EVERY BELL ON EARTH SHALL RING

Department of Music Christmas Concert

Friday, December 8, 2017
6 p.m. and 8 p.m.
Welcome and blessings to you as we gather to reflect on God’s great gift to us—the incarnation of the only-begotten son, Jesus Christ. The Scriptures devote very little space to the details of Christ’s first Advent. Despite this silence, services and festivals celebrating the story of Christ’s birth have in common a great variety of inherited details such as winter (darkness, cold, snow); vegetation (pine trees, holly, ivy); light (candles); and bells, a sonic element much celebrated in Christmas music.

Bells appear in scripture only rarely, but each time they are associated with holiness. Zechariah, for instance, ends his book describing nations worshiping the King, the Lord of Hosts, accompanied by bells engraved with the inscription “HOLINESS TO THE LORD.”

Our music tonight ranges from the 17th century to the present day, from familiar to brand new, from majestic to intimate. You will hear voices and instruments imitate bell sounds, texts about bells, and actual bells as well. In all of these sounds, whether bell-like or actual tintinnabulation, we invite you to listen as Zechariah would have listened, and hear as Zechariah would have heard—HOLINESS TO THE LORD.

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WELCOME AND PRAYER
6 P.M. | ALEX BRYAN
PASTOR, WWU CHURCH

8 P.M. | JOHN MCVAY
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THE GLORY OF THE FATHER
EGIL HOVLAND
University Singers

John 1:1-14 (adapted)
The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us.
We beheld the glory of the Father,
Full of grace and truth.
In the beginning was the Word.
The word, was with God.
In Him was life; and the life was the light of men.
He came to His own, and his own received Him not.

SEEK HIM THAT MAKETH THE SEVEN STARS
JONATHAN DOVE
I Cantori | Una Hwang, Organ

Amos 5:8; Psalm 139
Seek him that maketh the seven stars and Orion
and turneth the shadow of death into the morning.
Alleluia, yea, the darkness shineth as the day, the night is light about me.
Amen.

FANTASIA ON WE THREE KINGS
BRIAN BALMAGES
Orchestra

DING DONG! MERRILY ON HIGH
ARR. DAVID WILLCOCKS
I Cantori | Luke Irvine, Piano

Words by G. R. Woodward
Ding dong! Merrily on high in heav’n the bells are ringing;
Ding dong! Verily the sky is riv’n with angel singing.
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!
E’en so here below, below, let steeple bells be swungen,
And io, io, io, by priest and people sungen.
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

Pray you, dutifully prime your matin chime, ye ringers;
May you beautifully rime your eve time song, ye singers.
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

MAGNIFICAT
University Singers | Orchestra

I  Magnificat
Luke 1:46-49
My soul doth magnify the Lord:
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.
For He hath regarded the lowliness of His handmaiden:
for behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.
For He that is mighty hath magnified me:
and holy is His name.

II  Et misericordia
Solo | Gina Lincoln, soprano, Tamara Kibukevich, alto
Luke 1:50-51
And His mercy is on them that fear Him
throughout all generations.
He hath shewed strength with His arm,
He hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

III  Deposuit potentes
Luke 1:52-53
He hath put down the mighty from their seat,
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things:
and the rich he hath sent empty away.

IV  Suscepit Israel
Solo | Peter Thomsen, tenor, Nick Ault, bass
Luke 1:54
He remembering His mercy hath holpen His servant Israel

V  Sicut locutus est
Traditional text, Luke 1:55
As He promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed forever.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

VI  Sicut erat in principio
Traditional text, Ephesians 3:21
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen.
I SAW THREE SHIPS  
MACK WILBERG  
University Singers | Orchestra | Walla Walla Valley Academy Praise Ringers

Traditional
I saw three ships come sailing in,  
On Christmas Day, on Christmas Day,  
I saw three ships come sailing in,  
On Christmas Day in the morning.  
And what was in those ships all three?  
Our Savior Christ and His lady…  
Pray, whither sailed those ships all three?  
O, they sailed in to Bethlehem…  
And all the bells on earth shall ring,  
And all the angels in Heaven shall sing,  
And all the souls on earth shall sing  
Then let us all rejoice amain!  
On Christmas Day in the morning.

O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM  
DAN GOELLER  
Orchestra | Jinhyang Park, Piano

CORDE NATUS EX PARENTIS  
WILLIAM BERRY  
Brass Choir

WEXFORD CAROL  
DAN GOELLER  
Orchestra

RING OUT YE CRYSTAL SPHERES  
RALPH VAUGHAN WILLIAMS  
John 1:1-14 (adapted)  
and John Milton, “Hymn on the Morning of Christ’s Nativity”

In the beginning was the Word,  
and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.  
In Him was life; and the life was the light of men.  
And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us,  
full of grace and truth. Emmanuel, God with us.

Ring out, ye crystal spheres,  
Once bless our human ears,  
If ye have power to touch our senses so;  
And let your silver chime  
Move in melodious time,  
And let the bass of heaven’s deep organ blow;  
And, with your ninefold harmony,  
Make up full consort to the angelic symphony.
Such music (as 'tis said),
Before was never made,
But when of old the sons of morning sung,
While the Creator great
His constellations set,
And the well-balanced world on hinges hung;
And cast the dark foundations deep,
And bid the weltering waves their oozy channel keep.

Yea, truth and justice then
Will down return to men,
Orbed in a rainbow; and, like glories wearing,
Mercy will sit between,
Throned in celestial sheen,
With radiant feet the tissued clouds down-steering;
And heaven, as at some festival,
Will open wide the gates of her high palace hall.

**SILENT NIGHT**

Lyn Ritz, violin | CONGREGATION

*Words by Joseph Mohr, trans. John F. Young*

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,
Darkness flies, all is light;
Shepherds hear the angels sing,
"Alleluia! Hail the King!
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior 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.

Silent night, holy night,
Wondrous star, lend thy light;
With the angels let us sing,
Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.

**ALL BELLS IN PARADISE**

I Cantori | Una Hwang, Organ

*Words by John Rutter*

Deep in the cold of winter,
Darkness and silence were everywhere;
Softly and clearly, there came through the stillness
   a wonderful sound to hear:
All bells in paradise I heard them ring,
Sounding in majesty the news that they bring;
All bells in paradise I heard them ring,
Welcoming our Saviour, born on earth a heavenly King.
All bells in paradise I heard them ring:
   “Glory to God on high” the angel voices sing.

Lost in awe and wonder,
Doubting I asked what this sign might be:
Christ our Messiah revealed in a stable,
   a marvellous sight to see.
All bells in paradise I heard them ring,
Sounding in majesty the news that they bring;
All bells in paradise I heard them ring,
Welcoming our Saviour, born on earth a heavenly King.

He comes down in peace, a child in humility,
The keys to his kingdom belong to the poor;
Before him shall kneel the kings with their treasures,
   gold incense and myrrh.
All bells in paradise I heard them ring,
Sounding in majesty the news that they bring;
All bells in paradise I heard them ring,
Welcoming our Saviour, born on earth a heavenly King.
All bells in paradise I heard them ring:
   “Glory to God on high” the angel voices sweetly sing.

Bellsong Fantasy

Words and arrangement by John Wasson
Hark, hear the bells, how bright and clear
Hark, hear the bells, from far and near,
Lo, how they ring, singing their song,
Now sound the bells faithful and strong!
Hark, hear the bells how bright and clear,
Telling the world, Christmas is here!
“Ring” go the bells, hear now their song,
Ring Christmas bells, ring loud and long!
O! how they ring, come hear them sing,
Good news they bring, truth to them cling!
Hear, how great their sounds of adoration,
Ring throughout the world in jubilation!

Hark, hear the bells, how bright they ring,
Hear now the bells, come, hear them sing!
What say the bells, what is their tale?
What truth they bring, what doth prevail?
Hark, hear the bells, hear how they ring,
Strong ring the bells, good news they bring,
Who is this Child, that they revere?
Who, meek and mild, now to appear?
O! how they ring, come hear them sing.
Good news they bring, truth to them cling!
Hear the great celestial celebration,
Fill the world in joyous exultation!

Hark, hear the bells, how they resound,
Hear how they swell, Christ-child is found!
Hark, hear the bells, hear how they ring!
So great a sound, Christ is the King!
Hear how they ring, hear their decree,
News that they bring great mystery!
Story profound, grand melody!
How it surrounds so brilliantly!
Hear how they ring, come now and see,
Worship the king, on bended knee!
O! How they’re ringing! Come, hear them singing!
Good news they’re bringing! Truth to them clinging!
All the world in adoration, sings a song of celebration!
Hear the mighty jubilation, fill the world with exaltation!

Hark, hear the bells, how bright and clear
Hark, hear the bells, from far and near!
Hark, hear the bells, hear how they ring!
So great a sound, Christ is the King!
“Ring” go the bells, hear now their song,
Ring Christmas bells, ring loud and long!
Lo, how they ring, singing their song,
Now sound the bells, faithful and strong!

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