERSITY CHAMBER CHOIR
 Axsel Theimer, Conductor

Sopranos
- Emma Archbold
-iotics

Altos
- Sydney Bordson
- Quinn Hynes-Marquette
- Claire Oelfke

Tenors
- Ethan Gustafson

Basses
- Alex Doering
- Michael Kennedy
- Garrett Welsh

Tenor 1
- Theodore Knudson
- Alexander Ramirez

Tenor 2
- Nathan Beal
- Ben Epper
- Alex Mao

Bass 1
- Jack Cassidy
- Philip Polipnick

Bass 2
- Peter Janssen
- Logan Woods

SAINT JOHN'S UNIVERSITY MEN'S CHORUS
Axel Theimer, Conductor

Tenor 1
- Michael Lah
- James Siems

Tenor 2
- Braden Bizal
- John Girgen

Bass 1
- William Conzemius
- Stephen Renze

Bass 2
- Nick Pink

Tenor 1
- Ryan Murphy
- Noah Polipnick

Tenor 2
- Kyle Curphy
- Kevan Donohue

Bass 1
- Paul Langan
- Mike Lara

Bass 2
- Soren Pitt
- Connor Stoebner