

# VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS EVE 2020

## PRELUDE

Christmas Fantasy

- Callahan  
- Ivan Docenko, Piano  
- Jeff Seekins, Organ

## ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

“Good news of great joy,”  
the angel said,  
“for to you a savior is born.”  
“Peace on earth,”  
the choir sang,  
“for God reigns in the highest.”  
“Follow me,”  
the star beckoned,  
“For Hope was born in Bethlehem.”  
As we light the Christ candle,  
we watch for the Christmas story around us.  
Emmanuel has come and is coming.  
Come, all ye faithful, and worship God.

## OPENING SENTENCES

The people who walked in darkness have seen a  
great light,  
for a child has been born for us, a son given  
to us!  
Glory to God in the highest heaven!  
Let us worship the Prince of Peace.

SOLO      “Shepherd’s Pipe Carol”      -Rutter  
                 Maria Goodrich

## FIRST READING:    Isaiah 40:1-5

Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God. Speak ye  
comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is  
accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned: for she hath received of

the LORD's hand double for all her sins. The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain: 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.

HARP SOLO

- Beth Breneman, Harp

SECOND READING: Isaiah 9:2-7

The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined. Thou hast multiplied the nation, and not increased the joy: they joy before thee according to the joy in harvest, and as men rejoice when they divide the spoil. For thou hast broken the yoke of his burden, and the staff of his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, as in the day of Midian. For every battle of the warrior is with confused noise, and garments rolled in blood; but this shall be with burning and fuel of fire. 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. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

SOLO HAND BELLS

“Sing, We Now of Christmas”

- Lamb

- Heather Miner

THIRD READING: Psalm 96

O sing unto the LORD a new song: sing unto the LORD, all the earth. Sing unto the LORD, bless his name; shew forth his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the heathen, his wonders among all people. For the LORD is great, and greatly to be praised: he is to be feared above all gods. For all the gods of the nations are idols: but the LORD made the heavens. Honour and majesty are before him:

strength and beauty are in his sanctuary. Give unto the LORD, O ye kindreds of the people, give unto the LORD glory and strength. Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name: bring an offering, and come into his courts. O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness: fear before him, all the earth. Say among the heathen that the LORD reigneth: the world also shall be established that it shall not be moved: he shall judge the people righteously. <sup>1</sup> Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof. Let the field be joyful, and all that is therein: then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice Before the LORD: for he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth: he shall judge the world with righteousness, and the people with his truth.

HANDBELLS            “Still, Still, Still”  
New Beginnings Handbells and Harp

FOURTH READING:        Luke 2:1-20

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host,<sup>1</sup> praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!” When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now

to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

SOLO: “Mary, Did You Know” - Greene  
- Jackie Davis, Voice

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE - Reverend W. James Hardy

SOLO: “Let the Bright Seraphim” - Handel  
- Karen D’Angelo, Voice  
- Ivan Docenko, Piano  
- Nathan Barnes, Trumpet

PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER

CAROL: “Silent Night” - Gruber  
- Elizabeth Humphrey, Voice  
- Beth Breneman, Harp

BENEDICTION

FINALE “Joy to the World” - Watts  
- Jeff Seekins, Organ  
- Nathan Barnes, Trumpet  
- Heather Miner, Hand Bells