



Love's Pure Light

ST. ANDREW'S CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

Sunday, December 9, 2018, 3:30 and 6:00 p.m.

Welcome to St. Andrew's twenty-ninth Christmas Festival. This concert is an outgrowth of the Christian faith expressed in the rich heritage of music surrounding Christ's coming. The Christmas Festival is a worship service. Please hold your applause until the end. May the light of God's grace and glory in Jesus Christ shine boldly upon you and yours this Christmas.

CHIMES

PRELUDE: FANTASIA ON GREENSLEEVES

Ralph Vaughan Williams/St. Andrew's Orchestra

HYMN: I WANT TO WALK AS A CHILD OF THE LIGHT

All sing

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God.
3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ.

I want to fol - low Je - sus.
I want to look at Je - sus.
I want to be with Je - sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world.
Clear Sun of righ - teous - ness, shine on my path,
When we have run . . . with pa - tience the race,

The star of my life is Je - sus.
and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain
In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the
day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the
cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Text: Kathleen Thomerson, b. 1934
Music: HOUSTON, Kathleen Thomerson, b. 1934

Light from Darkness

NARRATION

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light;' and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. *Genesis 1:1-4*

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. *John 1:1-5*

SURE ON THIS SHINING NIGHT

Morten Lauridsen / St. Andrew's Choir

Sure on this shining night	(The night of Christmas)
Of starmade shadows round,	(The heavens declare the Glory of God)
Kindness must watch for me	(What is kindness? It is love, as revealed by God in Jesus)
This side the ground.	(Before we die)
The late year lies down the north.	(What is past-is past)
All is healed, all is health.	(Now we know peace)
High summer holds the earth.	(The summer-like warmth of love and peace surrounds us)
Hearts all whole.	(Healed from sin to wholeness, from all that separates from God)
Sure on this shining night	(This night of Christmas)
I weep for wonder wand'ring far alone	(In my most alone times I am moved to tears)
Of shadows on the stars.	(I see God in creation and in my life tonight)

ANTIPHONAL READING

Leader:	The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.	
All:	Those who lived in a land of deep darkness, on them light has shined.	
Leader:	For a child has been born for us, a son given to us, and his name will be called:	
All:	Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.	<i>Isaiah 9:2, 6</i>

WAKE, AWAKE, FOR NIGHT IS FLYING

F. Melius Christiansen / St. Andrew's Choir

Wake, awake, for night is flying;
The watchmen on the heights are crying;
Awake Jerusalem, arise!
Midnight's solemn hour is tolling,
His chariot wheels are nearer rolling;
He comes; prepare ye virgins wise.

Rise up; with willing feet,
Go forth, the Bridegroom meet. Hallelujah.
Bear through the night your well-trimmed light,
Speed forth to join the marriage rite.

Hear Thy praise, O Lord ascending
From tongues of men and angels blending
With harps and lute and psaltery.
By Thy pearly gates in wonder,
We stand and swell the voice of thunder,
In bursts of choral melody.

No vision ever brought,
No ear hath ever caught,
Such bliss and joy:
We raise the song, we swell the throng,
To praise Thee ages all along. Hallelujah!

Child of the Light

NARRATION

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. *Luke 2:1-7*

HYMN: SILENT NIGHT! HOLY NIGHT!

arr. René Clausen

All sing

**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,
Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing alleluia;
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.**

NARRATION

In that region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. And the angel said to them, "Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you; you will find a child wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!" *Luke 2:8-14*

CHRISTMAS LULLABY

John Rutter/New Dimension Festival Singers

Clear in the darkness a light shines in Bethlehem:
Angels are singing, their sound fills the air.
Wise men have journeyed to greet their Messiah;
But only a mother and baby lie there.

'Ave Maria, Ave Maria':
Hear the soft lullaby the angel hosts sing.
'Ave Maria, Ave Maria,
Maiden, and mother of Jesus our King.'

Where are his courtiers, and who are his people?
Why does he bear neither sceptre nor crown?
Shepherds his courtiers, the poor for his people,
With peace as his sceptre and love for his crown.

What though your treasures are not gold or incense?
Lay them before him with hearts full of love.
Praise to the Christ child, and praise to his mother
Who bore us a Saviour by grace from above.

HYMN: JOY TO THE WORLD

arr. Mack Wilberg

All stand and sing

All: Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive its King;
let ev'ry heart prepare him room
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Women: Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let all their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

Men: No more let sin and sorrow grow
far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found,
far as, far as the curse is found.

All: 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 of his love.

Carols Around the Manger "Heaven and Nature Sing"

Caroling, Caroling

*Alfred Burt, arr. Mark Hayes
New Dimension Festival Singers*

Christmas Intrada

David Lantz III/High School Choir

O Come, Little Children (3:30)

*Johann Schulz/arr. Linda Forrest
Grade 6,7,8 Orff Ensemble*

On Christmas Night All Christians Sing

arr. Lloyd Larson/Handbells

Glory to God (3:30)

Carol Greene/Choristers

Angels We Have Heard on High

Traditional/Celebration Singers & Middle School Choir

African Noel

André Thomas/St. Andrew's Choir

CALYPSO LULLABY

arr. Joel Raney/Combined Choirs

On a clear and starry night, on a hillside far away
Shepherds saw a golden light, and they heard the angels say:
"Alleluia, shout for joy," sweet music fills the sky.
The heavens ring while angels sing a Christmas lullaby.
Sleep, sleep, sleep, little one, rest your head.
Dream of peace on earth in your manger bed.
Angels filled the evening sky and with joy began to sing:
"Glory be to God on high! Let the bells of heaven ring!"

"Alleluia, shout for joy," sweet music fills the sky.
The heavens ring while angels sing a Christmas lullaby.

It came upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth
To touch their harps of gold.
"Alleluia, shout for joy," sweet music fills the sky.
The heavens ring while angels sing a Christmas lullaby.
Sleep, sleep, sleep, little one, rest your head.
Dream of peace on earth in your manger bed.

"Alleluia, shout for joy," sweet music fills the sky.
The heavens ring while angels sing a Christmas lullaby.

SHEPHERDS' DANCE

arr. Richard Elliott/Organ

JESUS – GOD'S GIFT (3:30)

Dale Peterson/Choristers

Jesus is God's gift to us, born on Christmas day.
How I love to think of Him sleeping in the hay.
The calf said, "Moo," the lamb said, "Baa,"
The donkey stamped his feet.
And Joseph said, "Hush!" and Mary smiled
as kings and shepherds hurried to greet
the Christ child, the Christ child.

This is why on Christmas day gifts are under the tree.
This is why I love to give and others give to me.
The calf said, "Moo," the lamb said, "Baa,"
The donkey stamped his feet.
And Joseph said, "Hush!" and Mary smiled
as kings and shepherds hurried to greet
the Christ child, the Christ child.

DING DONG MERRILY ON HIGH

arr. Cynthia Dobrinski/Handbells

GO LIGHT YOUR WORLD

Chris Rise, arr. Allen Pote

Celebration Singers and Middle School Choir

There is a candle in every soul;
Some brightly burning, some dark and cold.
There is a Spirit who brings fire,
Ignites a candle and makes His home.

We are a fam'ly whose hearts are blazing
So let's raise our candles and light up the sky!
Praying to our Father, in the name of Jesus,
Make us a beacon in darkest time.

So carry your candle, run to the darkness,
Seek out the helpless, deceived and poor.
Hold out your candle for all to see it.
Take your candle and go light your world.

HYMN: GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

African American Spiritual

All stand and sing

Refrain:

**Go tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and ev'rywhere.**

**Go tell it on the mountain
that Jesus Christ is born!**

**While shepherds kept their watching
o'er silent flocks by night,
Behold, throughout the heavens
there shone a holy light.**

Refrain:

**The shepherds feared and trembled
when, lo, above the earth
Sang out the angel chorus
that hailed our Savior's birth.**

Refrain:

**Down in a lonely manger
the humble Christ was born.
And God sent us salvation
that blessed Christmas morn.**

Refrain:

THIS CHRISTMASTIDE

Donald Fraser

New Dimension Festival Singers and St. Andrew's Choir

Green and silver, red and gold, and a story born of old.
Truth and love and hope abide this Christmastide.
Holly, ivy, mistletoe, and the gently falling snow
Truth and love and hope abide this Christmastide.

From a simple ox's stall came the greatest gift of all.
Truth and love and hope abide this Christmastide.
Children sing of peace and joy
at the birth of one small boy.
Truth and love and hope abide this Christmastide.
Let the bells ring loud and clear,
ring out now for all to hear.
Truth and love and hope abide this Christmastide.

Trumpets sound and voices raise
in an endless stream of praise.
Truth and love and hope abide this Christmastide.
Green and silver, red and gold, and a story born of old.
Peace and love and hope abide this Christmastide.

OFFERING: MARCHE

Georges Bizet/St. Andrew's Orchestra

Light in Us

HIS LIGHT IN US

Kim André Arneson/St. Andrew's Choir

God's distant call flares in the night,
So long expected, so longed for;
And all my life, Christ called my name,
And now at last I'll answer Him.

Renewed, his hope, his light in us,
Incarnate, fragile our Lord appears,
Alleluia, alleluia!
Eternal, so perfect,
his cry of changeless love.

Alive, awake, His call is here:
It is the crying of the Child;
I know Christ's call, its hidden flame,
It makes my spirit flare with hope,
It makes my spirit flare with hope.

Renewed, his hope, his light in us,
Incarnate, fragile our Lord appears,
Alleluia, alleluia!
Eternal, so perfect,
his cry of changeless love.

This root, this stem,
this flowering love, this mustard seed.
It grows to the greatest tree,
The birds of souls have nested there.
The light of the night now blazes at dawn.

You've led me here, O little child,
Your being singing with God's life.
The Kingdom sings, it choirs with earth,
All creation lives Christ's peace.

Renewed, his hope, his light in us,
Incarnate, fragile our Lord appears,
Alleluia, alleluia!
Eternal, so perfect,
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SING WE NOW OF CHRISTMAS

Traditional French Carol/arr. John Leavitt

High School Choir

Sing we now of Christmas, Noel sing we here.
Hear our grateful praises to the Babe so dear.
Sing we Noel, the King is born, Noel!
Sing we now of Christmas, sing we all Noel!

Angels called to shepherds, "Leave your flocks at rest."
Journey forth to Behl'hem, find the lambkin blest."
Sing we Noel, the King is born, Noel!
Sing we now of Christmas, sing we all Noel!

From the eastern country came these from afar,
Bearing gifts to Bethl'hem, guided by a star.

Sing we Noel, the King is born, Noel!
Sing we now of Christmas, sing we all Noel!

BETHLEHEM LAY SLEEPING (3:30)

Traditional Polish Carol, arr. Shirley W. McRae

Grade 6,7,8 Orff Ensemble

LOOK AWAY TO BETHLEHEM (6:00)

Folk Carol, arr. Jane Frazee

Grade 3,4,5 Orff Ensemble

GOD REST YE MERRY, GENTLEMEN

arr. Heather Sorenson/St. Andrew's Choir

God rest ye merry, gentlemen,
Let nothing you dismay.
Remember Christ our Savior
Was born on Christmas day.
To save us all from Satan's power
When we were gone astray.
Oh, tidings of comfort and joy.

From God our heavenly father
The blessed angel came.
And unto certain shepherds
Brought tidings of the same,
That he is born in Bethlehem
The Son of God by name.
Oh, tidings of comfort and joy.

The shepherds at those tidings
Rejoiced in heart and mind,
And left their flocks a-feeding
In tempest, storm and wind
To see this Child, of Bethlehem,
the Savior of mankind.
Oh, tidings of comfort and joy.

Now to the Lord sing praises,
All you within this place,
And with true love and brotherhood
each other now embrace.
This Holy Child of Bethlehem
Will bring eternal grace.
Oh, tidings of comfort and joy.

CAROL TO THE KING

arr. Mack Wilberg/Combined Choirs

Can you hear the distant music
Sounding from the pipe and horn,
Bearing news of joy and gladness
"Christ, the King of heav'n is born."

Angels, too, resound the anthem
To the children of the earth,
Calling all to hear the tidings
Of the blessed Savior's birth,
Hear them sing, "Ta-ra-ra, ta-ra-rè-re,
Li-tam-pon, la de-ri-tam-pon,"

The fife and angel voices ring.
"Ta-ra-ra, ta-ra-ra, ta-ra-rè-re,
Li-tam-pon, la-de re-tam-pon,"
They all rejoice with songs they sing
To bring the world a newborn King!

Feel the music stir your senses
Like a mighty trumpet call
Wakening the world from slumber
Calling out to one and all,
From the village, from the country
Let us join the holy throng,
As we hasten to the manger
That we, too, may join the song.

As we sing, "Ta-ra-ra, ta-ra-rè-re,
Li-tam-pon, la-de re-tam-pon,"
The fife and angel voices ring.
"Ta-ra-ra, ra-rè-re,
Li-tam-pon, la-de re-tam-pon,"
We all rejoice with songs they sing
To bring the world a newborn King!

Enter now the holy stable
To behold the blessed sight,
This is Christ the Lord, the Savior
Pure and filled with holy light,
Tune your heart to hear His music
Feel the glory of His love,
Let us worship and adore him,
Wondrous Child of God above

Raise your voice, "Ta-ra-ra, ta-ra-rè-re,
Li-tam-pon, la-de re-tam-pon,"
The fife and angel voices ring.
"Ta-ra-ra, ta-ra-ra, ta-ra-rè-re,
Li-tam-pon, la-dè re-tam-pon,"
They all rejoice with songs they sing
To bring the world a newborn King!

"Ta-ra-ra, Li-tam-pon, la-de-ri, tam-pon,
"Ta-ra-ra, Li-tam-pon,"
We all rejoice with songs we sing
To tell us all to rise and sing
To bring the world a new-born King!

Light Everlasting

NARRATION

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign for ever and ever. *Revelation 21:22-26; 22:5*

ALL IS WELL

*Wayne Kirkpatrick & Michale W. Smith,
arr. Ronn Huff/ Combined Choirs*
All is well, all is well,
Angels and men rejoice!
For tonight darkness fell
Into the dawn of love's light.
Sing alle, sing alleluia!

All is well, all is well.
Lift up your voice and sing.
Born is now Emmanuel.
Born is our Lord and Savior.
Sing alleluia! All is well.

Let there be peace on earth.
Christ is come, Go and tell
Born is our Lord and Savior.
Sing alleluia! All is well.

PRAYER

Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and on the last day wake to the brightness of his glory. You gave your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus. Plant in every heart the love of the Savior of the world, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

CHIMES

SOLI DEO GLORIA

Cover art: "Sanctus" by Robyn Sand Anderson

The theme of our Christmas Festival, "Love's Pure Light," is expressed in the art entitled "Sanctus" which depicts the holy family enveloped in pure light at the birth of the Christ child and in the multi-colored rays of God's light reflected in our world.

Robyn Sand Anderson from Redwood Falls, MN, has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Fine Art and Art Education from Luther College in Decorah. Most recently, Robyn has been interpreting choral, orchestral and even eclectic folk music with color, movement and texture. Robyn is drawn to the power of combining visual art and music. The power of lyric adds another dimension. She finds that she "sees" color when listening to music, which seems to especially inspire her creativity.



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CHRISTMAS AT ST. ANDREW'S
All are welcome. Join us as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.

Christmas Eve Worship
Contemporary Worship
1, 5 & 6:30 p.m. * New Service Added *

Family Worship
2, 3 & 4 p.m.

Candlelight Service
6, 7, 8, 9, 10, & 11 p.m.

Christmas Day Worship
11 a.m.

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