

**Cappella Chamber Singers
Dr. Kim Childs, Director**

A Festival of Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 2, 2007 – 7:30 p.m.

Dr. Jeffrey Francis, Chaplain

Dr. Kim Childs, Assistant Professor of Choral Studies

Cappella Singers

Ron Pearson, Organ

SOPRANO

Anne Antonelli
Sara Bennett
Haley Dahl
Jenna harris
Olivia Lane
Rachel Lester
Meggie Neels
Christina Terry
Tah-Nee Thompson

TENOR

Spencer Brown
Ryan Devlin
Zachary Malavolti
Geoffrey Pool
Kyle Wilson

ALTO

Rachel Horton
Kirsten Johnston
Rebecca Johnston
Laura Popp
Amanda Shank
Ashley Sonnenberg

BASS

Ryan Carr
Charlie Ehler
Justin Harlan
Karl Johnson
Clark Morgan
Tim Petty
Tory Rhoades

PRELUDE

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

Once in Royal David's City, #286

IRBY

BIDDING PRAYER

Dr. Jeffrey Francis

Beloved in Christ, be it this Advent eve our care and delight to prepare ourselves to hear again the message of the angels: in heart and mind to go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which is come to pass, and with the shepherds and the wise men adore the Child lying in his Mother's arms. Let us read and mark in Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days of our disobedience unto the glorious Redemption brought us by this Holy Child; and in company with the whole Church let us make this Chapel glad with our carols of praise; But first let us pray for the needs of his whole world; for peace and goodwill over all the earth. And let us at this time remember in his name the poor and the helpless, the cold, the hungry and the oppressed; the sick in body and in mind and them that mourn; the lonely and the unloved; the aged and the little children; and all who know not the loving kindness of the Lord. Let us also remember before God all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore and in a greater light, that multitude which none can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh: and let us pray that we may be counted among that communion of saints, receiving grace to offer unto God reasonable service, living in unity and fellowship with all His people and giving reverence to all that He hath made. These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the throne of heaven, in the words which Christ himself hath taught us:

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen.

The Almighty God the Father bless us with His grace: Christ give us the joys of everlasting life: and unto the fellowship of the Kingdom may the Holy Spirit bring us all. Amen.

Note on the NINE LESSONS:

In 1880 E. W. Benson, then Bishop of Truro, drew up a Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols, based on ancient sources, for use on Christmas Eve in the wooden shed which served as his cathedral. In 1918 this was adapted for use in the chapel of King's College, Cambridge by its Dean, Eric Milner-White, who also wrote the Bidding Prayer." (Wilcocks and Rutter, 1987, p. 384) The Bidding Prayer, the Lord's Prayer, Collect and Blessing used this evening are taken or adapted from the early versions of this service.

CAROL *Lo, How a Rose e'er Blooming* M. Praetorius

FIRST LESSON Genesis 3:1-15, 17-19 Jenna Harris
God announces in the Garden of Eden that the seed of woman shall bruise the serpent's head.

CAROL *Jesus Christ the Apple Tree* Elizabeth Poston

***HYMN** *Of the Father's Love Begotten #240* DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

SECOND LESSON Genesis 22:15-18 Karl Johnson
God promises to faithful Abraham that in his seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed.

CAROL *Ding Dong! Merrily on High* David Willcocks

HYMN *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus #244* HYFRYDOL

THIRD LESSON Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 Jenna Harris
Christ's birth and kingdom are foretold by Isaiah.

CAROL *The Holly and the Ivy*

HYMN *O Come, O Come Emmanuel #245* VENI EMMANUEL

FOURTH LESSON Isaiah 11:1-9 Karl Johnson
The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown.

CAROL *There is No Rose* Anon

HYMN *Love Has Come! #256* BRING A TORCH

FIFTH LESSON Luke 1:26-35, 38 Jenna Harris
The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary.

CAROL *A Maiden Most Gentle* arr. Andrew Carter

HYMN *How Great Our Joy! #269* JUNGST

SIXTH LESSON Luke 2:1-7 Karl Johnson
St. Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.

CAROL *I Wonder as I Wander* arr. John Rutter

HYMN *Silent Night! Holy Night! #253* STILLE NACHT

SEVENTH LESSON Luke 2:8-16 Jenna Harris
The shepherds go to the manger.

CAROL *Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow* John Rutter

HYMN *Away in a Manger #262* AWAY IN A MANGER

EIGHTH LESSON Matthew 2:1-12 Karl Johnson
The wise men are led by the star to Jesus.

CAROL *A Babe is Born* William Mathias

HYMN *We Three Kings #288* KINGS OF ORIENT

NINTH LESSON John 1:1-14 Dr. Jeffrey Francis
St. John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.

CAROL *Ubi Caritas*

HYMN *O Come, All Ye Faithful #249* ADESTE FIDELES

COLLECT Dr. Jeffrey Francis
*The Lord be with you. **And with Thy Spirit.**
 Let us pray: O God, who makest us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of thy Son, Jesus Christ: Grant that as we joyfully receive him, we may with sure confidence behold him, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world with out end. Amen.*

***HYMN** *Hark the Herald Angels Sing #277* MENDELSSOHN

BLESSING Dr. Jeffrey Francis

POSTLUDE

**All hymns to be found in The Celebration Hymnal*