

ELEVARE

Expectans Expectavi Domunim

"I waited patiently for the Lord"

December 13, 7pm

St. Henry Catholic Church

Hail, Gladdening Light

Charles Wood (1866-1926)

Hail Gladdening Light, of His pure glory poured, who is the immortal father, heavenly blessed.
Holiest of Holies, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Now we are come to the Sun's hour of rest.
The lights of evening round us shine.
We hymn the Father, Son and Holy Spirit divine.
Worthiest art thou, at all times to be sung, with undefiled tongue.
Son of our God, giver of life alone.
Therefore in all the world, thy glories, thy glories Lord, they own.

Lo, How a Rose

14th C. German Hymn

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming as men of old have sung.
It came, a flow'ret bright, Amid the cold of winter, when half spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it, The Rose I have in mind,
With Mary we behold it, the Virgin Mother kind.
To show God's love aright, She bore to men a Saviour, when half spent was the night.

O flower, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air,
Dispel in glorious splendor the darkness everywhere;
True man, yet very God, from sin and death now save us, and share our every load.

Ave Maria

Robert Parsons (1535-1572)

*Ave Maria gratia plena,
Dominus tecum, Ave Maria;
Benedicta tu in mulieribus,
Et benedictus fructus ventris tui Jesus.
Sancta Maria, ora pro nobis. Amen.*

Hail, Mary, thou art art highly favoured, the
Lord is with thee:
Blessed art thou among women and blessed
be the fruit of thy womb. Amen.

Ave Generosa

Ola Gjeilo (b. 1978)

*Ave, generosa, gloriosa et intacta puella,
Tu pupilla castitatis, tu materia sanctitatis, que
Deo placuit.*

Hail, girl of a noble house, shimmering and
unpolluted,
You puilin the eye of chastity, you essence of
sanctity, which was pleasing to God.

Ave Maria

Franz Biebl (1906-2001)

*Angelus Domini nuntiavit Mariae
Et concepit de Spiritu Sancto.*

The Angel of the Lord announced to Mary
And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.

Refrain

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*Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum.
Benedicta tu in mulieribus,
et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Iesus.
Sancta Maria, Mater Dei,
ora pro nobis peccatoribus,
nunc et in hora mortis nostrae. Amen.*

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and in the hour of our death. Amen

*Maria dixit: Ecce ancilla Domini
Fiat mihi secundum verbum tuum.
Mary said: Behold the handmaiden of the Lord*

Do to me according to your word.

Refrain

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Et verbum caro factum Et habitavit in nobis

And the Word was made flesh and dwelt
among us.

Refrain

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Sanctus from Mass in G

Francis Poulenc (1899-1963)

*Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus Dominus, Deus
Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.
Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus Dominus, Deus
Sabaoth.
Hosanna in excelsis.*

Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty
Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth.
Heaven and earth shew the glory,
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory and pow'r be thine forever.
Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth.
Glory be to thy Holy name.
Hosanna in the highest.

Magnificat

Arvo Pärt (b.1935)

*Magnificat anima mea Dominum et exultavit
spiritus meus in Deo
salutari meo quia respexit humilitatem
ancillae suae ecce enim ex hoc beatam me
dicent omnes generationes quia fecit mihi
magna qui potens est et sanctum nomen eius et
misericordia eius in progenies et progenies
timentibus eum fecit potentiam in brachio suo
dispersit superbos mente cordis sui deposuit
potentes de sede et exaltavit humiles esurientes
implevit bonis et divites dimisit inanes
suscepit Israhel puerum suum memorari
misericordiae sicut locutus est ad patres
nostros Abraham et semini eius in saecula.*

My soul doth magnify the Lord: and my
spirit hath
Rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded the lowliness of his
handmaiden.

For behold, from henceforth all generations
shall call
me blessed. For he that is mighty hath
magnified me:
and holy is his Name. And his mercy is on
them that
fear him throughout all generations.
He has shown strength with his arm: he hath
scattered
the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their
seat:
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things:
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He rememb'ring mercy hath holpen his
servant Israel: as he promised to our
forefathers,
Abraham and his seed, forever.

Today the virgin

John Tavener

(1944-2013)

Today the Virgin comes to the cave
To give birth to the Word eternal:

Refrain

Rejoice, O World With the Angels and the Shepherds
Give glory to the Child! Alleluia!

Mary, my wife, O Mary, my wife!
What do I see? I took you blameless before the Lord
From the priests of the Temple. What do I see?

Refrain

Joseph the Bridegroom,
O Joseph the Bridegroom! Do not fear.
God in his mercy has come down to earth.
He takes flesh in my womb
For all the world to see.

Refrain

Warned by the Angel we believe
That Mary gives birth inexplicable
To the infant, Christ, our God.

Refrain

Hymn to the Virgin

Benjamin Britten (1913-1976)

Of one that is so fair and bright,
Velut maris stella, (like a star of the sea)
Brighter than the day is light,
Parens et puella: (both mother and maiden)
I cry to thee, thou see to me, Lady, pray thy Son for me,
Tam pia, (so pure)
That I may come to thee.
Maria! (Mary)

All this world was forlorn
Eva peccatrice (because of Eve)
Till our Lord was yborn
De te genetrice. (through you, his mother)
With ave it went away Darkest night, and comes the day
Salutis; (of salvation)
The well springeth out of thee.
Virtutis. (of virtue)

Lady, flow'rof ev'rything,
Rosa sine spina, (Rose without thorn)
Thou bare Jesu, Heaven's King,
Gratia divina: (by divine grace)
Of all thou bear'st the prize, Lady, queen of paradise
Electa: (chosen)
Maid mild, mother.
es Effecta. (you are made)

O magnum Mysterium

Morten Laudrisen

(b.1943)

*O magnum mysterium, et admirabile
sacramentum, ut animalia viderent
Dominum natum, jacentem in praesepe!
O beata Virgo, cujus viscera meruerunt portare
Dominum Jesum Christum. Alleluia!*

O great mystery, and wondrous sacrament,
that animals should see the newborn Lord,
lying in their manger!
Blessed is the Virgin whose womb was
worthy to bear the Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

O Emmanuel

Ēriks Ešenvalds

(b.1977)

*O Emmanuel, Rex et legifer noster,
O Emmanuel, exspectatio gentium et salvator earum:
veni ad salvandum nos, Domine Deus noster.*

O Emmanuel, our King and our law-giver,
O Emmanuel, longed-for by the gentiles and their Saviour,
come to save us, our Lord God!

In the bleak mid-winter

Gustav Holst
(1874-1934)

In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan,
Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone.
Snow had fallen snow on snow, snow on snow,
In the bleak midwinter long ago.

Our God, Heav'n cannot hold Him, nor earth sustain.
Heav'n and earth shall flee away, when He comes to reign.
In the bleak midwinter, a stable place suffic'd
The Lord God Almighty Jesus Christ.

Angels and archangels may have gathered there,
Cherubim and seraphim thronged the air;
But only his mother in her maiden bliss
Worshipped the beloved with a kiss.

What can I give Him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb.
If I were a wise man, I would do my part.
Yet what I can I give Him, give my heart.

Once in Royal David's City

Once in royal David's city
Stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her Baby
In a manger for His bed:
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little Child.

He came down to earth from heaven,
Who is God and Lord of all,
And His shelter was a stable,
And His cradle was a stall;
With the poor, and mean, and lowly,
Lived on earth our Savior holy.

And our eyes at last shall see Him,
Through His own redeeming love;
For that Child so dear and gentle
Is our Lord in heaven above,
And He leads His children on
To the place where He is gone.

Not in that poor lowly stable,
With the oxen standing by,
We shall see Him; but in heaven,
Set at God's right hand on high;
Where like stars His children crowned
All in white shall wait around.

Tomorrow shall be my dancing day

Arr. Sir David Willcocks
(1919-2015)

Tomorrow shall be my dancing day:
I would my true love did so chance
To see the legend of my play,
To call my true love to my dance:

Refrain:
Sing O my love, my love;
This have I done for my true love.

Then was I born of a virgin pure,
Of her I took fleshly substance;
Thus was I knit to man's nature,
To call my true love to my dance: Refrain.

In a manger laid and wrapped I was,
So very poor this was my chance,
Betwixt an ox and a silly poor ass,
To call my true love to my dance: Refrain.

We thank you all for joining us this evening. We thank St. Henry Catholic Church for hosting us, and especially Ms. Mary Corbin for working with us to make this concert possible.

Formed with 9 core members in 2018, Elevare is the new choral ensemble based in Nashville. The name is derived from the Latin word *elevare*, meaning "to elevate", which expresses the core members' desire to elevate sacred text and music. Founding member and Artistic Director Dr. Woosug Kang envisioned forming a professional ensemble with only 1-2 people per part to highlight the organic, virtuosic and expressive quality of sacred choral music. Our core members have diverse backgrounds, specializing in various styles, and are involved with many different musical ensembles throughout the southern region of the USA. As the ensemble explores the wide range of repertoire, Elevare will invite additional singers from the surrounding region to collaborate with us in future projects. For future engagements, Elevare is invited by American Guild of Organists to their National Convention to present musical selections on July 8, 2020 at Cathedral of Christ the King, Atlanta, GA.

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