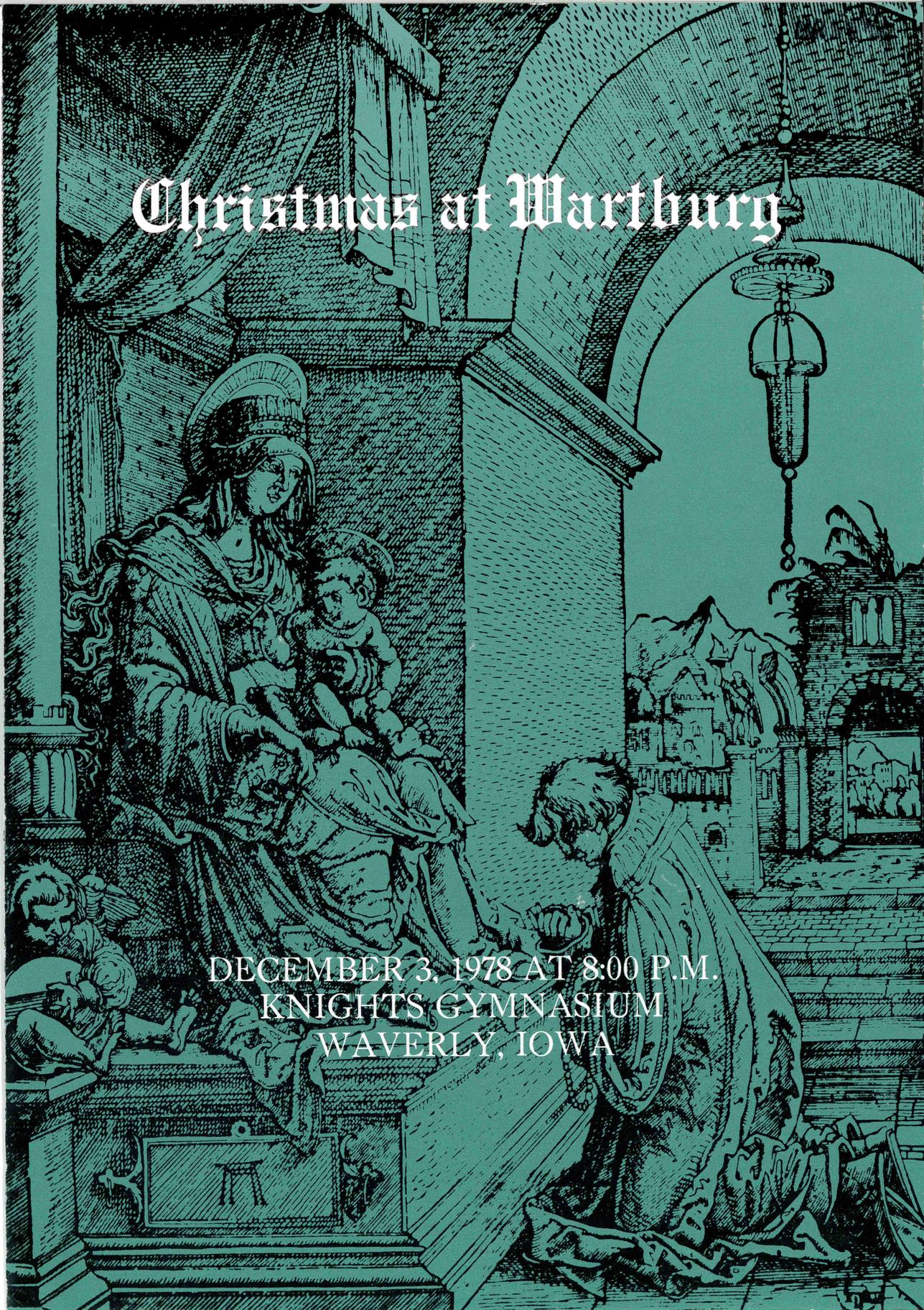


Christmas at Warthburg



DECEMBER 3, 1978 AT 8:00 P.M.
KNIGHTS GYMNASIUM
WAVERLY, IOWA

PRELUDE

SAVIOR OF THE NATIONS, COME

NARRATOR: *O Lord, we are strangers before thee, and sojourners, as all our fathers were. Our days on earth are as a shadow, and there is none abiding. We are but of yesterday, and know nothing; because our days are as a shadow that declineth. We spend our years as a tale is told.*

SAVIOR OF THE NATIONS, COME

NARRATOR: *O Lord, I long to see thy power and glory; my soul longeth, yea, even fainteth, for the courts of the Lord. My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.*

SAVIOR OF THE NATIONS, COME

NARRATOR: *The Lord, thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; He will save, He will rejoice over thee with joy; He will rest in his love, He will joy over thee with singing. Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love; I will walk among you, and will be your God, and ye shall be my people.*

SLEEPERS WAKE

J. S. Bach

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.*

JESU THOU TENDER CHILD

Melchior Franck

AUDIENCE: (Stand)

Oh, how joyfully, Oh, how merrily
Christmas comes with its grace divine!
Grace again is beaming,
Christ the world redeeming:
Hail, ye Christians, hail the joyous Christmas
time!

Oh, how joyfully, Oh, how merrily
Christmas comes with its peace divine!
Peace on earth is reigning,
Christ our peace regaining,
Hail, ye Christians, hail the joyous Christmas
time!

Oh, how joyfully, Oh, how merrily
Christmas comes with its life divine!
Angels high in glory,
Chant the Christmas story:
Hail, ye Christians, hail the joyous Christmas time!

ONCE, THROUGH A WOODLAND MARY WALKED

Arr. Bauernfeind

THE SHADOWS ARE FALLING

Arr. Schroeder

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.*

AWAY IN A MANAGER

Arr. Fritschel

IN THE STABLE

Arr. Track

GERMAN CHRISTMAS MUSIC

Arr. Ployhar

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 Savior, which is Christ the Lord.*

UP, O SHEPHERDS

Arr. Schroeder

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

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

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be,
Which inspire your heav'nly song?
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

ALL GLORY BE TO GOD ON HIGH

Arr. Marcelli

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.*

KEEPING HOLY VIGIL

Arr. Schroth

HOW LOVELY SINGS THE ANGEL CHOIR

Cornelius Freundt

SILENT NIGHT

Arr. Gould

AUDIENCE:

Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht!
Alles schlaf, einsam wacht
Nur das traute, hoch heilige Paar
Holder Knabe im lockigen Haar,
Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh,
Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh.

Stille Nag, heilige Nag
Afrikaans
Africa - e.g. Zulu, Xhosa, etc.

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.*

WHERE IS THE NEWBORN KING

Andreas Hammerschmidt

JOY, JOY, JOY

Arr. Page

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.

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.

Joy to the world! The Saviour reigns;
Let men their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy.

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