



CATAWBA VALLEY COMMUNITY
CHORUS



HOLIDAY CONCERT

2019

presents

JOYOUS LIGHT
HEAVENLY GLORY

WELCOME & THANK YOU

Greetings Fellow Music Lovers,

Welcome to our holiday concert series. For weeks now, the Chorus has worked diligently to prepare for this evening's program – our gift to you. In sharing this gift, it is our hope that the music we sing will bring joy and delight to the holiday season, and perhaps even help set our sights on the Advent-Christmas season to come.

As evening falls around us, we begin our program by proclaiming glory to the Triune God: Father, Son and Spirit. Our hymn, *Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory*, is the foundation on which our program is built. Our program, though not chronological – leading us to the final nativity scene – does, however, sing of the Prophets and the Angels, Mary and Shepherds, Sages and Stars, all pointing to the Light, Jesus Christ.

As we begin our 33rd season, I would like to thank you for making this evening possible. It is evident and clear that the arts in this community are important, and that our mission, “to offer quality music that both stir the spirit and satisfy the soul”, is welcomed and received.

If you have enjoyed the music we have shared, consider supporting the Chorus, either through loose plate offering at the conclusion of our program, or more formally, by completing the form provided on the back cover of your program booklet. By filling out and submitting the required information, you will be listed in our 2020 spring and fall program booklets – thanking you for your generosity.

-Spence Robertson,
Director



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PROGRAM

Conventry Carol When Christ was Born

England-Scotland, Arranged by Stones Throw

One Wintry Night

*By Jerry Read Smith
Swannanoa, NC*

I Saw Three Ships Three Sea Captains

England, Arranged by Stones Throw

'Gloria in excelsis' from Gloria

Text: Traditional Latin

Music: Antonio Vivaldi (1697-1741)

Gloria in excelsis deo.
Glory to God in the highest.

Joyous Light of Glory

Text: Roger Petrich, tr.

*Music: Carl Schalk
3rd Century Greek Hymn*

Joyous light of glory:
of the immortal Father
heavenly, holy, blessed Jesus Christ.
We have come to the setting of the sun,
and we look to the evening light.
We sing to God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:
you are worthy of being praised
with pure voices forever.
O Son of God, O Giver of life:
the universe proclaims your glory.

Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory

Text: Marty Haugen, tr.

Music: Marty Haugen

3rd Century Greek Hymn

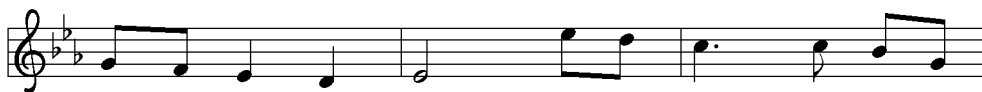
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1 Joy - ous light of heav'n-ly glo - ry, lov - ing glow of God's own
2 In the stars that grace the dark - ness, in the blaz - ing sun of
3 You who made the heav-en's splen - dor, ev - 'ry danc - ing star of



face, you who sing cre - a - tion's sto - ry, shine on
dawn, in the light of peace and wis - dom, we can
night, make us shine with gen - tle jus - tice, let us



ev - 'ry land and race. Now as eve - ning falls a -
hear your qui - et song. Love that fills the night with
each re - flect your light. Might - y God of all cre -



round us, we shall raise our songs to you. God of day - break,
won - der, love that warms the wea - ry soul, love that bursts all
a - tion, gen - tle Christ who lights our way, lov - ing Spir - it



God of shad - ows, come and light our hearts a - new.
chains a - sun - der, set us free and make us whole.
of sal - va - tion, lead us on to end - less day.

Text: Greek hymn, 3rd cent., para. Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: JOYOUS LIGHT, Marty Haugen

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The World Awaits Your Coming

Text: Pepper Choplin

Music: Pepper Choplin

based on Isaiah 2:3-4

The world is yearning for your peace;
We pray for hate and war to cease.
Lord, come and teach your peaceful way;
For all the world is waiting for the day.

When every conflict and divide
You'll come to judge and will decide.
Then nations will lay down their swords
And they will train for fighting no more.

*The world awaits your coming,
The world awaits the day.
We hear the prophet calling,
"Come prepare the way!"*

*The world awaits your coming;
When heavens work is done.
So hear the people calling,
"Now let your kingdom come!"*

Let earth receive the glorious peace.
Blessed salvation he will bring.
His throne is fixed in heaven above
And he will reign with justice and with love.

o come, o come, Emmanuel

Canticle of the Turning

Text: Rory Cooney

Music: STAR COUNTY DOWN

Arranged: Anne Krentz Organ

Refrain *Sung by All*

My soul cries out
with a joyful shout
that the God of my heart is great,
and my spirit sings
of the wondrous things
that you bring to the ones who wait.

You fixed your sight
on your servant's plight,
and my weakness you did not spurn,
so from east to west
shall my name be blest.

Could the world be about to turn? **Refrain**

From the halls of pow'r
to the fortress tow'r,
not a stone will be left on stone.

Let the king beware
for your justice tears
ev'ry tyrant from his throne.

The hungry poor
shall weep no more,
for the food they can never earn;
there are tables spread,
ev'ry mouth be fed,

for the world is about to turn. **Refrain**

Though I am small,
my God, my all,
you work great things in me,
and your mercy will last
from the depths of the past
to the end of the age to be.

Your very name
puts the proud to shame,
and to those who would for you yearn,
you will show your might,
put the strong to flight,
for the world is about to turn. **Refrain**

Though the nations rage
from age to age,
we remember who holds us fast:
God's mercy must
deliver us
from the conqueror's crushing grasp.

This saving word
that our forebears heard
is the promise which holds us bound,
till the spear and rod
can be crushed by God,
who is turning the world around. **Refrain**



My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus-tice burn.



Wipe a-way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a-bout to turn.

**Rorate
New Christmas**

England-Scotland, Arranged by Stones Throw

**Cold and Raw
Baloo Lammy**

Scotland, Arranged by Stones Throw

**God Rest Ye
Merry Gentlemen**

England, Arranged by Stones Throw

Angels From the Realms of Glory

Text: James Montgomery

Music: Henry Smart

Arranged: Dan Forrest

Angels from the realms of glory
Wing your flight over all the earth.
You who sang creation's story
Now proclaim Messiah's birth.

Shepherds in the field abiding,
Watching over your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing,
Yonder shines the infant light.

Come and worship Christ the newborn King!

Sages, leave your contemplation,
Brighter visions beam a far.
Seek the great desire of nations,
Ye have been his natal star.

All Creation join the praising
God, the Father, Spirit, Son.
Evermore your voices raising
To the eternal three in One!

What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright

Text: Charles Coffin, 1736, tr.

John Chandler, 1837, alt.

Music: Howard Helvey

What star is this, with beams so bright,
More lovely than the noonday light?
‘Tis sent to announce a newborn king,
Glad tidings of our God to bring.

‘Tis now fulfilled what God decreed,
“From Jacob shall a star proceed;”
And lo! The eastern sages stand
To read in heaven the Lord’s command.

While outward signs the star displays,
An inward light the Lord conveys
And urges them, with tender might,
To seek the giver of the light.

O Jesus, fount of boundless grace,
Your star calls us to seek your face;
Prepare our hearts to fully shine
And share your light and love divine.

Blessed Is the Lord (Benedictus)

Text: R. C. Sproul

Music: Dan Forrest

Benedictus, blessed is our Lord.

Welcome his incarnate Word.

Chosen first among the priest
To serve within the temple walls,
Zacharias stood in awe
When he heard the angel call.

“Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God,
Will come to raise salvation’s horn.
God incarnate, Word made flesh,
To a virgin shall be born.”

Christ brings light to sin’s dark night:
Our Dayspring, Jesus from on high,
Saints and angels sing God’s praise.
All the earth and heavens reply:

Who But the Lord

Text: John Mason Neale, tr.

Susan Bentall Boersma

Music: Craig Courtney

O Come, Thou bright and morning star
and bring us comfort from afar.
Dispel the shadows of the night
And turn our darkness into light.

Who but the Lord
can give the shadows light,
Can break into the dark,
Draw morning from the night?
Who but the Lord
Will hear our cry and answer,
“Here am I”?

Who but the Lord
Makes blinded eyes to see
Brings music to the deaf,
Sets the lonely captive free?
Who but the Lord
Will by his glory show
the paths of peace?

O shine on us,
The brightness of your face,
To earth’s remotest end,
Every people every race.
O shine on us
Until to each is shown
Your saving grace.

Who but the Lord
Can give the shadows light?
None but the Lord.

o come, Thou bright and morning star

South African Gloria

Text: Traditional Latin

Music: William Bradley Roberts

Gloria in excelsis deo,
et in terra pax
hominibus bonae voluntatis

*Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace
to people of good will.*

DIRECTOR & ACCOMPANIST

SPENCE ROBERTSON, director, joined the ensemble in 2016.

He holds a BA in Music from Pfeiffer University and a MM in Church Music from Samford University. Spence is Director of Music at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church–Hickory, an adjunct professor at Lenoir-Rhyne University, and a member of the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians (ALCM) and American Choral Directors Association (ACDA).

ANDRIS ROZUKALNS, accompanist, joined the ensemble in 2018.

A first-generation Latvian-American and a native of Des Moines, Iowa, Andris holds a BM in Piano and Organ Performance from Drake University, a BM in Organ Performance from the University of Kansas, a Diploma in Accompanying from the Cleveland Institute of Music, and doctoral studies in Accompanying from Arizona State University. He has served as faculty accompanist at the University of Akron and the University of Mississippi in Oxford. For 35 years, Andris has performed in conjunction with the Latvian Guild of Organists of America, and has served as choir director and organist in various mainline churches – Catholic, Episcopal, Lutheran, Presbyterian and United Methodist churches. Currently, Andris is organist at First Baptist Church–Hickory, and is accompanist for the choral program at Alexander Central High School.

CATAWBA VALLEY COMMUNITY CHORUS, founded in 1987.

Is an ecumenical choir providing quality music that both stirs the spirit and satisfies the soul of audience and singer. Made up of approximately 45 singers, the Chorus prepares two concerts each year and performs each concert four times throughout the Catawba area. We welcome new members to join. Auditions are not required. Rehearsals take place in the Choral Room at Concordia Christian Day School, in Conover, NC, on Mondays beginning at 7:00 pm. For more information, contact our president, Barbara Sigmon at 828.381.9017.

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