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The Northwest University Concert and Chamber Choirs

JOINED BY

Coro Amici,
the Pilgrims Men's Chorus,
and the Kirkland Civic Orchestra

William Owen, *Conductor*

Jo Ann Stremler and Regina Yen, *Pianists*



CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS

*Comes
Home*



Welcome

to Northwest University's Christmas Traditions Concert

Good evening, and welcome to the 2020 Christmas Traditions concert performed by the Northwest University's Chamber and Concert Choirs, Coro Amici, the Pilgrims Men's Chorus, and the Kirkland Civic Orchestra. I am delighted that you have joined us; it is my prayer that this evening's sacred concert is a blessing to you all.

For more than 20 years, it has been a distinct honor to serve Northwest University as a member of the faculty. The Lord has led me to a place that has afforded me the wonderful opportunity to live out my life calling. Simply stated, I believe that my life's mission is to worship God by utilizing meaningful, sacred music in an effort to create transcendent experiences that positively shape our spiritual formation. My understanding of worship is proclaiming and acting upon the narrative of God throughout history. In other words, to quote the late Dr. Robert E. Webber, "Worship does God's story." It really is not about us trying to fit God into our story. Rather, this is about us proclaiming God's story. Moreover, God has invited us to be part of His grand story—the effects of that realization are life-changing. Thus, even though this evening is called a concert, for me it is an evening of celebratory worship as we once again proclaim God's story.

A secondary, yet meaningful, byproduct to this evening of celebratory worship is providing our great students an experience that they will remember for the rest of their lives. To be able to lift your voices with a mass choir, a fine orchestra, and a pipe organ in one of the finest concert halls in the country will hopefully provide such an experience. Many in the choir this evening are Northwest University choir alumni (Coro Amici included). Why do they sing? Because they have realized that they are part of God's story and want to once again proclaim it.

Soli Deo Gloria!

Bill Owen, *Conductor*

Lyrics for Tonight

Jesus Child

John Rutter

Have you heard the story that they're telling 'bout Bethlehem?
Have you heard the story of the Jesus Child?
How He came from heaven and was born in a manger bed?
Mary was His virgin mother pure and mild.
Sing alleluia, sing alleluia, worship the Jesus Child and praise His mother mild.
Glory to God on high the angel hosts are singing:
Listen to the story of the Jesus Child.

Have you heard the story of the poor humble shepherd men,
Sitting on the hillside with their flocks at night?
Suddenly the angel tells them: "Hurry to Bethlehem;
Go and find the Jesus Child, the world's new light."
Sing alleluia, sing alleluia, worship the Jesus Child and praise His mother mild.
Glory to God on high the angel hosts are singing:
Listen to the story of the Jesus Child.

Jesus Child, lying at Bethlehem, sleeping safe at Mary's knee,
Save my soul and bring me to paradise,
let me join the angel singing glory to Thee.
Sing alleluia, brothers, sing alleluia, sisters,
worship the Jesus Child and praise His mother mild.
Glory to God on high the angel hosts are singing:
Listen to the story of the Jesus Child.

Have you heard the story of the kings from the Orient,
Following the star that's shining over His head?
Offering their precious gifts of gold, myrrh, and frankincense,
Kneeling with the ox and ass before His bed?
Sing alleluia, sing alleluia, worship the Jesus Child and praise His mother mild.
Glory to God on high the angel hosts are singing:
Listen to the story of the Jesus Child.

Brothers, let us celebrate the birth of the Jesus Child,
Sisters, come and welcome Him, the newborn King;
Praise the Lord Who sent Him down from heaven at Christmas time;
Young and old and rich and poor, His praises sing.
Sing alleluia, sing alleluia, worship the Jesus Child and praise His mother mild.
Glory to God on high the angel hosts are singing:
Listen to the story of the Jesus Child.

Jesus Christ, the Apple Tree

Elizabeth Poston

The tree of life my soul hath seen, laden with fruit, and always green:
The trees of nature fruitless be compared with Christ the apple tree.

His beauty doth all things excel: by faith I know, but ne'er can tell,
The glory which I now can see in Jesus Christ the apple tree.

For happiness I long have sought, and pleasure dearly I have bought:
I missed of all; but now I see 'tis found in Christ the apple tree.

I'm weary with my former toil, here I will sit and rest a while:
Under the shadow I will be, of Jesus Christ the apple tree.

This fruit doth make my soul to thrive, it keeps my dying faith alive;
Which makes my soul in haste to be, with Jesus Christ the apple tree.

Ding! Dong! Merrily on High

Arr. by Mark Burrows

Ding, dong merrily on high, in heaven the bells are ringing;
Ding, dong verily the sky, is riv'n with angels singing.
Gloria! Hosanna in the highest!

E'en so here below, below let steeple bells be swungen,
And io, io, io, by priest and people sungen.
Gloria! Hosanna in the highest!

Pray you dutifully prime, your matin chime, ye ringers;
May you beautifully rhyme, your evetime song, ye singers.
Gloria! Hosanna in the highest!

Ubi Caritas

Ola Gjeilo

(Sung in Latin)

Where charity and love are, God is there.
The love of Christ has gathered us together.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Let us revere and love the living God.
And from a sincere heart let us love one another. Amen.

Fum, Fum, Fum

Arr. by Howard Helvey

Jo Ann Stremler and Regina Yen, *Pianists*

On this joyful Christmas day sing fum, fum, fum.
For a blessed Babe was born upon this day at the break of morn;
In a manger poor and lowly lay the Son of God most holy. Fum, fum, fum.
Give thanks to God this holy day; sing fum, fum, fum.
Now we all our voices raise and sing a song of grateful praise.
Celebrate in song and story all the wonders of His glory. Fum, fum, fum.
Birds that live within the forest, fum, fum, fum!
All you fledgling leave behind, and seek the Infant Savior kind.
Build, as well as you are able, downy nest to be His cradle. Fum, fum, fum.
Praise we now the Lord above; sing fum, fum, fum.
For upon this day at morn the wondrous Son of God was born,
In a manger poor and lowly lay the blessed Babe most holy. Fum, fum, fum.

The First Nowell

Arr. by Mack Wilberg

The first Nowell the angel did say,
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay,
In fields where 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, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.

Then let us all with one accord,
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
That hath made heaven and earth of naught,
And with His blood mankind hath bought.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.

The Hallelujah Chorus

George Frederic 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!

We Wish You a Merry Christmas

Arr. by John Rutter

We wish you a Merry Christmas, we wish you a Merry Christmas,
We wish you a Merry Christmas and a happy new year.
Good tidings we bring to you and your kin,
We wish you a Merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Now bring us some figgy pudding, now bring us some figgy pudding,
Now bring us some figgy pudding, and bring some out here.
Good tidings we bring to you and your kin,
We wish you a Merry Christmas and a happy new year.

For we all like figgy pudding, for we all like figgy pudding,
For we all like figgy pudding, so bring some out here.
Good tidings we bring to you and your kin,
We wish you a Merry Christmas and a happy new year.

And we won't go until we've got some, we won't go until we've got some,
And we won't go until we've got some, so bring some out here.
Good tidings we bring to you and your kin,
We wish you a Merry Christmas and a happy new year.

We wish you a Merry Christmas, we wish you a Merry Christmas,
We wish you a Merry Christmas and a happy new year!

Northwest University Concert and Chamber Choirs and Coro Amici

*Denotes Coro Amici Member

Soprano

Sierra Adams*
Krysta Belindean*
Ashlee Best*
Becky Black*
Brittany Blackwood
Maggie Bright
Fiona Cochran
Jane Cooksley
Joy Dinius*
Madison Eaton
Aislinn Flaherty
Megan Frost
Diana Grimm*
Gina Hart*
Eryn Heller*
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Alyssa Khela
Liana Kisel*
Rachel Locker
Alyssa McCormick
Kristian Morrison*
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Danika Reynolds*
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Jolene Stallman*
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Lynne VanderGiessen*
Hannah Vaughan*
Elena Wright

Alto

Lynn Blosser*
Lauren Bongiorno*
Corrine Booth
Halie Brown
Amanda Christopher
Allison Elliott
Madie Few
Denise Hagglund*
Alondra Hernandez
Jerelyn Jones
Lizeth Monroy
Jennifer Nelson*
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Emily Saari*
Lisa Scott*
Darina Shulyak
Annah Snyder*
Sarah Soemo*
Elisabeth Stanczak
Khaela Testado
Rachel Williamson*
Xiwen Yang
C.J. Young

Tenor

Cameron Chollar
Elliot Faley
Eduardo Garcia
Patton Gilbert
Steve Howe*
Dustin Johnson
Karen Kapovich*
Ethan Six
Andy Soemo*
Laura Steiner*
Joshua Washburn
Daniel Watanabe

Bass

Frank Blosser*
Georgi Boyadzhiyski
Dillon Gabelein
Isaac Goke
Jonathan Hill
Christopher Kaetzel
Alex Kisel*
Dennis Kozorezov
David Neuman
Steve Quant*
Tom Ramage*
Zachariah Rollins
John Sackman*
Brendan Sanders
Michael Scott*
Robert Segaar*
Robert Stallman*
Stephen Stewart*
Nick Strong
Colten Wade
John Wilson

Kirkland Civic Orchestra

Mr. James Truher, Music Director

*Designates Principal or Section Leader

Violin 1

Viola Chou
Tamara Collins
Keren Fuentes
Eric Gold
Amnon Govrin
(Concert Master)
Elizabeth Grubb
Matthew Guenther
Thomas Guenther
Rebecca Harbke
Tabitha Hsia
Kate Kerkering
Eunice Kim
Amy Metting
David O'Brien
Hemanth Srinivas
(Assistant Concert Master)

Violin 2

Feather Asmussen
Janet Colucci
Heidi DuPuis
Shelby Eaton*
Nataly Foreste
Nathalie Goh-Livorness
Loren Den Herder
Nancy Johnson
Derek Leung
Paolina Libes
James Pattinson
Fran Pope
Setsuko Reeves
Robin Schiro
Emma Schmidgall
Kathy Truher
Nick Wade
Caitilin Walsh

Viola

Bill Avery
Matthew Bae
Geoffrey King
Libby Landy*
Dan Pope
Loretta Rickards
Sammi Tam
Myrl Venter

Violoncello

Diane Asness
Ben Childs
Jonas Donnenfield
Ellen Pond
Benjamin Spencer
Sandra Sultan
Judith Tsui*
Steven Weber

Bass

Louie Hackett
Tim Peters
Doug Gallatin
(+ Piccolo)

Flute

Scott Moore*
Amy Swanson

Oboe

Matt Broadhead*
Glen Danielson
(+ English Horn)

Clarinet

Mae Kane
Julie Werth
Anita Wong

Bassoon

Lev Iskolskiy
Shannon Nelson

French Horn

Ken Adamson
David Blyth
Oleg Gouts
Ryan Roberts*
Rebecca Thompson

Trumpet

Charles Allard
James Dooley
Ray Pitt
David Spangler*

Trombone

Gregg Hirakawa
Marc-Andrea Klimaschewski
Matt Stoecker*

Tuba

Francis X. Langlois

Timpani

Eric Daane

Percussion

Shane Benting
Scott Binnett

Harp

Tamara Dobranic

The Pilgrims Men's Chorus

The Pilgrims Men's Chorus is a choral group that specializes in sacred and gospel music. Founded in 1985 with the express purpose of raising funds for homeless street youth, this group sings for various churches and organizations in the Seattle area. One hundred percent of the money raised from their concerts goes directly to helping homeless street youth.

Alto

Kristina Haight

Tenor

Brady Anderson
Garrett Hall
Bruce Johnstone
Paul Martin
Chris Sjöholm
Tony Tyselling

Bass

Carl Anselmi
Forest Bush
T.J. Callahan
Bill Combs
Al Cross
Mark Haight
Michael Hendrix
Dave Hinshberger
Don Kalso

Mike Lowe
Dan Maben
Russ McElroy
Skip Osteyee
Chuck Schulz
Maury Spencer
Dan Stickney



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