



To Us a Savior

A PORTRAIT OF CHRIST
IN GEORGE FREDERICK HANDEL'S

Messiah

NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
FESTIVAL CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA

*Suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,
“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace, goodwill to all.”
When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another,
“Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place,
which the Lord has made known to us.”*

Luke 2:13-15

The night, the air, were filled with joy,
As angels sang among the heav'ns.
I stood before a newborn boy:
Who was this wondrous child there giv'n?

We'd left our flocks out in the fields,
And answered heralds' sounding call.
They cried, “Emmanuel has come!”
He lay in lowly cattle stall.

We crept into the manger cold;
But for some straw, his bed was bare.
Is this the One they wrote of old;
Could this be our Messiah—there?

To Bethlehem he was to come,
And it is here he rests his head;
Near you, O great Jerusalem,
In Ephrathah the prophet said.

It is fulfilled! He's come to us:
God with us now, O Israel!
The shepherd here beholds his birth,
With ox, and ass, and Gabriel!

What mystery this that I might see
The passing of this holy hour.
A child, the Savior come for me:
O Lord, be mine, for I am yours.

Dr. Michael Denham

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Comfort Ye, My People

Isaiah 40:1-4

Every Valley Shall Be Exalted

“Comfort ye, my people, saith your God. Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned.” The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, “Prepare ye the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill made low; the crooked straight, and the rough places plain.”

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.”

Thus Saith the Lord

Haggai 2:6-7 & Malachi 3:1

Thus saith the Lord, the Lord of Hosts, “Yet once a little while, and I will shake the heav'ns and the earth, the sea and the dry land; and I will shake all nations, and the Desire of All Nations shall come.” The Lord whom ye seek shall suddenly come to his temple, ev'n the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in. “Behold, he shall come,” saith the Lord of Hosts.

But Who May Abide

Malachi 3:2

But who may abide the day of his coming, and who shall stand when he appeareth? For he is like a refiner's fire, and who shall stand when he appeareth?

And He Shall Purify

Malachi 3:3

And he shall purify the sons of Levi that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness.

Behold, a Virgin Shall Conceive Isaiah 7:14
Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Emmanuel:
God with us.

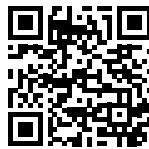
O Thou That Tellest Good Tidings Isaiah 40:9
O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion, get thee up into the high mountain! O thou that tellest good tidings to Jerusalem, lift up thy voice with strength! Lift it up, be not afraid! Say unto the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!" O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion, arise, shine, for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.

For Behold, Darkness 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.

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.

For Unto Us a Child Is Born Isaiah 9:6
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 Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

WELCOME AND EVENING PRAYER



Dr. Ray Hylton, Sr.

Pastoral Symphony here an offering will be received

There Were Shepherds Luke 2:8
There were shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flocks by night.

And Lo, the Angel of the Lord 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.

And the Angel Said 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 Savior, which is Christ the Lord."

And Suddenly There Was with the Angel Luke 2:13
And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heav'nly host praising God, and saying:

Glory to God Luke 2:14
"Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth, goodwill towards men."

Rejoice Greatly Zechariah 9:9-10
Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, thy king cometh unto thee. He is the righteous Savior, and he shall speak peace unto the heathen.

Then Shall the Eyes Isaiah 35:5-6
Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped.
Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb shall sing.

He Shall Feed His Flock Isaiah 40:11
He shall feed his flock like a shepherd, and shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young. Come unto him, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and he will give you rest. Take his yoke upon you, and learn of him, for he is meek and lowly of heart, and ye shall find rest for your souls.

His Yoke Is Easy
His yoke is easy, and his burthen is light.

Matthew 11:30

Hallelujah Revelation 19:6, 16 & 11:15
Hallelujah! For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign forever and ever, King of kings and Lord of lords.

I Know that My Redeemer Liveth Job 19:25, 26; 1 Corinthians 15:20
I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth. And tho' worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God. For now is Christ risen from the dead, the first fruits of them that sleep.

Since by Man Came Death 1 Corinthians 15:21
Since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.
For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

The Trumpet Shall Sound 1 Corinthians 15:52-53
Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. The trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible.

O Death, Where Is Thy Sting? 1 Corinthians 15:54-56
Then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: Death is swallowed up in victory. O Death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law.

But Thanks Be to God 1 Corinthians 15:57
But thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Worthy Is the Lamb Revelation 5:12-13
Worthy is the Lamb that was slain, and hath redeemed us to God by his blood, to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing. Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb, forever and ever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

Dr. Hylton

Congregational Carol

JOY TO THE WORLD!

Congregation

Joy to the world! the Lord is come: Let earth receive her King!
Let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing...
Joy to the world! the Savior reigns: Let us our songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy...

Choir Only

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found...

Congregation

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love...

Text by Isaac Watts, the father of English hymnody

Music adapted by Lowell Mason from two tunes of G. F. Handel here arranged by John Rutter

FESTIVAL CHOIR

SOPRANO

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Hayley Ashbaugh
Margery Benson
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Susan Williams
Julia Wolz

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James Mitchel
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Luke Schmidt

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Tessa Green

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VIOLA

Jennifer Ries

Matthew Maffett

Heidi Remick

CELLO

Christine Lightner

Justin Haynes-Pilon

BASS

Paul Hunt

OBOE

Rick Basehore

Mary Riddell

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Christmas Eve

December 24, 2024

5 PM WORSHIP

Family Nativity

8 & 10 PM WORSHIP

Candlelight & Carols

Palm Sunday

April 13, 2025

5 PM CONCERT

Johannes Brahms

A German Requiem

NPC Festival Choir and Orchestra

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Music of Remembrance and Hope

June 15, 2025

5 PM CONCERT

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