

A Canto Deo Christmas 2021

featuring

The Canto Deo Festival Choir and Orchestra

Jonathan Brown, Conductor

For unto us a Child is Born

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, Counselor,
the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father,
the Prince of Peace.

*Text taken from Isaiah 9:6
From Messiah by George Frederic Handel (1685 - 1759)*

To be sung by all, standing.

O Come, all ye Faithful

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, O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord!
God of God, Light of Light,
Lo! He abhors not the Virgin's womb;
Very God, begotten, not created.
O come, let us adore him, O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

Choir alone

Child, for us sinners, poor and in the manger,
Fain we embrace thee, with awe and love;
Who would not love thee, loving us so dearly?

All
O come, let us adore him, O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord!
Sing, choirs of angels! Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
'Glory to God, in the highest.'
O come, let us adore him, O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord!
Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,
Jesus, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing.
O come, let us adore him, O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

Traditional carol arranged by David Willcocks (1919 - 2015)

Please be seated.

The Holly and the Ivy

The holly and the ivy,
When they are both full grown,
Of all the trees that are in the wood,
The holly bears the crown.

Refrain

O the rising of the sun
And the running of the deer,
The playing of the merry organ,
Sweet singing in the choir.

The holly bears a blossom,
As white as any flower,
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ,
To be our sweet Saviour.

Refrain

The holly bears a berry,
As red as any blood,

And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ
To do poor sinners good.

Refrain

The holly bears a prickle,
As sharp as any thorn,
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ
On Christmas Day in the morn.

Refrain

The holly bears a bark,
As bitter as any gall,
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ
For to redeem us all.

Refrain

*Words traditional English, music by Matthew Owens (b. 1990)
Orchestrated by John Rutter (b. 1945)*

Angels' Carol

Have you heard the sound of the angel voices
Ringing out so sweetly, ringing out so clear?
Have you seen the star shining out so brightly
As a sign from God that Christ the Lord is here?
Have you heard the news that they bring from heaven
To the humble shepherds who have waited long?

Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Hear the angels sing their joyful song.

He is come in peace in the winter's stillness,
Like a gentle snowfall in the gentle night;
He is come in joy like the sun at morning
Filling all the world with radiance and with light.

He is come in love as the child of Mary;
In a simple stable we have seen his birth:

Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Hear the angels singing 'Peace on earth.'

He will bring new light to a world in darkness,
Like a bright star shining in the skies above;
He will bring new hope to the waiting nations
When he comes to reign in purity and love.
Let the earth rejoice at the Saviour's coming;
Let the heavens answer with the joyful morn:

Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Hear the angels singing 'Christ is born.'

Words and music by John Rutter (b. 1945)

Carol of the Magi

We rode all night through fields of darkness,
Our guiding light, the Eastern star;
We came to Bethlehem, we all were weary:
We'd travelled far that night, we'd travelled far.
We'd travelled far.

We heard that here we'd find Messiah
Foretold by seers from days of old;
We looked for palaces and found a stable:
Could it be here, so bare and cold?
So bare and cold?

We entered in and there we saw him;
It seemed we'd known him from long before:
A child like any child, yet somehow different:

The face of every child in him we saw,
The face of every child we saw.

We'd brought him gifts and now we offered them;
We knelt down low in silent prayer.
With eyes that seem to know both joy and sadness
The child looked down as we knelt there,
The child looked down as we knelt there.

So long ago, yet I remember
That child who lay at Mary's knee;
How strange that every child seems so much like him:
His is the face I seem to see,
His is the face I seem to see.

Words and music by John Rutter (b. 1945)

See Amid the Winter's Snow

See, amid the winter's snow,
Born for us on earth below,
See, the tender Lamb appears,
Promised from eternal years!

Refrain

Hail, thou ever blessed morn!
Hail, Redemption's happy dawn!
Sing through all Jerusalem:
'Christ is born in Bethlehem!'

Lo! within a manger lies
He who built the lofty skies,
He who, throned in height sublime,
Sits amid the cherubim.

Refrain

Sacred infant, all-divine,
What a tender love was thine,
Thus to come from highest bliss,
Down to such a world as this!

Refrain

Words by Edward Caswall (1814-1878), music by John Goss (1800 - 1880)

Arranged by Dan Forrest (b. 1978)

Sussex Carol

On Christmas night all Christians sing,
To hear the news the angels bring.
News of great joy, news of great mirth,
News of our merciful King's birth.

Then why should we on earth be so sad,
Since our Redeemer made us glad,
When from our sin he set us free,
All for to gain our liberty?

When sin departs before His grace,
Then life and health come in its place;
Angels and all with joy may sing,
All for to see the new-born King.

All out of darkness we have light,
Which made the angels sing this night:
'Glory to God and peace to men,
Now and for evermore, Amen!'

English carol arranged by Mack Wilberg (b. 1955)

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

It came upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
From angels, bending near the earth
To touch their harps of gold:
'Peace on the earth, goodwill to men,
From heaven's all-gracious King!'
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come,
With peaceful wings unfurled,
And still their heavenly music floats
O'er all the weary world:
Above its sad and lowly plains

They bend on hovering wing,
And ever o'er its Babel sounds
The blessed angels sing.

Audience please stand and join the choir in singing:
O ye, beneath life's crushing load,
Whose forms are bending low,
Who toil along the climbing way
With painful steps and slow,
Look now, for glad and golden hours
Come swiftly on the wing.
O rest beside the weary road,
And hear the angels sing!

Words by Edmund H. Sears (1810 - 1876), music by Richard S. Willis (1819 - 1900)

Arranged by Barlow Bradford

Please be seated.

O Holy Night

O Holy night! The stars are brightly shining,
It is the night of the dear Savior's birth.
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,
'Till he appeared and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices,
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn;
Fall on your knees! O hear the angel voices!
O night divine! O night, when Christ was born.
O night, O holy night, O night divine!

Led by the light of faith serenely beaming,
With glowing hearts by His cradle we stand;
So, led by light of a star sweetly gleaming,
Here came the wise men from Orient land.
The King of kings lay thus in lowly manger,

In all our trials born to be our friend;
He knows our need, our weakness is no stranger,
Behold your King! Before Him lowly bend!
Behold your King! Before Him lowly bend!

Truly He taught us to love one another;
[His law is love and His gospel is peace.
Chains shall He break for the slave is our brother;
And in His name all oppression shall cease.
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we,
Let all within us praise His holy name.]

Christ is the Lord! O praise His name forever!
His power and glory evermore proclaim!
His power and glory evermore proclaim!

Words by Placide Cappeau (1808 - 1877), English version by John Sullivan Dwight (1813 - 1893)

Music by Adolphe Adam (1803 - 1856), arranged by John Paul Hayward

Christmas Fanfare for Orchestra

featuring Angels We Have Heard on High and Il est né le Divin Enfant

Music by Nathan Hofheins (b. 1971)

Commissioned by Canto Deo for Christmas 2009

An offering will be collected at this time, or you may leave your gifts with the ushers as you exit after the concert.

Interval - 10 minutes please.

II

Carol of the Bells

*Music by John Paul Hayward, from Ukrainian carol by Mykola Leontovych (1877 - 1921)
Commissioned by Canto Deo for Christmas 2019*

The Christmas Story

*Text from Luke 2 (KJV), music by Thomas Hewitt Jones (b. 1984)
Newly commissioned by Canto Deo for Christmas 2021!*

Silent Night, Holy Night

Three verses shall be sung by the choir alone.

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!
Sleep in heavenly peace!
Silent night! Holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar;
Heav'nly hosts sing, 'Alleluia!
Christ the Savior is born!
Christ the Savior is born!'
Silent night! Holy night!
Wondrous star, lend thy light;

With the angels let us sing
'Alleluia' to our King;
Christ the Savior is born!
Christ the Savior is born!

Remain seated. Please join the choir in singing:

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!
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth!

Choir alone

Jesus, Lord, at thy birth!

*Words by Joseph Mohr (1792 - 1848), Austrian carol by Franz Gruber (1787 - 1863)
Arranged by Thomas Hewitt Jones (b. 1984)*

The First Nowell

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 nought,
And with his blood mankind hath bought.
Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell!
Born is the King of Israel.

English carol arranged by Mack Wilberg (b. 1955)

To be sung by all, standing. Please observe the final line and extend the words marked by one extra beat.

Joy to the World

All: Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth receive her King!
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room, and heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.
Women: Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns: let all their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
Men: No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground:
He comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.
All: He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love,
And wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of — his — love.

*Words by Isaac Watts (1674 - 1748)
English carol arranged by Mack Wilberg (b. 1955)*

To be sung by all, standing:

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

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!'

Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ the everlasting Lord:
Late in time behold him come, offspring of a Virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see! Hail the incarnate Deity,
Pleased as man with man to dwell: Jesus, our Emmanuel!
Hark! the herald angels sing: 'Glory to the newborn King!'

Hail the heav'n born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with healing in his wings.
Mild, he lays his glory by, born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing: 'Glory to the newborn King!'

*Words by Charles Wesley (1707 - 1788), music by Felix Mendelssohn (1809 - 1847)
Arranged by David Willcocks (1919 - 2015)*



CANTO DEO FESTIVAL CHOIR

Marlene Bainbridge	Eloise Duell	David Lamb	Catherine Runnels
Wanda Bardwell	Don Duell	Cheryl Lassen	Rebecca J. Schaefer
Anita Baresel	Carolynn Erickson	Nancy Liedy	Kent Scroggs
Kendra Barton	Paul Erwin	Sarah Ludwig	Kathleen Shannon
Darrell Black	Lisa Farr	Mike Mauro	Janice Spencer
Deborah Black	Jessica Free	Tracey McCarthy	Steve Spencer
Kristyn Brisnehan	Frank Groome	Jan McLees	Larry Stephens
Connie Brown	Darlene Harder	Grace Montenegro	Robert Strom
Blair Bryant	Dean Harder	Josie Nolen	Bart Suchomel
Richard Calder	Amy Harris	Stella Nolen	Karen Suchomel
Scott Campbell	Harvey Hoogstrate	Rachel Oline	Wendy Valdillez
Mary Anne Chase	Ken Johnson	Mary Paetow	Linda Vogan
Gregg Chase	Ron Johnson	Christine Piper	Keith Wells
Jan Classen	Lee Johnson	Tyson V. Repke	Marian White
Vern Classen	Peter Jordan	Tina Roark	Randy White
Rosie Detwiler	Lobo Kwok	Glory Rohde	Doug Wood

Jonathan Brown
Charles Nolen and Connie Brown
Dr. Michael Pohlenz
Peter Cooper
Rebecca Leavenworth
Cate Thieme and Steve Cearley

Artistic Director and Conductor
Collaborative Pianists
Narrator
Orchestra Contractor
Programs and Publicity
Audio Engineers, Onsite Digital Recording

∞ *Dedicated with loving memory to David H. Wilson (1941 - 2021) - audio engineer, recording specialist, musical curator, and good friend to Canto Deo.* ∞

CANTO DEO ORCHESTRA

VIOLIN 1:
Erik Peterson, Concertmaster
Beth Greenberg
Cyndi Mancinelli
Hong An
Felix Petit

VIOLIN 2:
Leah Mohling
Lila Woolman
Lionel Young
Nathaniel Leavitt

VIOLA:
Kostadin Dyulgierski
Mary Harrison
Shashanah Woodward

CELLO:
Andrew Brown
David Short
Anna Leavitt

DOUBLE BASS:
Jeremy Nicholas
Ron Bland

FLUTE:
Alaunde Copley-Woods
Olga Shilaeva (and piccolo)

OBOE:
Sarah Bierhaus
Bethany Ham

CLARINET:
Heidi Mendenhall
Andy Stevens

BASSOON:
Deborah Torp
Jeffrey McCray

HORN:
DeAunn Davis
David Smalley
John McGuire

TRUMPET:
Leslie Scarpino
Dawn Kramer

TROMBONE:
Kenny Ross
Alison Orthel
Justis Williams

TUBA
Adam Snider

TIMPANI
Peter Cooper

PERCUSSION:
Thomas Blomster
Donald Roberts

HARP
Don Hilsberg

ORGAN & PIANO
Charles Nolen
Connie Brown

WITH OUR THANKS!

We are truly grateful to ...

...the communities and the leadership of St. Frances Cabrini and Bethany Lutheran for the use of their lovely sanctuaries in 2021, and most especially Mary Reinker, Director of Music, and Fr. John Paul Leyba, Pastor at St. Frances Cabrini Parish; Rick Seaton, Organist & Director of Music, and Rev. Gary Sandberg, Lead Pastor at Bethany Lutheran Church.

... Barbara Seaton, Bethany Arts and Events Coordinator, for her support.

... Wellshire Presbyterian Church. We are ever grateful to Wellshire for graciously providing our weekly rehearsal space.

... Janice and Steve Spencer for their direct support of this year's commission, *The Christmas Story*, by Thomas Hewitt Jones.

... and you!

Our operations depend entirely on the financial gifts of individuals and corporate sponsors. Your generosity helps sacred choral music continue to thrive in our community. Canto Deo is a registered 501(c)(3) public charity and donations are fully tax deductible; all donors will receive a year-end statement for tax purposes. Ushers will be available as you exit to accept any gifts you may wish to give, or you may send a check made payable to Canto Deo to **6140-K6 South Gun Club Road, #205; Aurora, CO 80016**. New this year - scan the QR code below to donate online!



Auditions for new members will take place in early 2022; please visit our website at www.CantoDeo.org for more details.

Want to hear more? Subscribe to our YouTube channel, like us on Facebook, or follow us on Instagram!

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

December 9, 2020 through December 10, 2021

ANGELS

(OVER \$2,500)

Michael & Brenda Baller
Darrell & Deborah Black
Jonathan & Connie Brown
Gregg & Mary Anne Chase
Jerry & Rosemary Detwiler
Patrick James & Sharon Newman
Stephen & Janice Spencer
Barton & Karen Suchomel
Keith & Joan Wells

BENEFACTORS

(\$1,000 TO \$2,499)

Don & Eloise Duell
Robert &Carolynn Erickson
Lee & DiAnne Johnson
Ron & Libby Johnson
Lobo & Christine Kwok
Dennis & Jennifer Rich

PARTNERS

(\$500 TO \$999)

Anita Cunningham
Boyd & Wendy Fenton
Peter Jordan
Rebecca Leavenworth
Elmer & Mary Paetow
Stanley & Christine Piper

PATRONS

(\$250 TO \$499)

David & Susan Brisnehan
G. Laverne & Janet Classen
Frank & Ardith Groome
Lynn & Susan Lasswell
Mark & Elizabeth Plimpton
John & Charlene Potts
Patrick & Bonnie Robinson
Randall & Marian White
Paul & Heidi Ziegler

SPONSORS

(\$100 TO \$249)

Anonymous (2)
Kendra Barton
Gregory & Christine Bloom
Gregory & Judy Breen
Kristyn Brisnehan

Richard M. Calder
Kevin & Glenda Condon
John A. Dedio
Glenn & Joy DeGroot
Robert Dixon & Wanda Bardwell
Andrew & Estelle Drance
John & Ginger Ellis
Paul & Denise Erwin
Hugh & Shirley Fowler
John & Diane Gallagher
Dean Harder
Amy Harris
Harvey & Susan Hoogstrate
R. Allan Jensen
Edi King
Lyn J. Krause
Trent & Christy Krause
David & Cheryl Lamb
Nancy Liedy
Gail MacDiarmid
Tracey McCarthy
Janet McLees
Richard & Sharlie Morel
Jane L. Neumann
Roger & Sarah Neuscheler
Steven W. Newell
Kathleen Packer
James & Barbara Paetow
Arlys L. Persson
Virginia L. Rear
Carolyn Roark
Michael & Christina Roark
David & Carol Robinson
Rebecca Schaefer
Kent & Lisa Scroggs
Maryan Sneed
Paul & Julie Spaeth
David & Sharon Stewart
Nolan Vander Ark
Bruce & Gail Vanderberg
James & Debbie Wert
David & Sylvia Wright
Chi Eng & Kar Shan Yuan

FRIENDS

(\$1 TO \$99)

Anonymous (2)
Duane & Diane Asmus
Olumuyiwa Ayanbule
Susan L. Bowles

Marilyn S. Brown
Karen I. Carey
Frederick & Phyllis S. Clerihue
Judith Eckhardt
Jonathan & Lisa Farr
Barbara J. Fowles
John & Susan Gianakos
Judith Griswold & Jon Mikesell
Jonathan Hodel
William & Rebecca Holmlund
Stanley Holt
Glenn & Louanne Isernhagen
Beth & Gordon Kieft
Jenna Kindt
Kimberly Knor
Melissa Luzzi & Wolf Thompson
Wendy MacDiarmid Valdillez
Elisa McClaskey
James & Frances McKinnis
Allison Moore
Janet Paprocki Killick
Jane Patterson
Barbara Pedersen
Thomas W. Potts
Shirley Quinlan
Kathleen Ray
William & Diana Robbins
Helen Scott Santilli
David & Jean Scott
Susie Seel
Jack & Mary Sloan
Susan M. Stiff
David Strum
N. Adekunle Taiwo
Neil & Wannee Thompson

