

*The  
Dutch Fork  
Choral Society*

*Nancy Gibbons, Artistic Director*

*Mary Lou Haddox, Accompanist*

*Presents*

*Christmas Tidings*

**Sunday, December 14, 2003**

**4:00 PM**

**Lake Murray Presbyterian Church**

# PROGRAM

## Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful

John F. Wade, c. 1711-1786  
Setting by John Ferguson  
and David Willcocks

### Introduction

*Verse 1: All stand and sing*

Oh, come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!  
Oh, come ye, oh, come ye to Bethlehem;  
Come and behold him Born the king of angels;  
Oh, come let us adore him, Oh come let us adore him,  
Oh, come let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

*Verse 2: All sing*

Sing choirs of angels, Sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God. In the highest;  
Oh, come let us adore him, Oh come let us adore him,  
Oh, come let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

### Organ Interlude

*Verse 3: All sing*

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, Born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to thee be glory giv'n  
Word of the Father, Now in Flesh appearing;  
Oh, come let us adore him, Oh come let us adore him,  
Oh, come let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

## In dulci jubilo

Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)

In dulci jubilo  
Nun singet und seid froh,  
Unsers Herzen Wonne  
liet in praeseptio  
und leuchtet als die Sonne  
Alpha es et O.

Now let us sing  
and be happy in sweet rejoicing  
Our heart's joy  
lies in the manger  
and shines like the sun  
You are the Alpha and the Omega.

## Christmas Cantata: The Incarnation

K. Lee Scott (b. 1950)

### 1. Glory Be to God on High

Glory be to God on High,  
And to the Earth be Peace:  
God comes down: He bows the Sky;  
He shows himself our Friend!  
God th' Invisible *appears*,  
God the Blest, the Great I AM  
Sojourns in this Vale of Tears,  
And JESUS is his Name.

Him the Angels all ador'd,  
Their Maker and their King:  
Tidings of their Humbled LORD  
They now to Mortals bring:  
Emptied of his Majesty,  
Of His dazzling Glories shorn,  
Being's Source *begins to BE*,  
And GOD himself is BORN!

See th' Eternal Son of GOD  
A Mortal Son below,  
Dwelling in an Earthly Clod,  
Whom Heav'n cannot contain!  
Stand amaz'd ye Heav'ns at This!  
The LORD of Earth and Skies  
Humbled to the Dust He is,  
And in a Manger lies!

We the Folk on Earth rejoice,  
The Prince of Peace proclaim,  
With heaven's Host lift up our Voice  
And shout *Immanuel* 's Name;  
Knees and Hearts to Him we bow;  
Of our Flesh, and of our Bone,  
JESUS is our Brother now,  
And GOD is All our own!

Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt.

## 2. Love Came Down at Christmas

Love came down at Christmas,  
love all lovely, love divine;  
love was born at Christmas—  
star and angels gave the sign.

Worship we the Godhead,  
love incarnate, love divine;  
worship we our Jesus—  
but wherewith for sacred sign?

Love shall be our token,  
love be yours and love be mine;  
love to God and neighbor,  
love for plea and gift and sign.

Christina Rossetti (1830-1894), alt

## 3. In the Beginning Was the Word

**Keren Pickard, Soprano**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of the world. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came to his own and his own did not receive him. But as many as received him, to them he gave the power to become God's children, even to those who believe on his name, who were born not of blood, nor the will of the flesh, but of God. And the Word was made flesh and dwelled among us, and we beheld his glory, the glory of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1:1-5;10-14

#### 4. Exult, O Morning Stars Aflame!

Exult, O morning stars aflame!  
with all the works of God proclaim  
the Child of Bethlehem who came  
for love and love alone.

Come earth and air and sky and sea,  
bear witness to his deity  
who lived, the Man of Galilee,  
for love and love alone.

By faith behold the Crucified,  
his arms of mercy open wide,  
the Lamb of Calvary, who died  
for love and love alone.

Let every eye his glories see,  
who was, and is, and is to be;  
who reigns as Christ in Majesty  
for love and love alone.

O world, by strife and sorrow torn,  
new hope is yours on Christmas morn,  
the Prince of Peace a child is born,  
for love and love alone.

Timothy Dudley-Smith, 1992

#### 5. That Virgin's Child

That virgin's child  
most meek and mild,  
alonely for my sake,  
his Father's will  
for to fulfill  
he came great pains to take.  
Such pain and smart,  
as in his heart  
he suffered for his kind  
can no one take,  
nor mourning make  
so meekly for a friend.

Now Christ Jesu,  
of love most true,  
have mercy upon me:  
I ask thee grace  
for my trespass  
that I have done to thee.  
For thy sweet name  
save me from shame  
and all adversity:  
For thy dear sake  
to thee me take,  
and mourn no more for me.

John Gwyneth, c.1530,alt

#### 6. See, See, the Word is Incarnate

See, see, the Word is incarnate;  
God is made flesh in the womb of a virgin.  
Shepherds rejoice, wise men adore and angels sing:  
*Gloria in excelsis Deo et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.*  
(Glory to God in the Highest and on earth peace...) Alleluia!

Godfrey Goodman, c. 1624, alt

Knees and Hearts to Him we bow;  
Of our flesh, and of our Bone,  
JESUS is our Brother now,  
And GOD is All our own!

(Charles Wesley)

## *Intermission*

### **The First Noel**

English Carol, ca. 17<sup>th</sup> century  
Setting by Robert A. Hobby

#### Introduction

#### *Verse 1: All stand and sing*

The first Noel the angel did say  
Was to certain poor sheperds in fields where they lay;  
In fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,  
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel!  
Born is the King of Israel.

#### *Verse 2: Choir Only*

#### *Verse 3: All sing*

And by the light of that same star  
Three Wise Men came from country far;  
To seek for a king was their intent,  
And to follow the star wherever it went.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel!  
Born is the King of Israel.

#### *Verse 4: Choir Only*

#### *Verse 5: All sing*

Then entered in those Wise Men three,  
rev'rently upon their knee,  
And offered there in his presence  
Their gold, and myrrh, and frankincence.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel!  
Born is the King of Israel.

### **The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy**

arr. Robert DeCormier

### **African Noel**

arr. André Thomas

**The Twelve Days After Christmas**

Frederick Silver

**We Wish You a Merry Christmas**

arr. John Rutter

**Hark! The Herald Angels Sing**

Felix Mendelssohn, 1809-1847  
Setting by John Ferguson

Introduction

*Verse 1: All stand and sing*

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled."  
Joyful, all you nations, rise; Join the triumph of the skies;  
With angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! The Herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King!"

*Verse 2: Choir Only*

*Verse 3: All sing*

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings, Ris'n with healing in his wings.  
Mild he lays his glory by, Born that we no more may die,  
Born to raise each child of earth, Born to give us second birth.  
Hark! The Herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King!"

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