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# CHRISTMAS VESPERS

Lehigh University Choral Arts

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Andrea Wittchen, *harp*

Lehigh Choral Arts Bell Ensemble

Lehigh University Brass Ensemble

Packer Memorial Church

Sunday, December 8, 2002

4:00 and 8:00 o'clock

## Prelude

### Processional: *Salve Regina*

Gregorian chant

*The text of the Salve Regina—performed tonight in the ancient chant and the 20th century setting of Francis Poulenc—speaks of the hope that those exiled in darkness will find grace. In this season of Advent, a time of expectancy and hope, we remind ourselves of the promise of grace in a troubled world.*

#### Antiphon:

*Salve Regina, mater misericordiae:*

*Vita, dulcedo, et spes nostra, salve!*

*Ad te clamamus, exsules filii Hevae.*

*Ad te suspiramus, gementes et flentes  
in hac lacrimarum valle.*

*Eia ergo, Advocata nostra, illos tuos  
misericordes oculos ad nos converte.*

*Et Jesum, benedictum fructum  
ventris tui nobis*

*Post hoc exsilium ostende. O Clemens:  
O pia, O dulcis Virgo Maria.*

Hail, O Queen, mother of mercy,  
Our life, delight, and hope, O hail!  
To thee we cry out in exile, sons of Eve.  
To thee we sigh, moaning and weeping  
in this vale of tears.

Come then, our advocate, turn toward  
us thy pitying eyes.  
And Jesus, blessed fruit of thy womb,

After this exile, reveal to us, O kind,  
O loving, O tender Virgin Mary.

#### Verse:

*Domine, labia mea aperies. Et os meum  
annunciabit laudem tuam.*

Lord open thou my lips  
And my mouth shall show forth  
Thy praise.

Todd Hunter, En-Tseh Wang, Timothy White,\* Zachary Farrell,\*  
Sheryl Cherian, Terry McLaughlin, *soloists*

## Invocation

Rev. Wayne E. Killian, Catholic Chaplain & Director of the Newman Center (4:00)  
Reverend Dr. Lloyd H. Steffen, University Chaplain (8:00)

*Sanctus* (from the *War Requiem*) Benjamin Britten  
 Elizabeth Luber,\* soprano (4:00)  
 Raina Savitsky,\* soprano (8:00)

<i>Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus</i>	Holy, Holy, Holy,
<i>Dominus Deus Sabaoth.</i>	Lord God of Hosts
<i>Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua,</i>	The whole earth is full of your glory,
<i>Hosanna in excelsis.</i>	Glory to God on high.
<i>Benedictus qui venit in nomine</i>	Blessed is He who comes in the name
<i>Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.</i>	of the Lord. Glory to God on high.

**Hymn: *Angels We Have Heard on High***

*You are invited to stand and join in the singing of the hymns.*

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| <p>1. Angels we have heard on high,<br/>         singing sweetly through the night,<br/>         And the mountains in reply<br/>         Echoing their brave delight.<br/> <i>Gloria in excelsis Deo.</i></p>        | <p>3. Come to Bethlehem and see<br/>         Him whose birth the angels sing;<br/>         Come, adore on bended knee<br/>         Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.<br/> <i>Gloria in excelsis Deo.</i></p> |
| <p>2. Shepherds, why this jubilee?<br/>         Why these songs of happy cheer?<br/>         What great brightness did you see?<br/>         What glad tidings did you hear?<br/> <i>Gloria in excelsis Deo.</i></p> | <p>4. See him in a manger laid<br/>         Whom the angels praise above;<br/>         Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,<br/>         While we raise our hearts in love.<br/> <i>Gloria in excelsis Deo.</i></p>    |

**Reading I: *The Gospel according to Luke 1:26-34***

Tom Blank (4:00)

Stephen Link, *Executive Director of Principal Gifts* (8:00)

***Jubilate Deo***

Giovanni Gabrieli

*O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands, for the man shall be blessed who fears the Lord. The God of Israel, may He join you and may He be with you. May He send you help from His holy place and from Zion. May the Lord bless you out of Zion, the Lord who made heaven and earth. Serve the Lord with gladness.*

**Reading II: *I Sing of a Maiden***

Anon. Medieval

Melissa Alexander (4:00)

Dina Wills (8:00)

*A Spotless Rose*

Herbert Howells

A spotless rose is blowing,  
Sprung from a tender root,  
Of ancient seers' foreshowing  
Of Jesse promised fruit;  
Its fairest bud unfolds to light  
Amid the cold, cold winter,  
And in the dark midnight.

The Rose which I am singing,  
Whereof Isaiah said,  
Is from its sweet root springing  
In Mary, purest Maid;  
For through our God's great  
love and might,  
The blessed Babe she bare us  
In a cold, cold winter's night.

**Reading III: *Let us gather hand in hand***

Medieval carol

Cassie Florian (4:00)  
Deborah Sostarecz (8:00)

*Of a Rose*

Robert Dennis

Timothy White, *violin*

Gelsey Bell, \* *soprano*, Sheryl Cherian, *soprano*, Nicole Robertson, *alto*  
Christopher Delp, Charles Hagaman, Alison Schleiffer, Todd Hunter, *bells*

Of a rose, of a lovely rose  
is all my song!

The first branch is full of might  
That sprouted on that Christmas night  
When star of Bethlehem shone bright  
For far and wide its luster shows.

Listen nobles, old and young  
How this rose at outset sprung  
In all this world I know of none  
I so desire as that fair rose.

The second branch sprang forth to hell  
The devil's fearful power to quell  
And there henceforth no soul could dwell  
Blessed the coming of that rose.

The angel came from  
heaven's tow'r  
To honor Mary in her bow'r,  
And said that she should  
bear the flow'r  
To break the devil's chain of woes.

To heaven sprang the third shoot  
Sweet and fair both stem and root  
To dwell therein and bring us good  
In priestly hands it daily shows.

In Bethlehem that flow'r was seen,  
A lovely blossom, bright of sheen.  
The rose is Mary, heaven's queen;  
Out of her womb that blossom rose.

Let us then with honour pray  
To her who is our help and stay  
And turned us from the devil's way  
From her that holy bloom arose.

**Hymn: *What Child is This***

English Carol

1. What child is this, who, laid to rest  
On Mary's lap, is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,  
While shepherds watch are keeping?
2. Why lies He in such mean estate  
Where ox and lamb are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here  
The silent Word is pleading. *Refrain*

*Refrain*

*This, this is Christ the King,  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
Haste, haste to bring him laud,  
The Babe, the Son of Mary!*

3. So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh,  
Come peasant, king, to own Him,  
The King of kings, salvation brings,  
Let loving hearts enthrone Him. *Refrain*

**Reading IV: *Annunciation***

Anon. Medieval

Chris Kramer (4:00)

Jack Vickery (8:00)

***Salve Regina***

Francis Poulenc

**Hymn: *Hark the Herald Angels Sing***

1. 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.
2. 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 God-head see, hail th'incarnate Deity!  
Pleased as man with man to dwell, Jesus our Emmanuel.  
Hark! The herald angels sing glory to the newborn King.

3. Hail the heav'n born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings, risen 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.

**Reading V: *The Gospel according to Matthew 2:13-15***

Jonathan Havel (4:00)

Terry McLaughlin (8:00)

***The Shepherds Farewell to the Holy Family***

Hector Berlioz

Cruel fate from us doth sever  
The Child whom Herod seeks to slay;  
May He by your love be ever protected,  
Wheresoe'er ye stray;  
May he grow in years, and never  
Fail, in turn, your love to repay!

If, in heathen lands sojourning,  
New dangers e'er should you betide,  
Then, your footsteps hither turning,  
Again with us in peace abide,  
Ne'er this humble manger spurning,  
Which for you did shelter provide.

Blest are ye beyond all measure,  
Thou happy father, mother mild!  
Guard ye well your Heav'nly Treasure,  
The Prince of Peace, the Holy Child!  
God go with you, God protect you,  
Guide you safely through the wild!

**Reading VI: *The Gospel according to John 3:16-17***

Todd Hunter (4:00)

Ben Rodney (8:00)

*Gladsome Light (Svĕtĕ ělĥiy)*

Alexandre Gretchaninoff

Gladsome Light of the holy glory of the Immortal One,  
The Heavenly Father, holy and blessed, O Jesus Christ!  
Now that we have come to the setting of the sun,  
And behold the light of evening,  
We praise the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, God.  
Thou art worthy at every moment  
To be praised in hymns by reverent voices.  
O Son of God, Thou art the Giver of Life;  
Therefore all the world glorifies Thee.

**Reading VII: *The Birth of Jesus***

Latin Infancy Gospel

Holly Thompson (4:00)

Anne Sollien (8:00)

*In this apochryphal text, Zachel, Mary's midwife,  
relates what she has seen of the birth of Christ.*

***Alleluia (in memoriam Paul Dyer)***  
*premiere*

Steven Sametz

*Alleluia (in memoriam Paul Dyer) is made possible by a generous gift from the family of Paul Dyer (1943-2001). Singing was an important part of Paul's life, and we miss his song.*

***Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming***

Michael Praetorius  
arr. Sametz

*It has become a Lehigh tradition that Steven Sametz creates a new arrangement of this beloved carol each year as a present for the Lehigh University Choral Arts and the Bethlehem community. This year's "Lo How a Rose" incorporates elements of the newly premiered Alleluia as well as strains of the traditional Christmas carol, "In dulci jubilo."*

***Benediction***

**Recessional: *Alleluia, Amen***

Steven Sametz

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\*Choral Arts Scholar

The Lehigh University Choir is pleased to announce that they will be bringing music from Lehigh around the world with a tour to Vienna and Budapest May 21-30, 2003. We would certainly appreciate any support you might like to give us in our fundraising for this effort. Donations may be left with the ushers after today's performance or sent in the envelopes you will find with your programs. Thank you for helping us bring the music we value so much here at home to a wider audience.

*The candles used in the Vespers service are a gift from the Bidlack family in memory of their son Benjamin.*

**LEHIGH UNIVERSITY BRASS ENSEMBLE**

*Scott Force, director*

Adam Collura, *trumpet*; Richard Weisman, *trumpet*, Michael Calvanese, *trumpet*;  
Scott Weber, *horn*; Matt Puzio, *trombone*; Michael Medvesky, *tuba*

**LEHIGH UNIVERSITY CHORAL ARTS BELL ENSEMBLE**

Katie Dyer, Natalie Foster, Andrew Henry, Heather Knutson,  
Charis Lasky, Elaine Murray, Arlene Scott, Cheryl Sinclair, Ann Sollien,  
Dorothy Sloane, Marcia Theiss, Malissa Underwood

**CHORAL ARTS ADMINISTRATION**

Betty Bramblet, *Choral Arts Coordinator*  
Timothy Harrell, *Rehearsal Accompanist*  
Doug MacNeil, *Orchestra Manager*

**CHOIR OFFICERS**

Tyler Tate	<i>Choir Manager</i>
Kirsten Jacoby	<i>Assistant Choir Manager</i>
Richard Kurz	<i>Stage Manager</i>
Andy Powers	<i>Assistant Stage Manager</i>
Chris O'Dwyer	<i>Publicity Manager</i>
Todd Hunter	<i>Fundraising Manager</i>
Nicole Robertson	<i>Tour Manager</i>
Dan Schankel, Nate Zander	<i>Camp Managers</i>
Ryan Hansen	<i>CD Manager</i>
Natalie Horne and Alex Senchak	<i>Food Managers</i>
Zach Farrell	<i>Librarian</i>
Brett Philpotts	<i>Recruitment Manager</i>
Melissa Alexander, Jonathan Havel	<i>Wardrobe Managers</i>

***Don't miss the upcoming Choral Arts Events!***

Lehigh University Choir  
Steven Sametz, director  
*Renaissance Masters and More*  
Saturday, March 29, 2003  
8:00 p.m., Baker Hall

Lehigh University Choral Arts  
Steven Sametz, director  
*War Requiem by Benjamin Britten*  
Friday, April 25, Saturday April 26, 2003  
8:00 p.m., Baker Hall



# LEHIGH UNIVERSITY CHORAL ARTS

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Timothy Harrell, *accompanist*

SOPRANO I	Elizabeth Luber+^	ALTO II	Joseph Kovach
Tosha Asumah	Agnes Moroney	Melissa	Philip Miller+
Christine Bao+	June Okunski	Alexander+^	Chris O'Dwyer+
Gelsey Bell+^	Victoria Oliver	Louise Auchenbach	Waid Smith
Sharon Bizik	Doona Pidcock	Joanne Bast	Timothy White+^
Barbara Cavalla	Mary Pritchett	Shirley F. Baxter	Nate Zander+
Sheryl Cherman+	Katherine Rooth+^	Erica Bauerlein	
Liz Conroy+	Deborah Sacarakis+	Greer Brown+#	BARITONE
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Mary Beth Davidson+	Tara Stephenson	Cindy Comfort	Michael Earbman+
Kitty Dunn	Sonja Van Den	Victoria Conte+	James Galluci
Carolyn Folmer*	Heuvel	Jennifer Decilveo	Parag Gupta+
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Genevieve Jones+^	ALTO I	Natalie Foster	Coleman Hamell
Allison Macinnes	Jenna Caldarella	Clare Garrison	Ryan Hansen+
Marcia Mierzwa+	Cheryl A. Cherry	Kirsten Jacoby+	Todd Hunter+
Joan Moran	Ann Cohen	Kathy Leber	Richard Kurz+
Miriam Nachesty	Gail Cortright	Elaine Murray	Brett MacMinn+
Marianne Napravnik	Joanna de Jesus-	Dorothy Perschy	John McDermott
Brittany Schaeffer	Fenicle	Nicole Robertson+	Warren Norris
Joyce Shankweiler	Kathy Deguire	Arlene Scott	Brett Philpotts+
Cheryl Sinclair	Cassie Florian	Theresa Shaton	Brian Rotante
Anne Sollien	Shira Gladstone+	Lindsay Werkheiser	Dan Schankel+
Deborah Sostarecz	Rachael Goldstein	Dina Wills	Don Seagreaves
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Kathleen Vollrath	Heather Knutson	Paul DiSciascio+	En-Tseh Wang+
Robin Weidman	Deborah Leyshon	Thomas Gamarello+	Brad Woodward+
	Pat Markley	Terry McLaughlin+	
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