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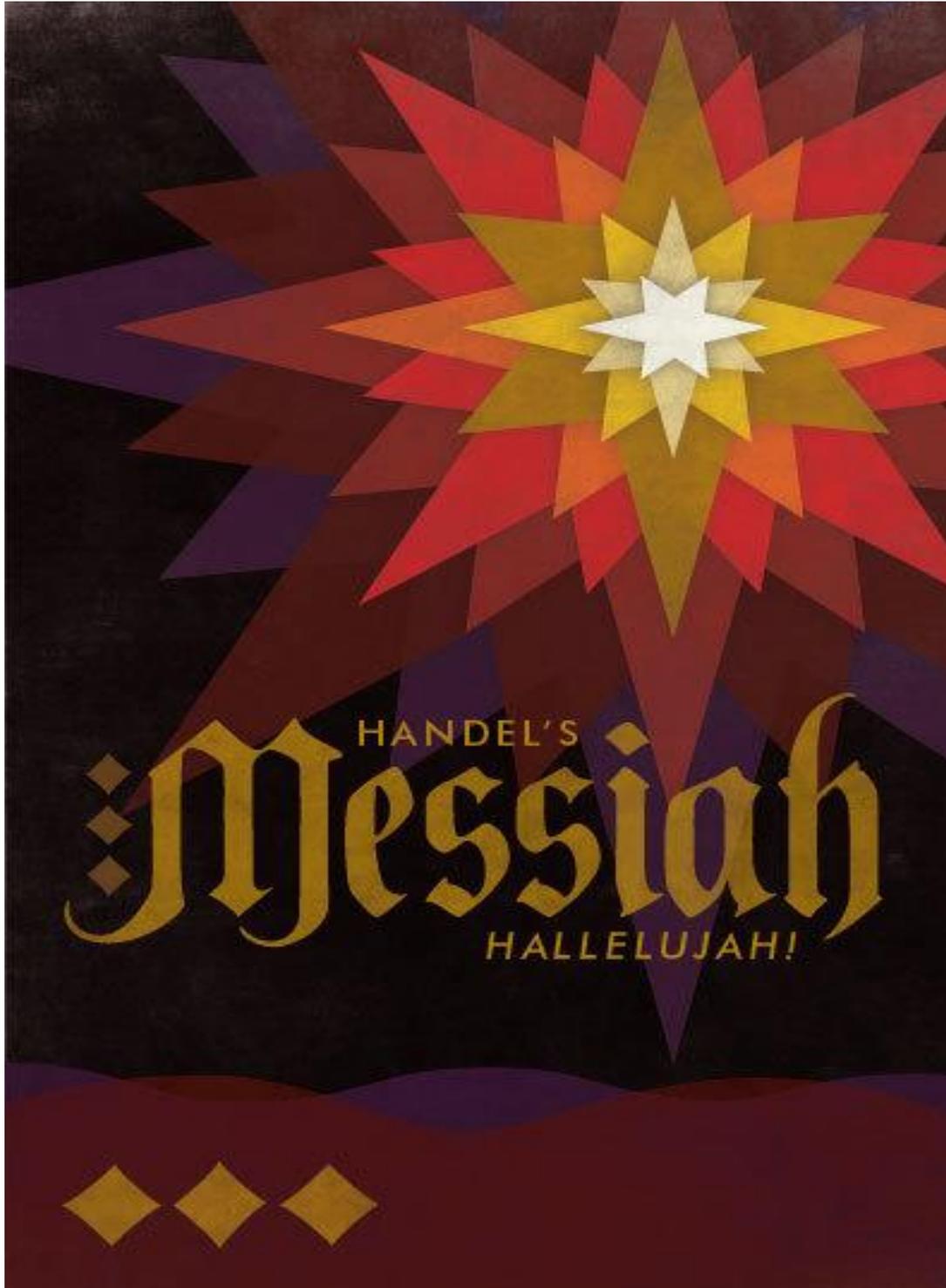
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Advent 2

SUNDAY 9 December 2018

10.30am at WESLEY WORSHIP

Leader: Rev Dr Ockert Meyer

Director of Music: Catherine Lukin

Organist: Brendon Lukin

Soprano Soloist: Kate White

Baritone Soloist: Colin Milner

Bass Soloist: Dominic Lukin

Trumpet: Brendon Tasker

John Perrin Keyboard Scholar: Jonathan Lee

Cello: Andrew Johnson

Wesley Scholars: Sam Jenkin (Violin), Dominic Lukin (Bass)

Matt Whitney (Violin) and Sarah Zhu (Viola)

The Gathering of God's People

Prelude: *Sinfonia from Messiah*

Processional: **TiS 312 Once in Royal David's City**

Verse 1 (solo):

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.

(Congregation, please join us in singing the remaining verses)

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, despised and lowly,
lived on earth our Saviour holy.

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;

When his children gather round
bright like stars with glory crowned.

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Greeting

Lighting of the Second Advent Candle

Sing TiS 286 vv 1 & 2 (*light first candle*)

In the beginning and all that lives,
was and is, God. In the baby Jesus,
God was born among us in a new way,
is born among us again
each time we tell the story.
We yearn for this story like travellers
thirst for water.

It is a story of peace
heard in Josephs' story of dreams,
angels bringing him comfort,
leading his family to safety.
Peace for troubled minds,
peace for warring lands,
peace that restores harmony,
peace that calms aching hearts
and groaning earth:
peace for all, not only for a few.

We hear the story of peace (pour water in glass)
and thirst for peace in our world,
in our lives,
as we journey towards (light second candle)
the light of Christ.

Sing: TiS 494 v 4

Introduction of Handel's *Messiah*

Sing TiS 304 O Come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant
Come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him born the King of angels:
Come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,

O Come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!
True God of true God, Light of light eternal,
Lo, he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
Son of the Father, begotten, not created:
Come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O Come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

See how the shepherds summoned to his cradle,
Leaving their flocks, drawing nigh with holy fear;
We too will thither bend our joyful footsteps:
Come, let us adore him, O Come, let us adore him,
O Come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing all ye citizens of heav'n above,
Glory to God, glory in the highest:
O Come, let us adore him, O Come, let us adore him,
O Come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

Choir

Chorus: And the Glory of the Lord

(Isaiah 40:5)

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
and all flesh
shall see it together: For the mouth of the Lord
hath spoken it.

Bass Solo

**Recitative: For Behold Darkness shall
cover the Earth**

(Isaiah 60:2-3)

For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and
gross darkness the people:
but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and His
glory shall be seen upon thee.
And the Gentiles shall come to Thy light, and
kings to the brightness of Thy rising.

Air: The People that walked in Darkness

(Isaiah 9:2)

The people that walked in darkness have seen a
great light, and they that dwell in the land of the
shadow of death, upon them hath the light
shined.

Choir

Chorus: For unto us a child is born

(Isaiah 9:5)

For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given,
and the government shall be upon His shoulder;
and his name shall be called Wonderful
Counsellor,
the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the
Prince of Peace.

Hymn 301

The first Noel, the angel did say was to certain
poor shepherds 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.

When they looked up they saw a star shining in
the east, beyond them far,
And to the earth it gave great light and so it
continued both day and night.

Noel, noel, noel, noel, born is the king of Israel.

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.

This star drew nigh to the north-west; over
Bethlehem it took its rest,
And there it did both stop and stay right over the
place where Jesus lay.

Noel, noel, noel, noel, born is the king of Israel.

Then entered in those wise men three and
reverently, upon their knee,
They offered there in his presence their gold and
myrrh and frankincense.

Noel, noel, noel, noel, born is the king of Israel.

Now let us all with one accord sing praises to our
heavenly Lord,

Who has made heaven and earth from naught,
And with his blood salvation brought.

Noel, noel, noel, noel, born is the king of Israel.

Soprano **Recitative: There were shepherds, abiding in the field**
(Luke 2:8)

Soloist There were shepherds, abiding in the field,
Keeping watch over their flocks by night.

Recitative: And lo, the Angel of the Lord came upon them

(Luke 2:9)

And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them,
and the glory of the Lord shone round about
them, and they were sore afraid.

Recitative: And the angel said unto them

(Luke 2:10-11)

And the angel said unto them, fear not, for
behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy,
which shall be to all people: for unto you is born
this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is
Christ the Lord

Recitative: And Suddenly there was with the Angel (Luke 2:13)

And suddenly there was with the angel a
multitude of the heavenly host, praising God, and
saying:

Choir **Chorus: Glory to God**

(Luke 2:14)

Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth,
good will towards men.

Hymn 309

Angels, from the realms of glory,
wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Heralds of creation's story, now proclaim
Messiah's birth:

*Come and worship Christ, the new-born King,
Come and worship, worship Christ, the new-born
King*

Shepherds, in the field abiding,
watching over flocks by night,
God with us is now residing;

yonder shines the infant Light:
*Come and worship Christ, the new-born King,
Come and worship, worship Christ, the new-born
King*

Wise men, leave your contemplations,
brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great Desire of nations,
you have seen his natal star:
*Come and worship Christ, the new-born King,
Come and worship, worship Christ, the new-born
King*

Though and infant now we view him,
he shall fill his Father's throne,
Gather all the nations to him:
every knee shall then bow down:
*Come and worship Christ, the new-born King,
Come and worship, worship Christ, the new-born
King*

Seven o'clock news/Silent Night

Hymn 311 Silent night, holy night:
all is calm, all is bright
Round the virgin mother and child,
holy infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night:
shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing, 'Alleluia!
Christ the Saviour is born,
Christ the Saviour is born.'

Silent night, holy night
wondrous star, lend your light;
With the angels let us sing
Alleluia to our King;
Christ our Saviour is born,
Christ our Saviour is born.

Offering: *Pastorale*

Baritone **Recitative: Behold, I tell you a mystery**
(1 Corinthians 15:51-51)

Soloist Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep; but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in a twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet;
Air: The trumpet shall sound
(1Corinthians 15:52b-53)

The trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on in corruption, And this mortal must put on immortality.

Please Stand

All

Hallelujah Chorus

(Revelation: 19:6, 11:15, 19:16)

Hallelujah,

For the Lord God, omnipotent reigneth

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah

For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth

Hallelujah

The kingdom of this world; is become

The kingdom of our Lord

And of His Christ

And He shall reign for ever and ever

Hallelujah

Blessing and Dismissal

Recessional

The flowers today are given by Ray and Lina Heins and arranged by Beth Monk.

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