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Master Chorale



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JASON VODICKA, ARTISTIC DIRECTOR
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JOYFUL AND TRIUMPHANT

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Soli Deo Gloria

**The New Jersey MasterChorale
presents
Joyful and Triumphant
Sunday, December 10, 2023 at 7:00 pm**

Welcome

Patricia Del Camp, Music Committee Chairperson

Invocation

Reverend Chris Heckert, Senior Pastor

*Please hold applause until the end of each set, indicated by ****

Angelus ad Pastores Ait

Samuel Scheidt (1587-1654)

Brass Ensemble

A Hymn of Christmas: O Come All Ye Faithful

arr. David Willcocks

Congregation, NJ MasterChorale, and Orchestra

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!

Refrain: O come, let us adore Him
O come, let us adore Him
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!

2. God of God, Light of Light,
Lo, He abhors not the virgin's womb;
Very God, begotten not created; [Refrain]
3. Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation;
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest! [Refrain]
4. Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n!
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing! [Refrain]

Of the Father's Love Begotten

11th cent. Sanctus trope, arr. Douglas & Weisser

Prepare the Way O Zion

Zanaida Robles (b. 1979)

In splendoribus sanctorum

James MacMillan (b. 1959)

In splendoribus sanctorum
ex utero ante luciferum genui te.

In the brightness of the saints:
From the womb before the daystar I begot you.

William Gregory, trumpet

The Blessings of Mary

North Carolina Folksong, arr. Mack Wilberg

Kimberly Weiler, soprano

O Radiant Dawn

James MacMillan (b. 1959)

Unto Us is Born a Son

arr. David Willcocks

NJ MasterChorale; Orchestra; Jason Vodicka, conductor

Festival First Nowell

arr. Dan Forrest

Congregation, NJ MasterChorale, Orchestra; Ben Shively, Conductor

1. 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.

Refrain: Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Born is the King of Israel.

2. ***Choir only***

3. Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
That hath made heaven and earth of nought,
And with his blood mankind hath bought. [Refrain]

Gloria

Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741)

1. Gloria in excelsis deo
Glory to God in the highest
2. Et in terra pax
And on Earth peace to people of good will
3. Laudamus te
We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you
7. Domine fili unigenite
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son
11. Quoniam tu solus sanctus
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ
12. Cum sancto spiritu
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Kathleen Bandaruk and Carol Richmond, sopranos; NJ MasterChorale; Orchestra; Jason Vodicka, conductor

Invitation to Offering

Bob Shaffer, NJMC Board

Kommst du nun, Jesu, vom Himmel herunter

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

BWV 650 from the "Schubler" Chorales

Matt Smith, Organist

Dona Nobis Pacem

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

6. O man greatly beloved

Noah Donahue, tenor, and Patricia Fisher, soprano; NJ MasterChorale; Orchestra; Jason Vodicka, conductor

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

arr. David Willcocks

Congregation, NJ MasterChorale, and Orchestra

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 hosts proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Refrain: Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

2. Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold him come,
Offspring of the Virgin's womb:
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
Hail th'incarnate Deity,
Pleased with us in flesh to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel. [Refrain]
3. Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
Risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
Born that we no more may die,
Born to raise us from the earth,
Born to give us second birth. [Refrain]

Program Notes

During the month of December, it can seem like we are surrounded by nothing but joy and triumph. Made for TV movies make it seem like these feelings are never more than 90 minutes and a small misunderstanding away. Even the Christmas story fast-forwards through the weeks of travel on donkey back, giving birth in a barn, and the mad-dash flight to Egypt, born out of fear for the life of a small child.

In the real world, moments of joy and triumph are tempered by the work of preparation and expectation, and often infused with stress, anxiety, loss, and confusion. This program celebrates the joy and triumph of Christmas while also acknowledging, exploring, and honoring the many complex emotions we have at this time of year.

In the last movement of his masterpiece *Dona Nobis Pacem*, composer Ralph Vaughan Williams juxtaposes the refrain of the angels ("good will toward men") with the final words of the Catholic Mass ("dona nobis pacem," grant us peace). This juxtaposition reminds us that peace, joy, and ultimately triumph do not come as gifts, but through the work of love, care, and good will toward each other.

About Tonight's Performers

Jason Vodicka, Music Director

Jason Vodicka is associate dean in the College of Arts and Sciences at Rider University, where he works with students in the School of Communication, Media, and Performing Arts, and Westminster Choir College. Known for his innovative work in choral pedagogy, Dr. Vodicka has conducted numerous honor choirs and presented at state, regional, national, and international conferences on music education. His writing can be found in publications such as *Update: Applications of Research in Music Education*; *The Oxford Handbook of Choral Pedagogy*, and *Visions of Research in Music Education*.

Matthew Smith, Organist

Matt has served as the Organist at Haddonfield UMC since attaining his Master of Music degree from Princeton, NJ's Westminster Choir College. He was awarded First Place at the 2017 Joan Lippincott Competition for Excellence in Organ Performance and continues to perform recitals on piano and organ at various venues. Matt's most recent recital as featured organist at the 2020 Mi Wha Lee Memorial Recital can be enjoyed by visiting HUMC's YouTube channel (youtube.com/HaddonfieldUMC). He currently serves as Organist and Choirmaster at HUMC.

Ben Shively, Assistant Conductor

Benjamin Shively is a music educator and choral conductor who holds a Bachelor of Music in Education from the University of Missouri – Kansas City Conservatory of Music & Dance. In his work as Choir Director at Rodeo Palms Junior High School in Houston, TX, Ben earned recognition as 2021-2022 Teacher of the Year on his campus. He is currently pursuing a Master of Music in Choral Conducting at Westminster Choir College, where he serves as a graduate assistant for Dr. James Jordan. Ben also serves as Music Director at Hopewell United Methodist Church, Hopewell, NJ.

New Jersey MasterChorale

The New Jersey MasterChorale is a 70-voice symphonic choir which was begun over 45 years ago as the Haddonfield UMC Oratorio Choir. An outreach of the HUMC music ministry, the NJMC has recently performed major works such as Haydn's *Lord Nelson Mass*, *Stravinsky's Symphony of Psalms*, and John Rutter's *Mass of the Children*. In addition to Philadelphia Orchestra and Friends, NJMC has recently partnered with other professional ensembles, such as Symphony in C, ChildrenSong of NJ, and the HUMC Holtz Handbell Choir. For information about joining the NJMC, please email NJMC@haddonfieldumc.org. Auditions will be held in January, 2024, for the upcoming spring season.

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The New Jersey MasterChorale
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Matt Smith, Accompanist
Ben Shively, Assistant Conductor

Soprano 1

Kathleen Bandaruk
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Tenor 1

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Joel Schwartz

Tenor 2

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Ed Carll
Noah Donahue*
Craig Otto
Larry Potts
Wayne Richmond

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Stephen Dagrosa*
Bob Goodman
Don Impellizeri
Jim Robinson
Fred Schwartz
Bob Shaffer
Ben Shively

Bass 2

Dick Kitz
Sterling Sproul
Jeff Webb

*Staff singer

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William Gregory
Tessa Ellis
Alexander Serio

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David Tarantino

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