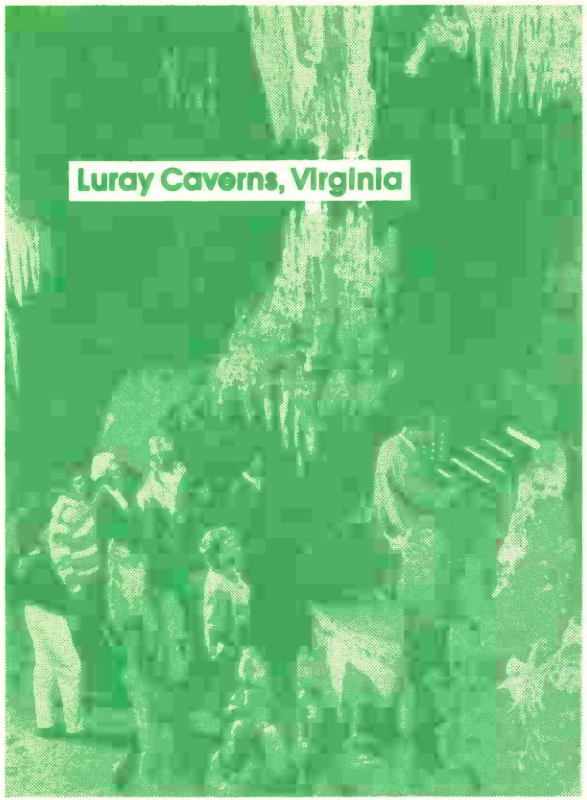


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Today Christ is born, today the Savior has appeared; today on earth angels sing and archangels rejoice; today the just joyfully exclaim: Glory to God on high and on earth peace to men of good will. Alleluia! Noel!

IN DULCI JUBILO (Sung in German and Latin) — M. Praetorius (1571-1621)

In sweetest jubilee now sing we and rejoice: our heart's delight lies in the manger, shining like the sun! He is Alpha and Omega!

GLORIA — Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741)

I. Chorus: Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Glory to God in the Highest.

II. Chorus: Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.
And on earth peace to men of good will.

III. Duet: Laudamus te. Benedicimus te. Adoramus te. Glorificamus te.
We praise You. We bless You. We adore You. We glorify You.
Judy Bomberger and Joyce Wead, sopranos

IV. Chorus: Gratias agimus tibi,
We give thanks to you . . .

V. Chorus: Propter magnam gloriam tuam.
. . . for your great glory.

VI. Aria: Domine Deus, Rex coelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens.
Lord God, Heavenly King, God the Father almighty.
Judy Bomberger, soprano

VII. Chorus: Domine Fili Unigenite, Jesu Christe.
Lord, the Only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ.

VIII. Aria and Chorus: Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Susan Gutshall, alto

IX. Chorus: Qui tollis peccata mundi suscipe deprecationem nostram.
Who takes away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.

X. Aria: Qui sedes ad desteram Patris miserere nobis.
Who sits at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.
Susan Gutshall, alto

XI. Chorus: Quoniam tu solus sanctus. Tu solus Dominus.
Tu solus Altissimus, Jesu Christe.
For You only are holy. You alone are Lord.
Your alone are most high, Jesus Christ.

XII. Chorus: Cum Sancto Spiritu, in gloria Dei patris. Amen.
With the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

OFFERTORY: Wachet auf — J. L. Krebs

James Kluesner, trumpet and John Fast, organ

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Intermission

MOTETS FOR THE SEASON OF CHRISTMAS — Francis Poulenc (1899-1963)

Quem Vidistis Pastores Dicite

Shepherds, what did you see? Tell us! Tell us who appeared on earth. We saw a birth, and the angel chorus sang praises to the Lord. Tell us what you saw there! Tell us about Christ's birth!

Hodie Christus Natus Est

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Hark the Herald Angels Sing

1. Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king;
   Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
   Joyful, all ye nations rise, Join the triumph of the skies;
   With the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
   Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"
2. Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord;
   Late in time behold him come, Offspring of the Virgin's womb.
   Veiled in flesh the Godhead see: Hail the incarnate Deity,
   Pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
   Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"
3. Hail the heavenborn Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of righteousness!
   Light and life to all he brings, Risen with healing in his wings.
   Mild he lays his glory by, Born that man no more may die,
   Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them second birth.
   Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Away in a Manager

3. Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay
   Close by me forever, and love me, I pray.
   Bless all the dear children in your tender care,
   And fit us for heaven to live with you there.

What Child Is This?

1. What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mary's lap is sleeping?
   Whom angels greet with anthem sweet, While shepherds watch are keeping?
   This, this is Christ the King, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
   Haste, haste to bring him laud, The Babe, the Son of Mary.
2. Why lies he in such mean estate Where ox and ass are feeding?
   Good Christian, fear for sinners here The silent Word is pleading.
   This, this is Christ the King, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
   Haste, haste to bring him laud, The Babe, the Son of Mary.
3. So bring him incense, gold and myrrh, Come peasant, king to own him;
   The King of kings salvation brings, Let loving hearts enthrone him.
   This, this is Christ the King, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
   Haste, haste to bring him laud, The Babe, the Son of Mary.

The First Noel

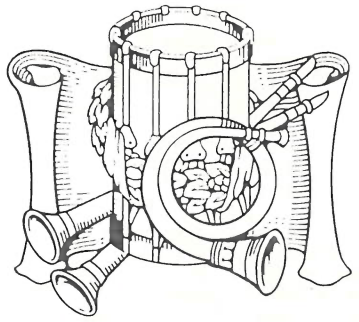
1. The first Nowell, the angel did say, Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
   In fields where they lay keeping their sheep, On a cold winter's night that was so deep.
   Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Born is the King of Israel!
4. This star drew nigh to the northwest, O'er Bethlehem it took its rest;
   And there it did both stop and stay, Right over the place where Jesus lay.
   Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Born is the King of Israel!
6. So let us all with one accord Sing praises to our heavenly Lord;
   That hath made heaven and earth of naught, And with his blood mankind hath bought.
   Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Born is the King of Israel!

WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS — Arr. Rutter

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