



### "From Heaven Above, to Earth I Come"

A Christmas Carol by Martin Luther

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Give heed, my heart, lift up thine eyes!

What is it in yon manger lies?

Who is this child, so young and fair?

The blessed Christ-child lieth there.

My heart for very joy doth leap, My lips no more can silence keep; I, too, must sing with joyful tongue That sweetest ancient cradle-song.

"He will on you the gifts bestow Prepared by God for all below, That in His kingdom, bright and fair, You may with us His glory share."

Welcome to earth, Thou noble Guest,
Through whom the sinful world is blest!
Thou com'st to share my misery;
What thanks shall I return to Thee?

Ah, dearest Jesus, holy Child, Make Thee a bed, soft, undefiled, Within my heart, that it may be A quiet chamber kept for Thee.



### Heaven Bove, to Earth F Come

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### "FROM HEAVEN ABOVE, TO EARTH I COME"

### A story of a family Christmas carol

Every December, Martin Luther would prepare for his family a special Christmas Eve entertainment. For one of these festivals he wrote the hymn *Vom Himmel hoch* (From Heaven Above, to Earth I Come). At his direction, a man dressed as an angel sang the first verses, then the children greeted this visitor by intoning several more. Luther patterned his hymn after a rather popular "garland song" of his time, when a young man would sing a refrain of greeting and then present a riddle to one of the girls in a circle. If she could not solve the riddle, she had to give up her wreath or garland. Luther's original Christmas hymn contains 15 stanzas, several of which are based upon Luke 2:10-12, describing the angel's appearance to announce the birth of Jesus to the shepherds.

And the angel said unto them, "Be not afraid, for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which shall come to all people; for unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign for you: you will find a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes 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!

The remaining of Luther's stanzas are an elaboration of the Angels' dialogue, extending the story as the Christian responds with such verse as "Now let us all with gladsome cheer go with the shepherds and draw near" and "Welcome to earth, Thou noble Guest, Through whom the sinful world is blest!" Tonight, our concert theme is formed around this dialogue between Angel and Christian and includes such settings by Felix Mendelssohn and harmonizations by J.S. Bach from his *Christmas Oratorio*.

### HEAR THE ANGELS' GOOD NEWS ... Come and Worship!

### **ANGEL SOLOIST AND CHORUS**

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"To you this night is born a child Of Mary, chosen virgin mild; This little child, of lowly birth, Shall be the joy of all the earth." Vom Himmel Hoch, Martin Luther, 1535 stanzas 1-2 Johnathan Shaw, tenor

### THE CONCORDIA CHOIR AND ORGAN

Angels from the Realms of Glory

Poetry by Henry T. Smart (1813-1879) Music by Will Todd, 2014

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 the King,
come and worship Christ the newborn King.

Shepherds in the field abiding,
Watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing,
Yonder shines the in-fant light.
Come and worship the King,
come and worship Christ the newborn king.

Sages, leave your contemplations; Brighter visions beam afar.

Seek the great Desire,
The great Desire of Nations;
Ye have seen his natal star.
Saints before the altar bending,
Watching long in hope and fear,
Suddenly the Lord descending,
In this temple shall appear.
Come and worship the King,
come and worship Christ the newborn King.

Though an infant now we view him, He shall fill his father's throne. Gather all the nations to him; Ev'ry knee shall then bow down. Come and worship the King, come and worship Christ the newborn King.

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN FOR COMBINED CHOIRS AND ORCHESTRA

O Come, All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem. Come and behold Him, born the King of angels, O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Sing choirs of angels, sing in exaltation! Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above. Glory to God, all glory in the highest. O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Yea, Lord we greet Thee, born this happy morning. Jesus, to Thee be all glory given!
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!

O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Adeste Fideles, John Francis Wade (1711-1786) arranged by Dan Forrest, 2012

### **CONCERT HANDBELLS**

Carol of the Bells

Greensleeves

Traditional Ukranian Carol arranged by Arnold B. Sherman

Greensleeves, 16th century arranged by Cathy Moklebust

### WHERE SHALL WE find Him?

### ANGEL SOLOIST, CONCORDIA MASTER CHORALE & CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

From Heaven Above, to Earth I Come

"These are the tokens ye shall mark: The swaddling-clothes and manger dark; There ye shall find the Infant laid By whom the heavens and earth were made."

Now let us all with gladsome cheer Go with the shepherds and draw near To see the precious gift of God, Who hath His own dear Son bestowed. Vom Himmel Hoch, Martin Luther, 1535 stanzas 5-6 from Christmas Oratorio by J.S. Bach (1685-1750) Tony De La Cruz, tenor

### COMBINED CHOIRS AND CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

### O Little Town of Bethlehem

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie. Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by. Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light; The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above, While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love. O morning stars together, proclaim the holy birth, And praises sing to God the King, and peace to all the earth.

How silently, holy silently the wondrous gift is given! So God imparts to human hearts the blessing of His heaven. No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin, Where meek souls will receive Him still, the dear Christ enters in.

O Holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us we pray! Cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell! O come to us, abide with us, our Lord, Emmanuel. St. Louis, Lewis Redner, 1868 Poetry by Phillips Brooks, 1868 arranged by Dan Forrest, 2017

### **CONCERT HANDBELLS**

Wizards in Winter

arranged by Roma Greer & Timothy Waugh Dr. Tom Mueller, organist

Trepak

from *The Nutcracker Suite*, Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky (1840-1893) arranged by Douglas E. Wagner

### MY HEART Rejoices

### SOLOIST, CONCORDIA MASTER CHORALE & CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

From Heaven Above, to Earth I Come

Give heed, my heart, lift up thine eyes! What is it in you manger lies? Who is this child, so young and fair? The blessed Christ-child lieth there.

My heart for very joy doth leap, My lips no more can silence keep; I, too, must sing with joyful tongue That sweetest ancient cradle-song. Vom Himmel Hoch, Martin Luther, 1535 stanzas 7 & 14 from Christmas Oratorio by J.S. Bach (1685-1750) Kaylee Quijada, soprano

### THE CONCORDIA CHOIR

All My Heart This Night Rejoices

All my heart this night rejoices
As I hear far and near sweetest angel voices.
"Christ is born," their choirs are singing,
Till the air everywhere now with joy is ringing.

Softly from His lowly manger Jesus calls one and all, "You are safe from danger. Children, from the sings that grieve you, You are freed; all you need I will surely give you!"

Come, then, banish all your sadness; One and all, great and small, come with songs of gladness. Love Him who with love is glowing; Hail the Star, near and far light and joy bestowing. All my heart this night rejoices. Warum sollt ich, Johann Ebeling (1637-1676)
Poetry by Paul Gerhardt, 1653
arranged by Trevor Manor, 2017
Katie Harry, horn

### SOLOIST AND CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

Rejoice Greatly, O Daughter of Zion

Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion!
Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem!
Behold, thy King cometh unto thee,
he is the righteous Saviour,
and he shall speak peace unto the heathen.

from Messiah, G.F. Handel (1685-1759)

Zechariah 9: 9-10

Emily Wood, soprano

### COMBINED CHOIRS AND CONCORDIA SINFONIETTA

Hallelujah

from *Messiah*, G.F. Handel (1685-1759) Revelation 19:6; 11:15; 19:16

Hallelujah, Hallelujah:

for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.

The kingdom of this world is become

the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and of his Christ;

and he shall reign for ever and ever.

King of kings, and Lord of lords,

and he shall reign for ever and ever.

### **INTERMISSION** (20 minutes)

### **CONCORDIA WIND ORCHESTRA**

**O** Tannenbaum

German folk tune, 16th century arranged by Arthur Harris transcribed by William Silvester

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Es ist ein Ros entsprungen, 15th century arranged by Tony Gibbs

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

Mendelssohn, Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy, 1840 arranged by Arthur Harris transcribed by William Silvester

### **CONCORDIA DONNE DI CANTO**

Gloria from Mass No. 6

György Orbán, 2000

Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.

Laudamus te. Benedicimus te.

Adoramus te. Glorificamus te.

Gratias agimus tibi

propter magnam gloriam tuam.

Domine Deus, Rex coelestis,

Deus Pater omnipotens.

Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe.

Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris.

Qui tollis peccata mundi,

miserere nobis.

Quit tollis peccata mundi,

suscipe deprecationem nostram.

Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,

miserere nobis.

Glory to God in the highest.

And on earth peace to all those of good will.

We praise thee. We bless thee.

We worship thee. We glorify thee.

We give thanks to thee

according to thy great glory.

Lord God, Heavenly King,

God the Father almighty.

Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son.

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father.

Thou who takest away the sins of the world,

have mercy upon us.

Thou who takest away the sins of the world,

receive our prayer.

Thou who sittest at the right hand of the Father

have mercy upon us.

Quoniam tu solus sanctus. Tu solus Dominus. Tu solus Altissimus, Jesu Christe. Cum Sancto Spiritu in Gloria Dei Patris, Amen. For Thou alone art holy.
Thou alone art the Lord.
Thou alone art the most high, Jesus Christ.
With the Holy Spirit
in the glory of God the Father, Amen.

### **AUDIENCE HYMN**

### Angels We Have Heard on High

The audience is invited to stand and sing:



### COMBINED CHORUSES AND CONCORDIA SINFONIETTA

Vom Himmel hoch, movement no. 1

Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy (1809-1847)

Vom Himmel hoch, da komm ich her, Ich bring euch gute neue Mär; Der guten Mär bring ich so viel, Davon ich singen und sagen will.

Euch ist ein Kindlein heut geborn Von einer Jungfrau auserkorn, Ein Kindelein so zart und fein, Das soll eur Freud und Wonne sein. From heaven on high I come to you; I bring you good new tidings! I bring you so many good tidings of which I want to sing and speak.

To you this day a tiny child is born of a chosen virgin; a child so gentle and fine who shall be your joy and delight.

### WHAT THANKS shall we give Him?

### ANGEL SOLOIST AND AUDIENCE CAROL

From Heaven Above, to Earth I Come

"He will on you the gifts bestow Prepared by God for all below, That in His kingdom, bright and fair, You may with us His glory share." Vom Himmel Hoch, Martin Luther, 1535 stanzas 4 & 8 Laura Pierson, soprano

The audience is invited to sing:



### COMBINED CHORUSES AND CONCORDIA SINFONIETTA

### What shall we give?

Catalonian Carol arranged by Mack Wilberg, 2001

What shall we give to the Babe in the manger? What shall we offer the Child in the stall? Incense and spices and gold we've aplenty, are these the gifts for the King of us all?

Tam, patan, tam patantam.

What shall we give to the Boy in the temple? What shall we offer the Man by the sea? Palms at His feet and hosannas uprising, are these for Him who will carry the tree?

What shall we give to the lamb who was offered, rising the third day and shedding His Love? Tears for His mercy we'll weep at the manger; bathing the Infant come down from above.

### Joy to the World

Joy to the world, the Lord is come, Let earth receive her King! Let every heart prepare Him room. Let heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! the Savior reigns; Let saint their songs employ; While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains, Repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world in truth and grace And makes the nations prove The glories of His righteousness, And wonders of His love.

Joy to the world, the Lord is come, Let earth receive her King! Let every heart prepare Him room, And saints and angels sing. Antioch, G.F. Handel (1685-1759) Poetry by Isaac Watts, 1719 arranged by Arthur Harris

### A PLACE within my Heart

### **COMBINED CHORUSES**

From Heaven Above, to Earth I Come

Vom Himmel Hoch, Martin Luther, 1535 stanza 13

Ah, dearest Jesus, holy Child, Make Thee a bed, soft, undefiled, Within my heart, that it may be A quiet chamber kept for Thee.

### A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

The Christmas Story from Luke 2: 1-20

Zoe Litzenberg, reader

### CANDLELIGHT WITH COMBINED CHORUSES AND CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

Silent Night

Silent night, holy night!
All is calm, all is bright
'Round you virgin mother and child!
Holy infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

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.

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

Stille Nacht, Franz Gruber, 1818 Poetry by Joseph Mohr, 1818 arranged by Shawn Kirchner, 2004

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Bass Clarinet/ Second Violin Andrea Hawkins '14

Contrabass Clarinet Zineb Fikri

Alto Saxophone \*Andrew Phanthumchinda

> Tenor Saxophone Fitzmikhail Adarne

Baritone Saxophone **Andrew Parker** 

Horn

\*Katie Harry Naomi Resendez Justin Wood Trinity King '06

Trumpet

\*Tony De La Cruz David Sussman Adam Fulmizi (OCC Student) Chase Uden Jacob Lange

Trombone

Owen Duncan Breanna Duncan

Euphonium

\*Tamlyn Kurata Richard Lewis

Tuba

Bernard Hoffrogge Brian Jackson

Percussion

\*Dominique Torres Shelby Swartz Eric Rodriguez Khoi Vu Cameron Tolbert

Harp

\*Heidi Stedman (Sinf.) \*Heidi Fleischbein (CWO)

RPA - Resident Performing Artist

### MUSIC at Concordia

Concordia Music receives acclaim for its comprehensive approach to preparing musicians and educators. Our graduates go on to become respected leaders in classrooms, performance halls, and churches all around the world. Uniquely small class sizes mean students get more one-on-one mentoring from expert music professors, in and out of the classroom. Outside of the classroom, these experts live out what they teach on stage, on screen, and in church services throughout Southern California.



### ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Students may earn a music major with an emphasis in church music, liberal arts, performance, or music education. Regardless of major, any CUI student can minor in music or worship arts leadership.

### Music Ensembles

### INSTRUMENTAL

Concordia Wind Orchestra Concordia Sinfonietta Jazz Ensembles Concordia Brass Percussion Ensemble Piano Ensemble String Quartet Woodwind Ensemble Wind Quintet Americana Ensemble Commercial Music Ensemble

### $C\,H\,O\,R\,A\,L$

The Concordia Choir Concordia Donne di Canto Concordia Men's Chorus Concordia Master Chorale

### HANDBELLS

Concert Handbells Spirit Bells Chapel Bells Carillon Ringers Resound!

### SCHOLARSHIPS

Concordia offers music scholarships to students with intermediate high school experience through advanced collegiate ability. Scholarships range in value from \$1000 up to half tuition, and combine with academic awards to make a Concordia education more affordable than you might think. In fact, most students currently enrolled in music ensembles receive a music scholarship. Don't miss this great financial aid opportunity. Please fill out a music scholarship interest form today at www.CUI.edu/Music.

### Worship Ensembles

Concordia offers five active worship bands, each coached by full-time staff. Students also have many opportunities to provide instrumental and vocal leadership in chapel and off-campus worship services.

### Music Faculty

Dr. Michael Busch Dr. Donavon Gray Dr. Jeff Held Dr. Marin Jacobson Dr. Carol McDaniel Dr. Tom Mueller Prof. Steve Young

### Staff

Christina Douglass Katherine Dubke Dr. Rachel Ehring Jon Jordening Dr. HyeJung Shin Mike Zelazo

### Studio & Adjunct Faculty

Mindy Ball

Christina Bristow Richard Chasin Dr. Hyunjoo Choi Mark Converse Robert Grishkoff Alex Guebert Dr. Matthew Hare Dr. David Holben Nancy Jessup Elizabeth Johnson Karla Kniss Dr. Julie Long Elizabeth Low-Atwater Robert MacNeil Jonathan Marzluf Jay Mason Ernie Nunez Jenny Oh Donovan Raitt Patricia Riffel William Schlitt Dr. Clarissa Shan Gretchen Sheetz Dr. Margaret Thornhill Phillip Triggs Len Wicks

### MUSIC PERFORMANCE Calendar

For more information, visit www.cui.edu/GoMusic. To reserve seats to a ticketed event, contact our Box Office at (949) 214-3418 or boxoffice@cui.edu.

**DEC 4, 7:00 PM** 

Jazz and Commercial Music Ensembles Concert

**DEC 11, 5:00 PM** Fall Honors Recital

JAN 13 Concordia Keyboard Day

JAN 20, 7:00 PM
Faculty Recital
Christina Bristow, soprano
Robert MacNeil, tenor
Dr. Clarissa Shan, soprano
Patricia Riffel, piano

FEB 3, 11:00 AM Family Pops Concert "Musical Monsters, Inc." FEB 10, 8:00 AM-3:00 PM

Fine Arts Day Music Scholarship Audition Day

> FEB 10, 7:30 PM Choral Concert:

"A Night for Valentines"

FEB 18, 3:00 PM

Faculty Recital Tom Mueller, organ

FEB 24, 4:30 PM

Handbell Invitational Concert # 1

FEB 27, 4:30 PM Faculty/Student Recital

MAR 6, 1:00 PM

Elementary/Middle School Lutheran Schools Choral Festival MAR 9, 1:00 PM

Concordia Wind Orchestra Wheaton College Symphonic Winds

MAR 14, 7:00 PM

Concordia Wind Orchestra High School Invitational Concert

MAR 16, 7:30 PM

Concordia Choir Tour Home Concert

MAR 17, 10:00 AM & 1:30 PM

Young Ringers Festival

MAR 24, 4:30 PM

Handbell Invitational Concert # 2

MAR 25, 5:00 PM Sinfonietta Concert

APR 8, 4:00 PM

Concordia Handbells Concert

APR 9, 7:00 PM

Americana Ensemble Concert

APR 14, 7:30 PM

CWO, Santa Ana HS & Irvine HS Frank Ticheli, guest composer and conductor

APR 21, 7:30 PM

APR 22, 3:00 PM

Concordia MasterWorks Concerts Brahms, A German Requiem

APR 23, 7:00 PM

Jazz and Commercial Music Ensembles Concert

APR 30, 5:00 PM

Spring Honors Recital

MAY 5, 7:30 PM

Spring Tour Choral Concert Donne di Canto & Men's Chorus

TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL

Master Works

JOHANNES BRAHMS A German Requiem

CONCORDIA MASTER CHORALE
THE CONCORDIA CHOIR
MASTERWORKS ORCHESTRA
DR. MICHAEL BUSCH, CONDUCTOR

Saturday, April 21 at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 22 at 3:00 p.m.

Concordia University Center for Worship and Performing Arts Reserved Seating \$20/\$15/\$10





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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2018

**AT 11 A.M** 

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