

# Christmas at Luther THE GIFTS THEY GAVE EMMANUEL

# A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings to you on behalf of the students, faculty, and staff of Luther College. *Christmas at Luther* in 2022 focuses on the humble circumstances surrounding Jesus's birth and the simple gifts shared by the animals in the stable. With no disrespect meant to those who brought gold, frankincense, and myrrh, it was the animals whose gifts and sacrifices provided for the most urgent physical and emotional needs of the new Christ child and his mother—sacrifices that were, quite literally, given of the animals' bodies: from the donkey who carried Mary on its back to Bethlehem, to the cow who shared its hay and the sheep who gave its wool, to the doves who cooed gently for comfort in that dark night.

What, then, is ours to give, for Christians to live out the Christian gospel and for those from other religious and ethical traditions to follow the moral compass that points to love of neighbor and justice for all?

As you take in the glorious sights and sounds of *Christmas at Luther*, I invite you to reflect on this question. I and Luther College wish you a blessed experience on our campus and a warm holiday season with friends and family. We are honored to share our gifts with you.

Soli Deo Gloria!

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Thursday, December 1, 5:45 p.m. Friday, December 2, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, December 3, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, December 4, 2:30 p.m.

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# A MESSAGE FROM THE ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

I remember as a child being enamored with the simplicity of the carol "The Friendly Beasts." The melody, simple but lovely. The words, charming but compelling. It isn't unusual for carols to include references to the animals, but rarely are they given the same importance as Mary and Joseph, the angel, the shepherds, or the Wise Men.

Growing up, it wasn't uncommon at Christmas for my father to gather the family (and sometimes guests) around the tree to read the story of the birth of Christ. He would hand out the figurines of our nativity scene, and each person had to place their character into the stable as that part of the story was read.

Being naive, we weren't thrilled if we were assigned the donkey, the sheep, or the cow. We wanted the "important" roles . . . the baby Jesus, Mary or Joseph, or the kings with their beautiful crowns. Now, as an adult, the animals are the characters in which I hope to see myself. Humble surroundings, gifts of utility rather than wealth, and unconditional love for the Christ child.

The lesson for all of us as we gather with friends and family this season is to humbly offer to others the simple gifts of love, acceptance, and forgiveness just as those friendly beasts were compelled to do.

Onward!

Inclin ( Jack Andrew Last artistic director

Luther College is recording all performances. We ask that all electronic devices be turned off or silenced. No unauthorized recording devices or cameras are permitted.

Inevitably, coughing occurs during the silence between selections. Please assist in maintaining the reflective atmosphere of this event. By quieting your cough or refraining from adding to the chorus of coughs, you will enhance the overall Christmas at Luther experience for everyone. Cough drops are available in the lobby.

If for any reason you need assistance during the performance, please find an usher, located near each entrance.

Although scripture and texts of historic, sacred pieces most often use male pronouns when referring to community and to God, it is helpful to remember that God is beyond human gender and that the promise of peace on earth is given to all people and all creation. Artistic choices are made, whenever possible, to incorporate inclusive language.

We request that the audience hold its applause until the completion of the concert.

Photos of the concerts can be found under "Music" at: luthercollege.photoshelter.com/galleries.

# Prologue to Isaiah's Dream

Based on hymn tune: Lasst uns erfreuen Terre Johnson

Text by St. Francis of Assisi, paraphrased by William H. Draper

# Combined choirs, Symphony Orchestra

All creatures of our God and king; Lift up your voice and with us sing Alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam, Thou silver moon with softer gleam, O praise him, Alleluia, Alleluia!

# The Dream Isaiah Saw

Glenn L. Rudolph Text by Thomas H. Troeger Combined choirs, Symphony Orchestra

Lions and oxen will sleep in the hay, Leopards will join with the lambs as they play,

Wolves will be pastured with cows in the glade,

Blood will not darken the earth that God made.

Little child whose bed is straw, Take new lodgings in my heart. Bring the dream Isaiah saw: Life redeemed from fang and claw.

Peace will pervade more than forest and field:

God will transfigure the Violence concealed

Deep in the heart and in systems of gain, Ripe for the judgment the Lord will ordain.

Little child whose bed is straw, Take new lodgings in my heart. Bring the dream Isaiah saw: Justice purifying law.

Nature reordered to match God's intent, Nations obeying the call to repent, All of creation completely restored, Filled with the knowledge and love of the Lord.

Little child whose bed is straw, Take new lodgings in my heart. Bring the dream Isaiah saw: Knowledge, wisdom, worship, awe.

# Sinfonia (from *Christmas Oratorio*, BWV 248)

Johann Sebastian Bach Symphony Orchestra

# **Narration**

Isaiah 11:6-9

# While by My Sheep

Traditional German carol arr. Mark Potvin Text by Friedrich Spee and Mark Potvin Norskkor

While by my sheep I watched at night, Glad tidings brought an angel bright! How great my joy! Joy, joy, joy! Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high!

There shall be born, so he did say, In Bethlehem a child today. How great our joy! Joy, joy, joy! Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high!

Babe in a manger, without flaw, Lulled by the beasts and warmed by straw, How great my joy! Joy, joy, joy! Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high!

Lord, evermore on Earth a King! To this Messiah, gifts we bring! How great our joy! Joy, joy, joy! Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high!



# **Christmas Carol**

Adrianna Tam Text by Sara Teasdale Collegiate Chorale, piano

The kings they came from out the south, All dressed in ermine fine; They bore him gold and chrysoprase, And gifts of precious wine.

The shepherds came from out the north, Their coats were brown and old; They brought him little new-born lambs—They had not any gold.

The wise men came from out the east, And they were wrapped in white; The star that led them all the way Did glorify the night.

The angels came from heaven high, And they were clad with wings; And lo, they brought a joyful song The host of heaven sings.

The kings they knocked upon the door, The wise men entered in, The shepherds followed after them To hear the song begin.

The angels sang through all the night Until the rising sun, But little Jesus fell asleep Before the song was done.

# Where Riches Is Everlastingly

Bob Chilcott Text adapted from 16th century Nordic Choir, percussion

Into this world this day did come Jesus Christ both God and man, Lord and servant in one person, Born of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

I pray you be merry and sing with me In worship of Christ's nativity.

He that was rich without a need Appeared in this world in right poor weed To make us that were poor indeed, Rich without any need truly. A stable was his Chamber, a crib was his bed,

He had not a pillow under his head; With maiden's milk that babe was fed, In poor clothes was wrapped the Lord Almighty.

A noble lesson here is taught, To set all worldly riches at naught, But pray that we may be thither brought Where riches is everlastingly.

# **Narration**

The Nativity C.S. Lewis

# The Friendly Beasts

Medieval French melody arr. Hal H. Hopson Text by Robert Davis Audience is invited to stand and sing.

Jesus, our brother, kind and good, Was humbly born in a stable rude, And the friendly beasts around him stood; Jesus our brother, kind and good.

"I," said the donkey, shaggy and brown, "I carried his mother uphill and down, I carried his mother to Bethlehem town. I," said the donkey, shaggy and brown.

"I," said the cow, all white and red,
"I gave him my manger for his bed,
I gave him my hay to pillow his head.
I," said the cow, all white and red.

"I," said the sheep with curly horn,
"I gave him my wool for his blanket warm;
He wore my coat on Christmas morn.
I," said the sheep with curly horn.

Thus ev'ry beast, by some good spell, In the stable dark was glad to tell Of the gifts they gave Emmanuel, The gifts they gave Emmanuel.

# Christus Natus Est

Rosephanye Powell
Text by Countee Cullen
Sung in English and Latin
Combined choirs, Symphony Orchestra

In Bethlehem on Christmas morn, Christus natus est [Christ is born]! The lowly gem of love was born, Christus est.

Bright in her crown of fiery star, Christus natus est.

Judea's town shone from afar, Christus natus est.

Hosannah! Christus natus est.

For bird and beast he did not come, Christus natus est.

But for the least of mortal scum, Christus natus est.

Who lies in ditch? Who begs his bread? Christus natus est.

Who has no stitch for back or head? Christus natus est.

Hosannah! Christus natus est.

Who wakes to weep, lies down to mourn?
Who in his sleep withdraws from scorn?
Ye outraged dust, on field and plain, to
feed the lust of madmen slain;
Hosannah! Christus natus est.

The manger still outshines the throne: Christ must and will come to his own.

#### **Narration**

Offerings Joy Kogawa

# **Donkey Carol**

John Rutter

Cathedral Choir, Symphony Orchestra

Donkey riding over the bumpy road, Carry Mary holding her heavy load; Follow Joseph, leading you on your way Until you find a stable, somewhere to rest and stay.

Donkey riding over the bumpy road, Carry Mary, all with her heavy load.

Donkey watching over the Jesus child, See the baby, all with his mother mild; Hear the angels singing their song on high: "Nowell, nowell, nowell," their caroling fills the sky.

Donkey watching over the Jesus child, See the baby, all with his mother mild.

Donkey resting all in a manger stall, With the oxen worship the Lord of all. Hush, he lies asleep on his bed of hay While Mary sings so sweetly "Lulla, Lulla-lalay."

Donkey resting all in a manger stall, With the oxen worship the Lord of all.

Donkey skip for joy as you go your way; Alleluia, Jesus is born today. Hark, the bells ring out with their message clear:

Rejoice and sing that Christ our Saviour divine is here.

Donkey skip for joy as you go your way, Alleluia, alleluia, Christ is born today.

# In dulci jubilo (from *Carol Trilogy*)

German traditional arr. Laura Hawley Sung in German and Latin *Aurora, piano* 

With sweet jubilation, Let songs and gladness flow! All our joy reclineth In a manger And like the sun he shineth In [your] mother's lap You are Alpha and Omega!



O infant Jesus I yearn for thee always! Comfort me and stay with me, O best of boys By thy great love I pray thee, O Prince of Glory, Draw me after you [to heaven]!

O love of the Father!
O mercy of the Son!
Condemned we had remained
Through our sins
But he for us hath gained
The joys of heaven
In paradise afar,
Where joys unending are.

Where are joys?
Nowhere more than there,
Where the angels are singing
New songs
And the bells are ringing
In the courts of the king
O that we were there!

# Noel, Noel, Noel

Paul Gibson Norskkor, English horn

Noel, Noel, Noel, Now hear the salutation of Angel Gabriel.

Tis the day, the blessed day,
On which our Lord was born,
And sweetly do the sunbeams gild
The dew bespangled thorn.
The birds sing through the heavens clear,
The breezes gently play,
And song and sunshine lovely,
Begin this Holy Day.

In a humble feeding trough Within a lowly shed, With cattle at his infant feet, And shepherds at his head, The Savior of this sinful world In innocence first lay, And wise men made their off'ring, Upon a Holy Day.

Flowers, we see, bloom fair again, Though all their life seems shed. Thus we shall rise to life once more, Though numbered with the dead. Then may our station be near him To whom we worship pay. And offer hearty praises, Upon this Holy Day.

# Narration

When Giving Is All We Have Alberto Ríos

# Once in Royal David's City

Henry John Gauntlett arr. David Willcocks Text by Cecil Frances Alexander Audience is invited to stand and sing.

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.

And our eyes at last shall see him, Through his own redeeming love, For that child, so dear and gentle, Is our Lord in heav'n 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. Where like stars his children crowned, Exultation shall abound.

# Troika (from *Lieutenant Kijé Suite*, Op. 60) Sergei Prokofiev

Symphony Orchestra

# Narration

Carol of the Stable Dog Corlynn Hanney

# How Far Is It to Bethlehem?

English carol arr. Mark Hayes Text by Frances Chesterton *Aurora, piano* 

How far is it to Bethlehem: not very far. Shall we find the stable room lit by a star? Can we see the little child, is he within? If we lift the wooden latch, may we go in?

May we visit the creatures there, oxen and sheep?

May we peek in the stall and see Jesus asleep?

If we touch his tiny hand, will he awake? Will he know we've come so far just for his sake?

Great kings have precious gifts and we have naught.

Little smiles and little tears are all we have brought.

For all weary children Mary must weep, Here on this bed of straw, sleep, children sleep.

God in his mother's arm, babes in the byre. Sleep as they sleep who find their heart's desire.

# To Be Free

arr. Karen Siegel Text by Joseph Brackett and Karen Siegel

Collegiate Chorale, piano

'Tis a gift to be simple, 'tis a gift to be free, 'Tis a gift to come down to where we ought to be.

And when we find ourselves in the place just right,

Twill be in the valley of love and delight.

When true simplicity is gained,
To bow and to bend we won't be ashamed.
To turn, turn will be our delight,
'Til by turning and turning we come
around right.

'Tis a gift to be grateful, 'tis a gift to be here, 'Tis a gift to be loved by neighbors we hold dear.

And when we stand up for what we know is right,

Twill be in the valley of love and delight.

When true benevolence is shown,
With strangers around we won't be alone.
To love, love will be our delight,
'Til by loving and loving we come around right.

# Luminescence

Nathan Daughtrey
Percussion Ensemble



# Away in a Manger

James R. Murray arr. Bob Chilcott Text by Martin Luther Audience is invited to stand and sing.

Away in a manger No crib for a bed The little Lord Jesus Laid down his sweet head The stars in the bright sky Looked down where he lay The little Lord Jesus Asleep on the hay



Be near me, Lord Jesus I ask you to stay Close by me forever And love me I pray Bless all the dear children In your tender care And fit us for heaven To live with you there

# Narration

On Giving (excerpts) Kahlil Gilbran

# My Gift

John Ratledge Text by Christina G. Rossetti Cathedral Choir

What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would give him a lamb.

If I were a wiseman, I would do my part. But what can I give him? What can I give him? Oh, what can I give him? What can I give him? I will give him my heart.

# O Magnum Mysterium

Kevin A. Memley Sung in Latin Nordic Choir

O great mystery and wondrous sacrament, that animals should see the newborn Lord lying in their manger.

Blessed is the Virgin whose womb was worthy to bear the Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

# **Narration**

O Great Mystery From the Holy Matins of Christmas

# What I Can I Give Him

Andrea Ramsey
Orchestration by Luke Benton
Text by Christina Rossetti
Commissioned for *Christmas at Luther*2022

# Combined choirs, Symphony Orchestra

In the bleak mid-winter
Frosty wind made moan
Earth stood hard as iron,
Water like a stone;
Snow had fallen, snow on snow,
In the bleak mid-winter
Long ago.

Our God, heav'n cannot hold him Nor earth sustain, Heav'n and earth shall flee away When he comes to reign, In the bleak mid-winter A stable place sufficed, The Lord God Almighty— Jesus Christ. Alleluia, Gloria in excelsis Deo [Glory to God in the highest]
Angels and Archangels
May have gathered there,
Cherubim and seraphim
Thronged the air,
In the bleak mid-winter,
But only his mother
In her maiden bliss
Worshipped the beloved
With a kiss.

What can I give him?
Poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd,
I would bring a lamb,
If I were a wise man,
I would do my part,
Yet what I can I give him, give my heart.

# Jesus Nasciera / Ríu Ríu Chíu

16th-century Spanish villancico arr. Brett Stewart Text by Thomas H. Troeger Sung in Spanish Combined choirs, Symphony Orchestra, guitar

Ríu Ríu Chíu [imitation of bird calls] The river bank is protected. God has kept the wolf from our lamb.

The rabid wolf wanted to bite her, But almighty God knew how to defend her. He willed to make her unable to sin. Even original sin this virgin did not have.

The one who is born is the great Monarch. Christ the Patriarch clothed in flesh. He has redeemed us by making himself small.

Though he was infinite he became finite.

I saw a thousand angels who were singing Flying around chanting in a thousand voices Saying to the shepherds, glory in heaven And peace on earth for Jesus is born.

He comes to give life to the dead
He comes to repair the fall of all
humankind
This child is the light of day
He is the lamb of whom St. John spoke.

Now we have what we desire Let us go together to present him gifts Let us all give him our will For he came as our equal.



# **ENSEMBLES**

Aurora
Cathedral Choir
Collegiate Chorale
Nordic Choir
Norskkor
Percussion Ensemble
Symphony Orchestra

# CONDUCTORS

Daniel Baldwin, Symphony Orchestra Andrew Last '97, Nordic Choir Mark Potvin '01, Cathedral Choir, Norskkor Adrianna Tam, Aurora, Collegiate Chorale

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in order of appearance

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Andrew Last '97

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