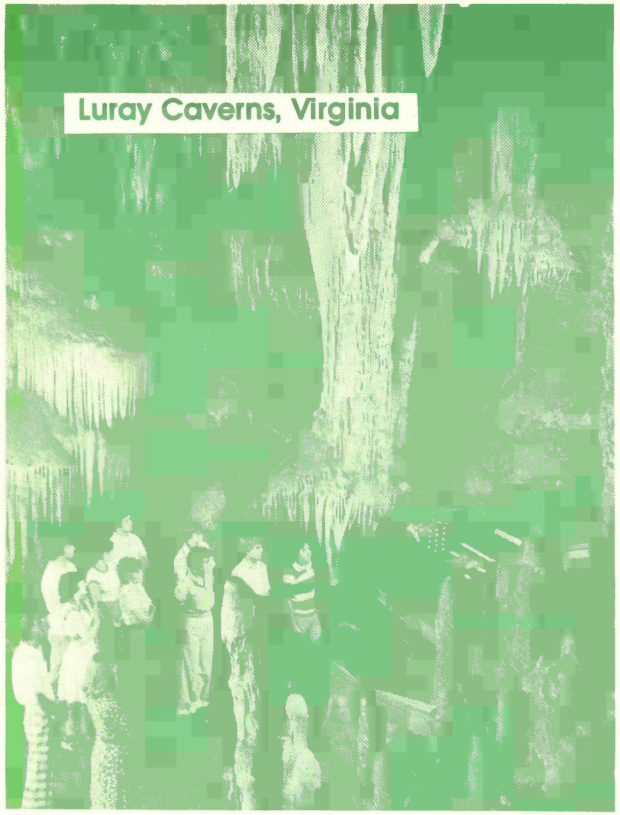


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Michael Beckler, tenor

Jesus, Thou Tender Little One — Melchior Frank (c. 1579-1639)/Arr. Ehret

Noel We Sing — Daquin (1694-1772)/Arr. De Cormier

A CEREMONY OF CAROLS, Opus 28 — Benjamin Britten (1913-1976)
Elaine Suderman, soprano
Susan Gutshall, alto
Tyng-Tyng Tsai, harp

1. Procession

Hodie Christus natus est:
Hodie Salvator apparuit:
Hodie in terra canunt angeli:
Laetantur archangeli:
Hodie exsultant justi dicentes:
Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

2. Wolcum Yole!

Wolcum, wolcum,
Wolcum be thou hevenè king,
Wolcum Yole!
Wolcum, born in one morning,
Wolcum for whom we sall sing!

Wolcum be ye, Stevene and Jon,
Wolcum, Innocentes everyone,
Wolcum, Thomas marter one,
Wolcum be ye, good Newe Yere,
Wolcum, Twelfthe Day both in fere,
Wolcum, seintes lefe and dere,
Wolcum Yole, Wolcum Yole, Wolcum!

Candelmesse,
Quene of bliss,
Wolcum bothe to more and lesse.

Wolcum, wolcum,
Wolcum be ye that are here,
Wolcum Yole!
Wolcum alle and make good cheer.
Wolcum alle another yere.
Wolcum Yole! Wolcum!

Anonymous

3. There Is No Rose

There is no rose of such vertu
As is the rose that bare Jesu.
Alleluia, alleluia.

For in this rose conteinèd was
Heaven and earth in litel space,
Res miranda, res miranda.

By that rose we may well see
There be one God in persons three,
Pares forma, pares forma.

The aungels sungen the shepherds to:
Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Gaudeamus, gaudeamus.

Leave we all this werldly mirth,
And follow we this joyful birth.
Transeamus, transeamus, transeamus.

Alleluia, res miranda,
Pares forma, gaudeamus,
Transeamus, transeamus, transeamus.

Anonymous

4a. That Yongë Child

That yongë child when it gan weep
With song she lulled him asleep:
That was so sweet a melody
It passèd alle minstrelsy.
The nightingalë sang also:
Her song is hoarse and nought thereto:
Whoso attendeth to her song
And leaveth the first then doth he wrong.

Anonymous

4b. Balulalow

O my deare hert, young Jesu sweit,
Prepare thy creddil in my spreit,
And I sall rock thee to my hert,
And never mair from thee depart.

But I sall praise thee evermoir
With sanges sweit unto thy gloir;
The knees of my hert sall I bow,
And sing that richt Balulalow,
And sing that richt Balulalow.

James, John and Robert Wedderburn

5. As Dew in Aprille

I sing of a maiden
That is makèles:
King of all kings
To her son she ches.

He came al so stille
There his moder was,
As dew in Aprille
That falleth on the grass.

He came al so stille
To his moder's bour,
As dew in Aprille
That falleth on the flour.

He came al so stille
There his moder lay,
As dew in Aprille
That falleth on the spray.

Moder and mayden
Was never none but she:
Well may such a lady
Goddes moder be.

Anonymous

6. This Little Babe

This little Babe so few days old,
Is come to rifle Satan's fold;
All hell doth at his presence quake,
Though he himself for cold do shake;
For in this weak unarmèd wise
The gates of hell he will surprise.

With tears he fights and wins the field,
His naked breast stands for a shield;
His battering shot are babish cries,
His arrows looks of weeping eyes,
His martial ensigns Cold and Need,
And feeble Flesh his warrior's steed.

His camp is pitchèd in a stall,
His bulwark but a broken wall;
The crib his trench, haystalks his stakes;
Of shepherds he his muster makes;
And thus, as sure his foe to wound,
The angels' trumps alarum sound.

My soul, with Christ join thou in fight,
Stick to the tents that he hath pight.
Within his crib is surest ward;
This little Babe will be thy guard.
If thou wilt foil thy foes with joy,
Then flit not from this heavenly Boy.

Robert Southwell

7. Interlude (Harp solo)

8. In Freezing Winter Night

Behold, a silly tender babe,
In freezing winter night,
In homely manger trembling lies;
Alas, a piteous sight!

The inns are full; no man will yield
This little pilgrim bed.
But forced he is with silly beasts
In crib to shroud his head.

This stable is a Prince's court,
This crib his chair of State;
The beasts are parcel of his pomp,
This wooden dish his plate.

The persons in that poor attire
His royal liveries wear;
The Prince himself is come from Heav'n;
This pomp is prizèd there.

With joy approach, O Christian wight,
Do homage to thy King;
And highly praise his humble pomp,
Wich he from Heav'n doth bring.

Robert Southwell

9. Spring Carol

Pleasure it is
To hear iwis,
The Birdès sing.

The deer in the dale,
The sheep in the vale,
The corn springing.

God's purvayance
For sustenance,
It is for man, it is for man.

Then we always
To give him praise
And thank him than.

William Cornish

10. Deo Gracias

Deo gracias! Deo gracias!
Adam lay ibounden,
Bounden in a bond;
For thousand winter
Thought he not too long.

Deo gracias! Deo gracias!
And all was for an appil,
An appil that he tok,
As clerkès finden
Written in their book.

Deo gracias! Deo gracias!
Ne had the appil takè ben,
The appil takè ben,
Ne haddè never our lady
A ben hevenè quene.

Blessèd be the time
That appil takè was.
Therefore we moun singen.
Deo gracias! Deo gracias!

Anonymous

11. Recession

Hodie Christus natus est:
Hodie Salvator apparuit:
Hodie in terra canunt angeli:
Laetantur archangeli:
Hodie exsultant justi dicentes:
Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying — *Max Reger*

John Fast

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Fum, Fum, Fum — Arr. Marion Vree
Judy Bomberger, soprano

Spanish Carol — Felipe Pedrell (1841-1922)/Arr. Van

The Carol of the Birds — Arr. Shaw/Parker
Joan Swift, soprano

A La Nanita Nana — Arr. Folstrom

Spanish Carol (Happy Birthday Little Jesus) — Traditional/Arr. Andrew Carter
Jackie Eakin, soprano

THE MANY MOODS OF CHRISTMAS, Suite Four — Arr. Shaw/Bennett

Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light
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Benjamin Britten began composing A Ceremony of Carols, Opus 28, on a homeward bound voyage from the United States in 1942. It is a fine example of the craftsmanship and expressive immediacy which have made Britten one of England's most popular and respected 20th century composers. Originally written for treble voices and harp, it has been arranged for mixed voices and harp by Julius Harrison.

The carols, set to poems by Southwell, Cornish, the Wedderburns and authors unknown, are gloriously medieval in spirit—joyous, mysterious and deceptively simple.

(Notes by Emily Coleman and Gretchen Welch)

ABOUT OUR HARPIST:

Tyng-Tyng Tsai comes from Taipei, Taiwan, Free China. She began piano studies at the age of eight and started studying the harp when she was a student at National Taiwan University from which she received her Bachelor of Science degree in Botany. Before she came to the United States last year, she played harp with the Taipei City Symphony Orchestra for two years.

Currently she studies harp with Alice Rideout at Shenandoah College and Conservatory in Winchester, and also takes lessons from Alice Chalifoux at the Salzedo School.

OUR NEW CONDUCTOR:

Gretchen Welch is no stranger to the Choral Society. She was one of the founding members and has served as president, concert production chairman, librarian and as rehearsal director and accompanist. In March 1985, she conducted the Spring Concert and in August 1986 led the Chamber Singers in "Jephthah" at Massanetta Springs.

Reared in Harrisonburg, Ms. Welch sang in the High School Chorus and also played in the Band. She was graduated from Salem College, Winston-Salem, N.C., with a Bachelor of Music *cum laude* and won the President's Prize in Music. She has done post-graduate study in voice and conducting at James Madison University, Eastern Mennonite College and Westminster Choir College.

As Music Director of the First Presbyterian Church in Harrisonburg, she directs the adult choir and the handbell choirs. She initiated the community "Messiah Sing-Along with Orchestra" in 1985.

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