



MORAVIAN UNIVERSITY

Christmas Vespers

*Bethlehem, Pennsylvania
December 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, 2021*

In order to maintain the reverence appropriate to a worship service, we ask that you not turn the pages in your program until that portion of the service is completed. Please refrain from conversation during the prelude and service. Turn off all cell phones, pagers, and similar devices so they will not interrupt the service. Photography and recording devices are not permitted during the service.



Moravian University is proud to be an All-Steinway School.

To all who join me to celebrate the spirit of this season,

On behalf of Moravian University, I welcome you to our 2021 Christmas Vespers service. The service unites two worship traditions in the Moravian Church: the *Singstunde* and the candlelight service. Since the 1720s, Moravians have been known for their worshipful singing, and a Moravian *Singstunde* (singing hour) is a service of music without preaching. In tonight's service, the music has been carefully selected and arranged to bring the Christmas message to listeners without the need of a sermon.

The Moravian candlelight service originated in 1747 in Marienborn, Germany, when candles with red trimming were distributed at the children's Christmas service. Bethlehem's first candle service was conducted in 1756. The beloved hymn "Morning Star," originally written for a child's voice and a chorus of children, was composed in 1836 by Francis Florentine Hagen, a member of the Moravian Theological Seminary Class of 1835. A version for soprano and mixed chorus was published by 1876. By long tradition, however, it is sung by a child soloist with responses from the mixed choir and congregation.

The donations taken at Christmas Vespers directly support student financial aid at Moravian University. We are happy to be able to share this distinctive and moving Christmas worship with you. I hope you will join me in thanking Dr. Paula Zerkle and all of our musicians for making this possible.

Bryon L. Grigsby '90, P'22
President of Moravian University

Moravian University Christmas Vespers

PRESIDING

Jennika M. Borger'99'01

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December 12

MORAVIAN UNIVERSITY CHOIRS

Paula Ring Zerkle, *Conductor*

Stephen Williams, *Organist*

SACRISTANS

HEAD SACRISTANS

Madison E. Figiel and Mikela R. Ortwein

HEAD USHER

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Sara Fuehrer

Kyle Strubeck

Eliza Grigsby

Romello Walters

PRELUDE MUSIC

Canzona Cornetto

Samuel Scheidt (1587–1654)
Arr. Thomas Galdieri '23

Ryan Anderson, Thomas Galdieri, Steffani Smith, Fred Younes, *trumpet*;
Jennifer Calhoun, *French horn*; Mitchell Hourt, *trombone*; Corey Mathis, *bass trombone*
Moravian University Brass Ensemble
Larry Wright, *Director*

Thou Child Divine

Johann Abraham Peter Schulz (1747–1800)
Arr. Reisteter

Once He Came in Blessing

J. Frederick Wolle (1863–1933)
Arr. Reisteter

Jayden Daniels, Ashley Golden, Josequiell Guerra, Claire Light, Morgan Martin,
Marley Palmere, Rachael Shaffer, Connor Zamora, *clarinet*
Moravian University Clarinet Choir
Stephen Reisteter, *Director*

El Noi de la Mare

Catalan Christmas Carol
Arr. Julie Goldberg

Hailey Belverio, William Coccia, Hannah Graybeal, John Hoofman,
Rose Michetti, Kellen Pisani, Nahum Pradhan, Noah Reichard, Benjamin Sanchez
Moravian University Guitar Ensemble
John Arnold, *Director*

Triosonata D-Dur for 4 flutes QV 3:31

Adagio
Vivace

Johann Joachim Quantz (1697–1773)

Jessika Gross, Christianna Landes, Michaela Madaio, Devin Thomas, *flute*
Moravian University Flute Troupe
Robin Kani, *Director*

Bells Joy to the World

Grace Young '23
Arr. Richard Price

Moravian University Brass Ensemble

VESPERS SERVICE

Ave Maria

Tomas Luis de Victoria (1548–1611)

*Ave Maria, gratia plena
Dominus tecum,
Benedicta tu in mulieribus,
Et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus.
Sancta Maria, Mater Dei,
Ora pro nobis peccatoribus,
Nunc et in hora mortis nostræ. Amen*

Hail Mary, full of grace,
The Lord is with thee,
Blessed are you among women,
And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
Pray for us sinners,
Now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Jeffrey Raub, *tenor solo*
Moravian University Choir

CHOIR AND CONGREGATION

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Veni Emanuel
Text: Medieval Antiphon

1. 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!
2. O come, thou Wisdom from on high,
And order all things, far and nigh;
To us the path of knowledge show,
And cause us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

3. O come, Desire of Nations, bind
All people in one heart and mind;
Bid envy, strife, and quarrels cease;
Fill the whole world with heaven's peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

LITURGY

One: *In the beginning, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God hovered over the waters.*

All: In the beginning was the Word.

One: *In the beginning, God created.*

All: And the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

One: *In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.*

All: The Word was with God in the beginning, and through the Word all things were made.
Without the Word nothing was made that has been made.

One: *And God said, "Let there be light."*

All: In the Word was life, and that life was the light of all people.

One: *God saw that the light was good.*

All: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

One: *And God said, "Let us create humanity in our image."*

All: And the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

One: *So God created humanity in the image of God.*

All: And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us.

One: *"I am the Light of the world," says the Lord.*

All: Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.

One: *Glory be to the Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Spirit;*

All: As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

CHOIR

"Gloria" from *Christmas Cantata*

Daniel Pinkham (1923–2006)

Gloria in excelsis Deo

Glory to God in the highest

Et in terra pax hominibus bonæ voluntatis.

And peace on earth, good will to all.

Jubilate Deo, omnis terra;

Sing joyfully to God, all the earth;

Servite Domino in lætitia.

Serve the Lord with gladness.

Introite in conspectu ejus in exultatione.

Enter into his presence with great joy.

Scitote quoniam Dominus ipse est Deus;

Know that the Lord alone is God;

Ipse fecit nos, et non ipsi nos.

He has made us, and not we ourselves.

Olivia Kennebeck, Elaine Ramirez, Summer Thompson, *soprano*; Regina McElroy, *alto*;

Reid Clymer, Andrew Miller, *tenor*; Sean Audesirk, *bass*

Moravian University Choir and Brass Ensemble

WELCOME

The Reverend Jennika M. Borger '98, '01, *Chaplain*

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 9:2–7. Read by students of Moravian University*

December 3 Quinn T. Matthew

December 10 Nahum Vinit Pradhan

December 4 Eliza M. Grigsby

December 11 Sydney M. Freay

December 5 Benitta Danielle Ngoben

December 12 Norah E. Dolan

New Testament Reading *Luke 2:1–14. Read by students of Moravian Theological Seminary*

December 3 Noah Smith

December 10 Elizabeth H. Thiele

December 4 Mikayla Sauerbrey

December 11 Patricia E. Koefoed

December 5 Grace Adele Hochella

December 12 Levi Shinyo Walbert

Prayer *Offered by members of Moravian University faculty and staff*

December 3 Christopher Shorr

December 10 In-Chi Chow-Rivera

December 4 Meghan K. Santamaria

December 11 Randy D'Angelo

December 5 Dawn M. Goodolf

December 12 Elizabeth Young Miller

OFFERTORY

King's Processional

Debra Morton (b.1950)

(1st King) *Stella fulgore nimio rutilat*
(2nd King) *Quae regem regum natum demonstrat*
(3rd King) *Quem venturum olim prophetae signaverant.*
(all 3) *Suscipe, rex, aurum. Tolle thus, tu vere*
Deus Myrrham, signum sepulturae.
Gloria in excelsis Deo. Amen.

The star glows with exceeding brightness
Which shows the birth of the King of kings
To whose coming the prophecies of old had pointed.
Receive, O King, gold. Accept incense,
Thou very God. Myrrh, the sign of burial.
Glory to God in the Highest. Amen.

Thomas Galdieri, Nick Sears, Ben Stefan, *percussion*

“Winter’s Dance” from *Winter Proverbs*

Frances Farrell (b.1971)

They who sing in summer
Must dance in winter.

Moravian University Men’s Chorus

Les anges dans nos campagnes

Henk Badings (1907–1987)

Les anges dans nos campagnes
Ont entonné l’hymne des cieux
Et l’écho de nos montagnes
Redit ce chant mélodieux
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Angels in our countryside
Have sung the hymn of the heavens
And this melodious song
Echoes from our mountains.
Glory to God in the Highest!

Bergers, pour qui cette fête
Quel-est l’objet de tous ces chants?
Quel vainqueur, quelle conquête
Mérite ces cris triomphants?
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Shepherds, for whom are these songs,
What is this celebration for?
Which conqueror, what conquest
Deserves these triumphant cries?
Glory to God in the Highest!

Ils annoncent la naissance
Du Libérateur d’Israël,
Et, pleins de reconnaissance,
Chantent en ce jour solennel:
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

They announce the birth
Of Israel's liberator
And, full of gratitude,
This solemn day they sing:
Glory to God in the Highest!

Rose Michetti, *soprano*
Moravian University Women’s Chorus

CHOIR AND CONGREGATION

Please stand

Jesus, Call Thou Me

Jesu, rufe mich

Text: Adam Drese (1620–1701)

1. Jesus, call thou me, from the world to thee;
Speed me ever, stay me never.
Jesus, call thou me.

3. Favored Bethlehem! Honored is that name;
Thence came Jesus to release us;
Favored Bethlehem!

2. Not Jerusalem—lowly Bethlehem.
’Twas that gave us Christ to save us;
Not Jerusalem.

4. Wondrous child divine, warm this heart of mine!
Keep it burning, for thee yearning,
Wondrous child divine!

CHOIR

Oy es día de placer

Tomas Pascual (c. 1595–1635)

Arr. Jody Noblett

Oy es día de placer y de cantar.

Via todos! Via todos a bailar!

Regozamos este día por ser de tan placer

Pues en el tenemos que buen misterios de gran alegría.

Today is a day to rejoice and to sing.
Come everyone! Come everyone and dance!
We rejoice this day for the sake of pleasure.
Therefore, in him we have such mysteries of great joy.

Elaine Ramirez, Rebecca Ripley, *soprano*

Reid Clymer, Frank Vandevaege, *tenor*

Hannah Graybeal, Luke Heffelfinger, Benjamin Sanchez, Nina Worsley, Grace Young, *percussion*

Moravian University Choir

Hodie Christus Natus Est

Francis Poulenc (1899–1963)

Hodie Christus natus est,

Hodie Salvator apparuit,

Hodie in terra canunt angeli,

Laetantur archangeli;

Hodie exsultant justi, dicentes:

Gloria in excelsis Deo, alleluia.

Today Christ is born,

Today the Savior has appeared,

Today the Angels sing on earth,

The Archangels rejoice;

Today the righteous rejoice, saying:

Glory to God in the highest. Alleluia!

Vocalis

Please wait until Vocalis has finished their performance before turning the page.

Ubi Caritas

Ola Gjeilo (b. 1978)

*Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
Exultemus et in ipso jucundemur.
Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum.
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero. Amen.*

Where charity and love are, God is there.
The love of Christ has gathered us together.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Let us revere and love the living God.
And from a sincere heart let us love one another. Amen.

Moravian University Chorale

Alleluia

Elaine Hagenberg (b. 1979)

Text: St. Augustine (354–430)

Alleluia
All shall be Amen and Alleluia.
We shall rest and we shall see.
We shall see and we shall know.
We shall know and we shall love.
Behold our end which is no end.

Moravian University Choir

CHOIR AND CONGREGATION

On This Day Earth Shall Ring

Gustav Holst (1874–1934)

Text: Swedish carol

1. On this day earth shall ring
With the song children sing
To the Lord, Christ our king,
Born on earth to save us;
Him the Father gave us.
Ideo gloria in excelsis Deo.

2. His the doom, ours the mirth;
When he came down to earth,
Bethlehem saw his birth;
Ox and ass beside him,
From the cold would hide him.
Ideo gloria in excelsis Deo.

3. God's bright star o'er his head,
Wise men three to him led,
Kneel they low by his bed,
Lay their gifts before him,
Praise him and adore him.
Ideo gloria in excelsis Deo.

4. On this day angels sing;
With their song earth shall ring.
Praising Christ, heaven's king,
Born on earth to save us.
Peace and love he gave us.
Ideo gloria in excelsis Deo.

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Picardy

Text: From the Liturgy of St. James

1. Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
And with fear and trembling stand.
Ponder nothing earthly-minded,
For with blessing in his hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
Our full homage to demand.

2. Rank on rank the host of heaven
Spreads its vanguard on the way,
As the light of light descendeth
From the realms of endless day,
That the powers of Hell may vanish
As the darkness clears away.

3. At his feet the six-wingéd seraph;
Cherubim, with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the presence,
As with ceaseless voice they cry,
Alleluia, alleluia,
Alleluia, Lord most high!

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Behold a Great, a Heavenly Light

Vom Himmel hoch

Text: St. Ambrose (337–397)

1. Behold a great, a heavenly light,
From Bethlehem's manger shining bright,
Around those who in darkness dwell,
The night of evil to dispel.

2. What heights, what depths of love divine,
In thy blest incarnation shine!
Let heaven and earth unite their lays,
To magnify thy boundless grace.

3. He left his bright, his glorious throne;
He bowed the heavens, to earth came down,
And thus his wondrous race began,
As God with God to serve his land.

4. Incarnate God, exert thy power;
Arise, thou glorious conqueror;
Subdue sin, death, and every foe;
Erect thy kingdom here below.

Once in Royal David's City

Irby

Text: Cecil Frances Alexander (1823–1895)

1. 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.

2. 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.

Good Christians, Now Rejoice

In dulci jubilo
Text: Henry Suso (c.1300)

1. Good Christians, now rejoice, with heart and soul and voice;
Give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today;
Ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!
2. Good Christians, now rejoice, with heart and soul and voice;
Now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this!
He has opened heaven's door, and we are blessed evermore.
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
3. Good Christians, now rejoice, with heart and soul and voice;
Now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all to gain his everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Morning Star

Francis Florentine Hagen (1815–1907)
Text: Johann Scheffler (1624–1677)

1. **Solo:** *Morning Star, O cheering sight!*
Ere thou cam'st, how dark earth's night!
All: Morning Star, O cheering sight!
Ere thou cam'st, how dark earth's night!
Solo: *Jesus mine,*
All: in me shine;
Solo: *In me shine,*
All: Jesus mine.
Fill my heart with light divine.
2. **Solo:** *Morning Star, thy glory bright,*
Far excels the sun's clear light:
All: Morning Star, thy glory bright,
Far excels the sun's clear light:
Solo: *Jesus be,*
All: constantly;
Solo: *Constantly,*
All: Jesus be.
More than thousand suns to me.
3. **Solo:** *Thy glad beams, thou Morning Star,*
Cheer the nations near and far;
All: Thy glad beams, thou Morning Star,
Cheer the nations near and far;
Solo: *Thee we own,*
All: Lord alone;
Solo: *Lord alone,*
All: Thee we own.
Our great Savior, God's dear Son.
4. **Solo:** *Morning Star, my soul's true light,*
Tarry not, dispel my night;
All: Morning Star, my soul's true light,
Tarry not, dispel my night;
Solo: *Jesus mine,*
All: in me shine;
Solo: *In me shine,*
All: Jesus mine.
Fill my heart with light divine.

Morning Star Soloists:

December 3 – Benjamin Bellfy | December 4 – Emily Bellfy | December 5 – Benjamin Bellfy
December 10 – Alana Hoffman | December 11 – Georgia Hoffman | December 12 – Emily Bellfy

CLOSING LITURGY

Please stand

One: *This is the message we have heard from God and declare to you:*

All: God is light. In God there is no darkness at all.

One: *If we claim to have fellowship with God, yet walk in the darkness,*

All: We do not live by the truth.

One: *But if we walk in the light, as God is in the light,*

All: We have fellowship with one another in Christ's name.

One: *Lord, let now your servants depart in peace,*

All: For our eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples. Amen.

CHOIR AND CONGREGATION

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

Regent Square

Text: James Montgomery (1771–1854)

1. 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.

3. 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.

2. Shepherds, in the field abiding,
Watching o'er your flocks by night.
God incarnate now residing,
Yonder shines the infant light:
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn king.

4. All creation, join in praising
God the Father, Spirit, Son,
Evermore your voices raising
To the endless Three in One:
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn king.

BENEDICTION

Chaplain Borger

POSTLUDE

"Gloria" from *Christmas Cantata* (reprise)

Daniel Pinkham

Moravian University Choir and Brass Ensemble

Toccata on "Veni Emmanuel"

Andrew Carter (b. 1939)

Stephen Williams, organ

Moravian University Choir—Fall 2021

Paula Zerkle, *Director*

Justen Blackstone, *Accompanist*

Soprano 1

Caitlyn Cinque*
Olivia Kennebeck*
Shayna Kropa*
Christianna Landes
Jennifer Patchen*
Elaine Ramirez*#
Jaymie Roddy*
Taryn Roffina*
Claudia Ryan*
Summer Thompson*
Michaela Wilcox

Soprano 2

Martina Fedorowicz*
Catherine Forrester
Jessica Gross
Emilymarie Kave
Savannah Labukas*
Claire Light
Morgan Martin*
Rose Michetti*#
Rebecca Ripley*
Devin Thomas
Lydia Walker

Tenor 1

Bryan Brandon*
Reid Clymer*#
Tulsa McGinnis
Andrew Micklos*
Nina Worsley

Tenor 2

Samuel Lingen*
Andrew Miller*#
Nahum Pradhan
Alec Smith
Ben Stefan*

Alto 1

Lauren Amori
Nicole Bellesfield
Hailey Belverio
Rae Gonzalez*
Hannah Graybeal*
Alyssa Harley
Shannon Lawlor
Regina McElroy*#
Johanna Pearson

Alto 2

Adriel Burger*
Jennifer Calhoun*
Taylor Fox
Helen Meckstroth
Leigh Nataro
Caileigh Rosa*
Elie Schmidt*
Amal Shokr
Mairi West
Grace Young
Barbara Yurchishin
Cecilia Zimmerli*

Bass 1

Caleb Buck*
Ciro Cavaliere
William Coccia
Jeffrey Raub*
William Reinert
Cody Schuch*
Nick Sears
Ben Smith
Frank VandeVeegaete*

Bass 2

Ryan Anderson
Sean Audesirk*
Thomas Galdieri*#
Luke Heffelfinger*
Julian Love
Benjamin Sanchez*#
Justin Weiksner

* Member of Moravian Chorale

Member of Vocalis

Moravian University Women's Chorus—Fall 2021

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Soprano 1

Caitlyn Cinque
Olivia Kennebeck
Shayna Kropa
Christianna Landes
Jennifer Patchen
Elaine Ramirez
Jaymie Roddy
Taryn Roffina
Claudia Ryan
Devin Thomas
Summer Thompson
Michaela Wilcox

Soprano 2

Fatimah Bouri
Martina Fedorowicz
Catherine Forrester
Jessika Gross
Emilymarie Kave
Savannah Labukas
Claire Light
Morgan Martin
Rose Michetti
Rebecca Ripley
Lydia Walker

Alto 1

Lauren Amori
Grace Bailey
Nicole Bellesfield
Hailey Belverio
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Tenor 1

Bryan Brandon
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Tenor 2

Geoffrey Kleinberg
Samuel Lingen
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Graeme Olson
Nahum Pradhan
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Bass 1

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