

Moravian Academy

Upper School Vespers Service



**Thursday, December 9, 2021
7:00 PM**

**Central Moravian Church
Bethlehem, Pennsylvania**

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

PROCESSIONAL CAROL: *Once in Royal David's City*

Please rise while the choir sings. Feel free to hum along!

Trumpet Fanfare:

Dr. Richard Fanning
Adrian Vanegas '23

Samuel Carter '22
Connor Walters '25

Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby in a manger for His bed;
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.

He came down to earth from Heaven, who is God and Lord of all,
And His shelter was a stable, and His cradle was a stall;
With the poor and mean and lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.

For He is our childhood's pattern, day by day like us He grew.
He was little, weak, and helpless, tears and smiles like us He knew;
And He feeleth for our sadness, and He shareth in our gladness.

And our eyes at last shall see Him, through His own redeeming love,
For that Child so dear and gentle is our Lord in Heaven above;
And He leads His children on to the place where He is gone.

Not in that poor lowly stable with the oxen standing by
We shall see Him, but in Heaven, set at God's right hand on high.
There His children gather round, bright like stars, with glory crowned.

INVOCATION

Rev. Jennifer E. Nichols
School Chaplain

MORAVIAN ACADEMY HANDBELL ENSEMBLE

In the Bleak Midwinter

Gustav Holst
arranged by Karen Lakey Buckwalter

On This Day Earth Shall Ring

Personent Hodie and God Rest You Merry
arranged by Michael Helman

READING FROM ISAIAH 9

Mr. Jeffrey M. Zemsky
Head of School

CHOIR CAROL: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

Remain seated while the choir sings. Feel free to hum along!

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here, Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Day-spring, come and cheer, Our spirits by Thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, And death's dark shadows put to flight
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Desire of nations, bind, All peoples in one heart and mind;
Bid envy, strife, and discord cease; Fill the whole world with heaven's peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

MORAVIAN ACADEMY CHAMBER SINGERS

Hodie Christus Natus Est

Healey Willan

*“Today is Christ born; today the Savior has appeared;
today the Angels sing, the Archangels rejoice;
today the righteous rejoice, saying: Glory to God in the highest. Alleluia!”*

This Endris Night

Sara Quartel

ORGAN CAROL: *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

Remain seated while the organ is played. Feel free to hum along!

Oh little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie.
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth, the everlasting light.
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above
While mortals sleep the angels keep their watch of wondering love.
Oh morning stars together, proclaim thy holy birth.
And praises sing to God the king, and peace to men on earth.

READING FROM LUKE 2

Mr. Dylan Deal
Director of Upper School

MORAVIAN ACADEMY RINGERS

Los Peces en el Rio
(with *Fum, Fum, Fum*)

Traditional Spanish Carols
arranged by Brian Seeman

The First Noel

17th Century English Carol
arranged by Cathy Mokelbust

CHOIR CAROL: *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

Remain seated while the choir sings. Feel free to hum along!

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.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation!
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory 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,
O Jesus, to Thee be all 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.

MORAVIAN ACADEMY CHORALE

Brightest and Best

Southern Harmony, 1835
arranged by Shawn Kirchner

Silent Night (Stille Nacht)

Franz Gruber
arranged by Dan Forrest

String Ensemble:

Violins: Chessie Bartolacci '24, Emily Cho '24, Emma Derby '24

Viola: Anjali Shankar '23

Cello: Oliver Xia '25

READING FROM JOHN 1

Mr. Torsie Judkins
Director of Enrollment Management

MORAVIAN ACADEMY CHORALE

Betelehemu

Nigerian Carol by Wendall Whalum
arranged by Barrington Brooks

Percussion Ensemble:

Samuel Carter '22

Lucia Cinquino '24

Caden Cohan '24

Emma Derby '24

Luke Pokojni '24

Bruno Shannon '22

CHOIR CAROL: *Morning Star, O Cheering Sight*

Remain seated while the choir sings. Feel free to hum along!

Soloists:

Desani Hernandez '29

Lucia Scott '29

Sebastian Pascuzzi '29

Allister Williams '29



1 Morn-ing Star, O cheer-ing sight! Ere thou cam'st, how dark earth's
2 Morn-ing Star, thy glo-ry bright far ex-cels the sun's clear
3 Thy glad beams, thou Morn-ing Star, cheer the na-tions near and
4 Morn-ing Star, my soul's true light, tar-ry not, dis-pel my



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night. Morn-ing Star, my soul's true light, tar-ry



cam'st, how dark earth's night! Je-sus mine, in me shine; in me
cels the sun's clear light. Je-sus be, con-stant-ly, con-stant-
na-tions near and far. Thee we own, Lord a-lone, Lord a-
not, dis-pel my night. Je-sus mine, in me shine; in me



shine, Je-sus mine; fill my heart with light di-vine.
ly, Je-sus be more than thou-sand suns to me.
lone, thee we own, our dear Sav-ior, God's dear Son.
shine, Je-sus mine; fill my heart with light di-vine.

TEXT: Johann Scheffler (1657).

TRANSLATION: Bennet Harvey, Jr. (1885)

TUNE: Francis Florentine Hagen (1836)

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CHOIR CAROL: *Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light*

Remain seated while the choir sings. Feel free to hum along!

Break forth, O beauteous heavenly light, and usher in the morning,
Ye shepherds, shrink not with affright, but hear the angel's warning.
This Child, now weak in infancy, our confidence and joy shall be,
The power of Satan breaking, our peace eternal making.

SERVING CAROLS: *Remain seated while the choir sings. Feel free to hum along!*

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 the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Son 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 the sons of earth, born to give them second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Angels We Have Heard on High

Angels we have heard on high, singing sweetly through the night,
And the mountains in reply, echoing their brave delight.
Glo-----ria in excelsis Deo, GIO-----ria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why these songs of happy cheer?
What great brightness did you see? What glad tidings did you hear?
Glo-----ria in excelsis Deo, Glo-----ria 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.
Glo-----ria in excelsis Deo, Glo-----ria in excelsis Deo.

MORAVIAN ACADEMY CHORALE AND RINGERS: *Joy to the World*

Remain seated while the choir sings. Feel free to hum along!

Joy to the world! The Lord is come; let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room, and heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Saviour reigns; let us our songs employ:
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

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.

CAROL: *Angels From the Realms of Glory*

Remain seated while the choir sings. Feel free to hum along!

On the final verse, please rise if you are able and sing together.

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.

Sages, leave your contemplations; brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great Desire of nations, ye have seen His natal star.
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.

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Mission Statement

Moravian Academy's mission empowers us to become **limitless learners**, as we discover new ideas and create new self-expressions. We do more than check boxes; we celebrate the **unique potential of every individual**.

Our path to **academic excellence** harnesses the **teachable moments** of both success and failure, as we explore the complexities of our world with **curiosity, confidence, and compassion**. Our commitment to **courageous conversations** means that we actively learn from and support the different identities we embody, we respect each other's views, and we **lead with head and heart**. Immersed in an environment of **love and understanding**, our students answer the questions:

Who am I and who can I become?



let there be light