



The TCU School of Music Presents

TCU CONCERT CHORALE

THE MARVEL OF THIS NIGHT

CHRISTMAS 2021

Arborlawn United Methodist Church
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Performed by the

CONCERT
2021 TCU 2022
CHORALE

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ARBORLAWN METHODIST CHURCH

Fort Worth, TX

*To us this day it may not be clear and we may not all agree
whether what we do here is worship or performance,
but as a sign of appreciation and gratitude,
applause is welcomed at the end of this program.*

*Lost in the night do the people yet languish
Longing for morning the darkness to vanquish,
Plaintively heaving a sigh full of anguish.
Will not day come soon? Will not day come soon?*

*Must we be vainly awaiting the morrow?
Shall those who have light no light let us borrow,
Giving no heed to our burden of sorrow?
Will you help us soon? Will you help us soon?*

*Sorrowing wand'ers, in darkness yet dwelling,
Dawned has the day of a radiance excelling,
Death's dreaded darkness forever dispelling.
Christ is coming soon! Christ is coming soon!*
- Tr. Olav Lee (1859-1943) alt.

Invocation

O COME, O COME EMMANUEL
please join in singing

**O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.
Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.**

**O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadow put to flight. [Refrain]**

**O come, Desire of Nations, bind
All peoples in one heart and mind;
Bid envy, strife and quarrels cease;
Fill the whole world with heaven's peace. [Refrain]**

THE ANGEL GABRIEL FROM HEAVEN CAME

please stand (as you are able) after the second verse and sing

verse 1: Solo

verse 2: Chorale Tenors & Basses

verse 3: All sing

verse 4: All sing

Solo: *The an - gel Ga - bri - el from heav - en came, _____ His*
 Chorale TB: *"For know a bless - ed Moth - er you shall be, _____ All*
 All sing: *Then gen - tle Ma - ry meek - ly bowed her head; _____ "to*
 All sing: *Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born _____ In*

wings as drift - ed snow, his eyes _____ as flame; _____ "All
gen - er - a - tions praise con - tin - ual - ly; _____ Your
me be as it pleas - es God!" _____ she said. _____ "My
Beth - le - hem, all on a Christ - mas morn; _____ And

hail," said he, "O low - ly maid - en Ma - ry;" _____
Son shall be Em - man - u - el by seers fore - told." _____ } "Most
soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy his ho - ly name." _____
Chris - tian folk through - out the world will ev - er say: _____

high - ly fa - vored la - dy!" Glo - - - ri - a! _____

II. LIGHT: BOTH PARTICLE AND WAVE Susan Palo Cherwien

True Light

arr. Keith Hampton

*This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
Almighty God is light, He lives in us as True Light.
In the beginning, out of the darkness, God created True Light.
He lives in us as True Light.
Don't let the light that You've given me die, and don't desert my mind,
But let the one that serves You, praise You again and again.
You are the one who judges right from wrong, Your glory excites no envy,
But let the one that serves You, praise you again and again.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
Hold on to the True Light, I'm gonna let it shine.
God's love, God's grace, I'm gonna let it shine.
Everywhere I go, I want the world to know,
God gave the world True Light.
- traditional; Keith Hampton*

III. CHRISTMAS EVE

Susan Palo Cherwien

Before the Marvel of This Night

Carl Schalk

*Before the marvel of this night Adoring, fold your wings and bow,
Then tear the sky apart with light And with your news the world endow.
Proclaim the birth of Christ and peace,
That fear and death and sorrow cease: Sing peace, sing peace,
sing gift of peace, Sing peace, sing gift of peace!
Awake the sleeping world with song, This is the day the Lord has made.
Assemble here, celestial throng, In royal splendor come arrayed.
Give earth a glimpse of heav'nly bliss,
A teasing taste of what they miss: Sing bliss, sing bliss,
sing endless bliss, Sing bliss, sing endless bliss!*

*The love that we have always known, Our constant joy and endless light,
Now to the loveless world be shown, Now break upon its deathly night.
Into one song compress the love That rules our universe above:
Sing love, sing love, sing God is love, Sing love, sing God is love!*

- Jaroslav Vajda

IV: GLORY

Susan Palo Cherwien

Hark!

Felix Mendelssohn, arr. Steven Landau

*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 angelic hosts proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"*

*Christ, by highest heav'n adored;
Christ, the everlasting Lord!
Light and life to all he brings,
Ris'n with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
Born that we no more may die.
Born to raise each child from earth,
Born to give us second birth.*
- Charles Wesley, alt.

ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

please stand (as you are able) and sing

**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
him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee
Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing:

and the moun - tains in re - ply, ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
 What the glad - some ti - dings be which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born king.

Glo - - - - - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o; glo - - - - -

- - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

V. ORDINARY HOLINESS

Susan Palo Cherwien

Poor Wayfarin' Stranger

arr. Christopher Aspaas

*I'm just a poor wayfarin' stranger a-trav'lin' through this world of woe,
And there's no sickness, toil, or danger in that fair land to which I go.
I'm goin' there to meet my Savior, I'm goin' there no more to roam.
I'm only goin' over Jordan, I'm only goin' over home.*

*I wonder as I wander out under the sky,
if Jesus my Savior did come for to die
for poor, ord'n'ry people like you and like I?
I wonder as I wander out under the sky.*

*No more a poor wayfarin' stranger a-trav'lin' through this world of woe,
And there's no sickness, toil, or danger can ever harm me where I go.
I found Him there within the manger, my Holy Savior, God and friend.
The journey's long but I am ready, my Savior's with me through the end.*
- traditional adapted; John Jacob Niles

VI. HOLY INNOCENTS

Susan Palo Cherwien

Jul, Jul, Strålande Jul

Gustaf Nordqvist, arr. Dan Davison

Jul, jul, strålande jul,
glans över vita skogar.
Himmelens kronor, med gnistrande ljus.
Glimmande bågar I alla Guds hus.
Psalm som är sjungen från tid till id
Eviga längtan till ljus och frid.
Jul, jul, strålande jul,
glans över vita skogar.

*Christmas, Christmas, glorious Christmas
Brilliance over white forests
Heaven's crowns with sparkling light
Gleaming arches in all the houses of God
Psalm that is sung from time to time
Eternal longing for light and peace
Christmas, Christmas, glorious Christmas
Brilliance over white forests*

Kom, kom, signade jul,
sank dina vita vingar
Över stridernas blod och larm.
Över all suckan ur människobarm.
Över de släkten som gå till ro.
Över de unglas vars dagar nu gro.
Kom, kom, signade jul,
sank dina vita vingar

*Come, come, blessed Christmas!
Sink your white wings
over the blood and alarms of the battles,
over all the sighs of human misery,
over the relatives that have gone to rest,
over the young people's day-to-day living.
Come, come, blessed Christmas!
Sink your white wings.*

- Edv. Evers, trans. Sara Sofia Anderson

VII. BODIES

Susan Palo Cherwien

Cold December Flies Away

arr. Daniel Schreiner

*Cold December flies away at the rose-red splendor,
April's crowning glory breaks while the whole world wonders,
At the holy unseen pow'r of the tree that bears the flow'r.
On the blessed tree blooms the rose-red flow'r.
On the tree blooms the rose here in love's own garden,
Full and strong in glory.*

*In the hopeless time of sin shadows deep had fallen.
All the world lay under death. Eyes were closed in sleeping.
But when all seemed lost in night, came the sun whose golden light
Brings the endless joy of our hope's bright dawning,
Son beloved of heaven.*

*Now the bud has come to bloom, and the world awakens.
In the lily's purest flow'r dwells a wondrous fragrance.
And it spreads to all the earth from the moment of its birth;
And its beauty lives. In the flow'r it lives,
and in its spreads its heav'nly brightness
Sweet perfume delightful. Full and strong in glory. Son beloved of heaven.
- Catalanian carol, trans. Howard Hawhee*

VIII. FULLY ALIVE

Susan Palo Cherwien

GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

please stand (as you are able) and sing

**Go tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and everywhere;
go tell it on the mountain
that Jesus Christ is born!**

**Down in a lowly manger
the humble Christ was born,
and God sent us salvation
that blessed Christmas morn.**

**The shepherds feared and trembled
when lo! above the earth
rang out the angel chorus
that hailed our Savior's birth.**

[Refrain]

[Refrain]

*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,
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!
Christ the Saviour is born!
Christ the Saviour is born!*

*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!*

- Franz Joseph Mohr, trans. John F. Young

IX. A PRAYER

Susan Palo Cherwien

The Song of Simeon

Christopher Aspaas

*Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace
according to Thy Word.
For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
Which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles
and to be the glory of Thy people Israel.*

- adapted from the *Book of Common Prayer*, 1662

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