

THE CHRISTMAS ANGELS

A CHRISTMAS CHORAL CONCERT

featuring

John Rutter's *Gloria*

and reflections from

Light of Life: Advent Devotions by Miriam Huffman Rockness

Timothy L. Russell, narrator

The Sixth Day of December, Two Thousand and Nine

6 o'clock in the evening

Welcome Darrin S. Anthony

Hark the Herald Angels Sing arr. Mack Wilberg

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 heav'n adored, Christ the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold Him come, offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Christ now see; hail th'incarnate Deity,
Pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.

Hail! the heav'n born Prince of Peace! Hail! the Son 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.

INTRODUCTION TO ANGELS

Chorale from Cantata "Sleepers Awake!" (BWV 140) J. S. Bach

Glory now to Thee be given,
On earth as in the highest heaven.
With lute and harp in sweetest tone.
All of pearl each dazzling portal,
Where we shall join the song immortal,
Of Saints and Angels round Thy throne.

Beyond all earthly ken
Those wondrous joys remain,
That God prepares.
Our hearts rejoice, i-o! i-o!
Ever in dulci júbilo!

ANGELS PREPARE

O Magnum Mysterium Morton Lauridson

*O magnum mysterium et admirabile sacramentum,
Ut animalia viderent Dominum natum Jacentem in praesepe.
O beata Virgo, cujus viscera meruerunt
Portare Dominum Jesum Christum. Alleluia!*

O great mystery, and strange sacrament
As an animal might see the arisen Lord
Cast into a manger.

O sacred Virgin, whose womb was worth to carry
The Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia.

ANGELS PRAISE

Congregational Carol

Angels We Have Heard on High GLORIA

**Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains.**

**Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!**

**Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
Which inspire your heavenly song?**

**Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!**

**Come to Bethlehem and see
Christ Whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee,
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.**

**Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!**

**See Him in a manger laid,
Whom the choirs of angels praise;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,
While our hearts in love we raise.**

**Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!**

ANGELS MINISTER

Congregational Carol

Angels from the Realms of Glory REGENT SQUARE

**Angels from the realms of glory,
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story
Now proclaim Messiah's birth.
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King.**

**Shepherds, in the field abiding,
Watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing;
Yonder shines the infant light:
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King.**

**All creation, join in praising
God, the Father, Spirit, Son,
Evermore your voices raising
To th'eternal Three in One.
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King.**

ANGELS PROCLAIM

Gloria John. Rutter

I. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.

Laudamus te, Benedicimus te.

Adoramus te, Glorificamus te.

Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam.

I. Glory be to God on high,
And on earth peace, good will towards men.
We praise Thee, we bless Thee,
We worship Thee, we glorify Thee,
We give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

II. Domine Deus, Rex caelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens.

Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe.

Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris.

Qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostram.

Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis.

II. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
That takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
Have mercy upon us.

III. Quoniam tu solus Sanctus. Tu solus Dominus.

Tu solus Altissimus, Jesu Christe.

Cum Sancto Spiritu, in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

III. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord;
Thou only art most high, O Christ,
With the Holy Ghost, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Chancel Choir

Dr. Gabriel C. Statom, Director · Christy Young, Assistant Director · Lenora Morrow, Accompanist

Dunbar Abston	Mary Lawrence Flinn	Sandra Krueger	Dottie Stout
Janice Akins	Becky Forrester	Todd Krueger	Ginger Statom
Ginny Atkinson	Charles Forrester	Jason Kyle	Andrew Sharpe
Leigh Barker	Sallie Foster	Rob Liddon	Robert Sutton
John Beckham	Percy Galbreath	Hite McLean	Karen Taylor
Jerry Bowman	Sharon Green	Amy Miller	Terri Thiel
Marjorie Bowman	Bob Green	Joey Miller	Anne Thompson
Ruth Boyd	Kathy Hammond	Karen Mosley	Mimi Vestal
Suzanne Bugar	Jerry Harmon	Colby Morgan	Elizabeth Wall
Jim Cantrell	Mike Hillard	Jo Myhr	Lee Wallace
Linda Cantrell	Martha Hopper	Charlotte Neal	Suzanne Ward
Orgeny Carroll	Macon Ivy	Bob Neal	Jan Wardle
Pat Corbitt	Sarah Jenkins	Bob Oliver	Susan Warner
Janet Cox	Eddie Jacobs	Carol Overcast	Dan Whipple
Chuck Curtis	Melanie Jacobs	David Patterson	Cynthia Williams
Sarah Curtis	Rena Jirack	Justin Pepper	Cam Williams
Vernon Drane	Amanda Johnson	Kackie Person	Sarah Witte
Byron Earnhardt	Julia Johnson	Tom Person	Fred Wolf
Kelly Earnhardt	Betty Lu Jones	Ruth Peach	Christy Young
Mary Edwards	Warren Jones	Annie Petzinger	Keith Young
Roger Fakes	Anita Kaul	Virginia Pilcher	Marilyn Ziegler
Barbara Faulk	Carol Kirby	Gay Rhodes	
Fred Flinn	Milton Knowlton	Heidi Stokke	

The Orchestra

Trumpet: Susan Enger, Stanley Friedman, Kyle Millsaps, Dave Roberts.

Trombone: Ed Morse, Eddie Clark, Bill Flores. Tuba: Charles Schulz. Percussion: Ron Man. Tympani: Chris Burgess.

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