



# CHRISTMAS AT WARTBURG

DECEMBER 4, 1977 AT 8:00 P.M.

KNIGHTS GYMNASIUM

WAVERLY, IOWA

ALBRECHT DÜRER, c. 1500 A.D.

## PRELUDE

### O HOW SHALL I RECEIVE THEE

Robert Hanson

**NARRATOR:** *Out of the depths I cry to thee, O Lord!  
Lord, hear my voice!  
Let thy ears be attentive to the voice of  
my supplications!  
If thou, O Lord, shouldst mark iniquities,  
Lord, who could stand?  
But there is forgiveness with thee,  
that thou mayest be feared.*

### ONE THING I HAVE DESIRED

Herbert Howells

**NARRATOR:** *I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,  
and in his word I hope:  
My soul waits for the Lord  
more than watchmen for the morning  
yea, more than watchmen for the morning.*

### LET THE WORLD REJOICE

J. Bert Carlson

**NARRATOR:** *O Israel, hope in the Lord!  
For with the Lord there is steadfast love,  
and with him is plenteous redemption.  
And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.*

### ALL MEN POOR AND HUMBLE

Welsh Carol, Arr. Wetzler

**NARRATOR:** *Behold, I will do a new thing. A new heart will I give you  
and a new spirit will I put within you. I will transform  
your stony hearts, hardened by sin, and give you new hearts  
filled with love. I will put my spirit within you, and you  
shall be my people and I will be your God.*

### AUDIENCE:

How brightly shines the morning star!  
What sudden radiance from afar  
Doth cheer us with its shining?  
Brightness of God, that breaks our night  
And fills the darkened souls with light  
Who long for truth were pining!

Newly, truly, God's Word feeds us,  
Rightly leads us,  
Life bestowing.  
Praise, O praise such love o'erflowing!

**NARRATOR:** *And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree  
from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. And  
all the people went to be taxed, every one to his own city.  
And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth,  
into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem;  
because he was of the house and lineage of David: to be taxed  
with Mary, his espoused wife, being great with child.*

**SING YE UNTO THE LORD A NEW SONG**

**Giovanni Nanino**

**AUDIENCE:**

Rejoice, rejoice this happy morn,  
A Saviour unto us is born,  
    The Christ, the Lord of glory;  
His lowly birth in Bethlehem  
The angels from on high proclaim,  
And sing redemption's story;

My soul, extol, God's great favor,  
    Bless him ever  
    For salvation  
Give him praise and adoration.

**THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD**

**James Fritschel**

**NARRATOR:** *And so it was, that while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her first born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.*

**AUDIENCE:** (Stand)

Away in a manger,  
No crib for a bed,  
The little Lord Jesus  
Laid down His sweet head,  
The stars in the sky  
Looked down where He lay  
The little Lord Jesus  
Asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing,  
The poor Baby wakes,  
But little Lord Jesus  
No crying he makes,  
I love Thee Lord Jesus  
Look down from the sky  
And stay by my cradle  
Till morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus,  
I ask Thee to stay  
Close by me forever,  
And love me I pray.  
Bless all the dear children  
In Thy tender care,  
And take us to heaven,  
To live with Thee there.

**A CHILD OF GOD**

**American Folk Song, Arr. Terri**

**REJOICE EXULTANTLY**

**Sethus Calvisius**

**NARRATOR:** *Now there were in the same country, shepherds abiding in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them and the glory of the Lord shone round about them, and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them: Fear not, for, behold, I bring you glad tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.*

**VARIATIONS ON GREENSLEEVES from Second Suite**

**Gustav Holst**

**PASTORES A BELEN**

Spanish Carol, Arr. Smith

**NARRATOR:** *And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all those things, and pondered them in her heart.*

**AUDIENCE:** (Stand)

Angels we have heard on high,  
Sweetly singing o'er the plains.  
And the mountains in reply,  
Echoing their joyous strains.  
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO

Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the glad tidings be,  
Which inspire your heav'nly song?  
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO

Come, to Bethlehem, and see  
Him, whose birth the angels sing.  
Come, adore on bended knee,  
Christ the Lord, the new born King.  
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO

See Him in a manger laid,  
Whom the choirs of angels praise;  
Mary, Joseph lend your aid,  
While our hearts in love we raise.  
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO

**ALLELUIA! O REJOICE YE CHRISTIANS LOUDLY**      **Andreas Hammerschmidt**  
**IN DULCI JUBILO**      **Gerhard Track**

**NARRATOR:** *And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.*

**REJOICE IN THE LORD**      **Anonymous 16th c. English**

**NARRATOR:** *Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.*

**LEGEND OF THE KINGS**      **Charler Spinney**  
**STAR SHININ' OVER BETHLEHEM**      **Spiritual, Arr. Kirk**

**AUDIENCE:**

Thou heav'nly Brightness! Light divine!  
O deep within my heart now shine,  
    And make thee there an altar!  
Fill me with joy and strength to be  
Thy member, ever joined to thee  
    In love that cannot falter;

Toward thee longing doth possess me,  
    Turn and bless me,  
    Here in sadness  
Eye and heart long for thy gladness!

**CHRISTMAS DAY**

**Gustav Holst**

**AUDIENCE:** (Stand)

Joy to the world! The Lord is come;  
Let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare him room,  
And heaven and nature sing.  
Joy to the world! The Saviour reigns;  
Let men their songs employ,  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sin and sorrows grow,  
Nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make his blessings flow  
Far as the curse is found.  
He rules the world with truth and grace,  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of his righteousness,  
And wonders of his love.

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