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CHRISTMAS AT WARTBURG

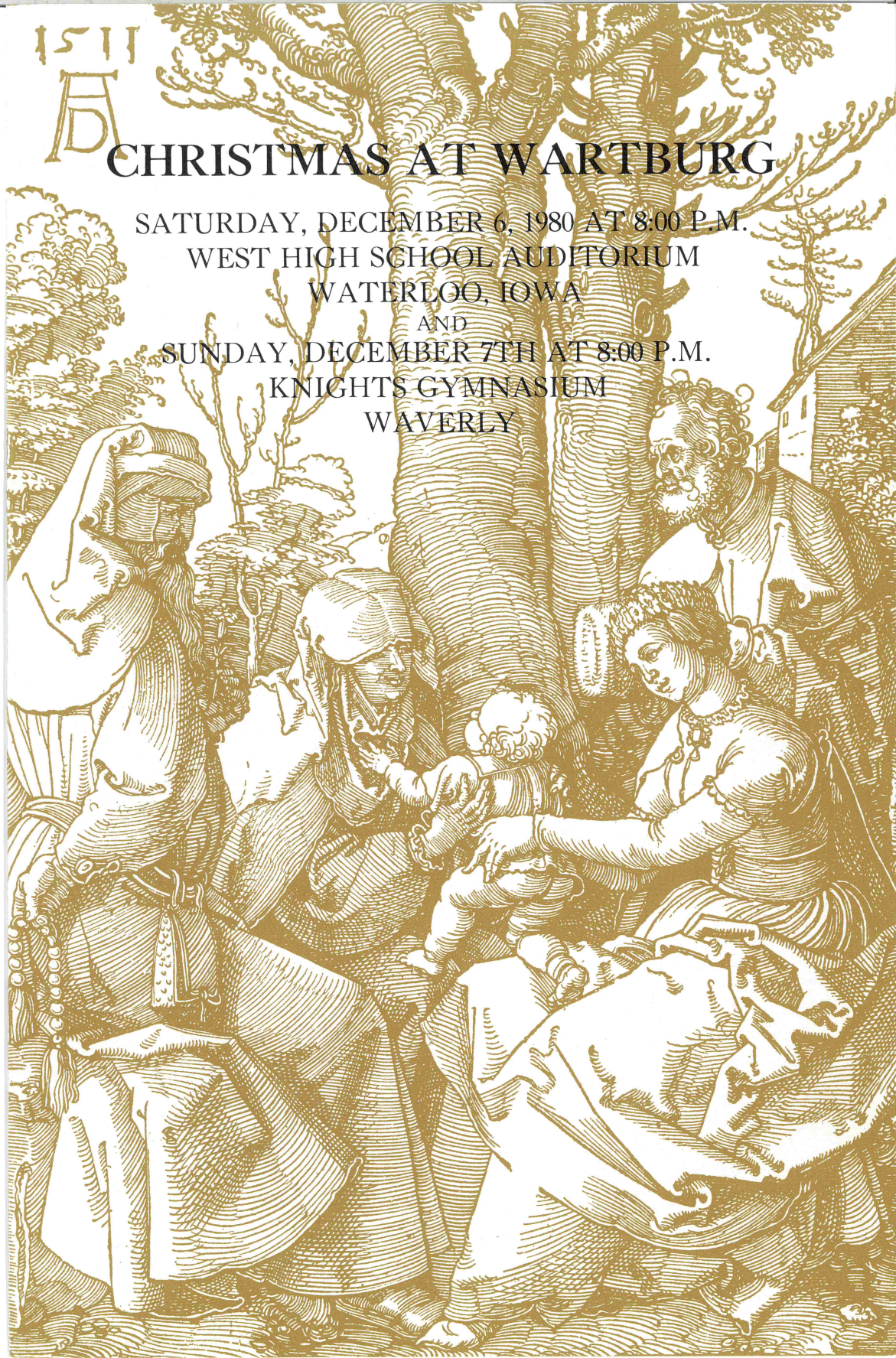
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1980 AT 8:00 P.M.

WEST HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
WATERLOO, IOWA

AND

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7TH AT 8:00 P.M.

KNIGHTS GYMNASIUM
WAVERLY



PRELUDE

LOVE CAME DOWN AT CHRISTMAS

Kenneth Jennings

Narrator: *The Lord possessed me in the beginning, before his works of old. I was set up from everlasting, and before the earth was made. When he prepared the heavens, I was there: when he established the foundations of the earth, then I was by him, as one brought up with him: and I was daily his delight, rejoicing always before Him. Now therefore hearken unto me, O ye children: I have loved thee with an everlasting love, and lo I come, and I will dwell in the midst of thee, and thou shalt know that the Lord of hosts hath sent me unto thee.*

YOUR WORDS BECAME A JOY

Richard Wienhorst

Narrator: *In the beginning was the Word. And the Word was with God. And the Word was God. Before the world was created, the Word was with God. Through Him God made all things. Not one thing in all creation was made without Him. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has never put it out. This is the true light, which shines on every man which cometh into the world.*

THE GLORY OF THE FATHER

Egil Hovland

Narrator: *Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live. I will make an everlasting covenant with you: Out of Judah shall a man come forth unto me that is to be ruler over Israel; One whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting. His foundations are in the holy mountains. He shall stand, and he shall feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, and in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God, and they shall abide. His seed also shall I make to endure forever, and his throne as the days of heaven. And now shall he be great unto the ends of the earth, this man shall be the peace.*

***AUDIENCE HYMN**

O how shall I receive thee,
How greet thee, Lord, a-right?
All nations long to see thee,
My Hope, my heart's delight!
O kindle, Lord most holy,
Thy lamp within my breast,
To do in spirit lowly
All that may please thee best.

Love caused thine incarnation,
Love brought thee down to me;
Thy thirst for my salvation
Procured my liberty.
O love beyond all telling
That led thee to embrace,
In love all love excelling,
Our lost and fallen race.

*Stand

Rejoice then, ye sad-hearted,
Who sit in deepest gloom,
Who mourn o'er joys departed
And tremble at your doom,
He who alone can cheer you
Is standing at the door;
He brings his pity near you,
And bids you weep no more.

CATHEDRAL CHORUS

Alfred Reed

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 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.

BIRTHDAY CAROL

David Wilcocks

SING WE NOW OF CHRISTMAS

Richard Zgodava

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.

GLORIA

Jeffrey Rickard

CAROL OF THE BELLS

Leontovich-Wilhousky

***AUDIENCE HYMN**

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 gladsome 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

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.*

SAY O SHEPHERDS, WHOM SAW YE?

Richard Deering

GREENSLEEVES

Alfred Reed

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 to 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 these things and pondered them in her heart.*

CATALONIAN CAROL

Dale Warland

MARY HAD A BABY

Spiritual, Arr. William Dawson

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.*

JOSEPH MET EACH KING

John Carter

JESUS CHILD

John Rutter

***AUDIENCE HYMN**

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.

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

No more let sin and sorrow 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.