

SEMINARY WORSHIP

Thursday, November 30, 2000

Alumni Memorial Chapel

Instrumental Prelude

Welcome and Introduction

“Christmas Purpose: An Advent Call to Worship”

by John Alan Chamness, adapted by Mozelle Sherman

Lorie King, Merle Mateika, Michael Sapp, Bradford Smith, Joy Walker

We Anticipate His Coming

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence” 80

Scripture: John 1:1-5

Of the Father’s love begotten ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega. He is the source, the ending he.
Of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see,
Evermore and evermore.

Text: Prudentius, 4th Century

Melody: “Piae Cantiones” 1582

Scripture: Micah 5:2-5a; Isaiah 40:1-5

This is he whom seers in old time chanted of with one accord
Whom the voices of the prophets promised in their faithful word.
Now he shines, the long-expected; let creation praise its Lord,
Evermore and evermore.

Scripture: Isaiah 11:1-5

“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming” 78

Responsive Reading and Silent Prayer
The Great Antiphons (9th Century)

O HOLY WISDOM (*Sapientia*), you proceed from the mouth of the
Most High, extending from end to end with might,
with gentleness ordering all things:

O come and teach us; guide us in the path of wisdom.
(pause for silent prayer)

O ADONAI (*Adonai*) and Mighty Leader of the house of Israel, you
appeared to Moses in the burning bush, and on Sinai's height you
gave him your law:

**Come, give us your strong arm,
and in your power redeem us.**

O ROOT OF JESSE (*Radix Jesse*), you rise as a standard for the
people; before you kings stand mute and silent;
for you all nations long and pray:

O come and set us free. Lord, delay no longer.

O KEY OF DAVID (*Clavis David*) and Scepter of the house of
Israel, you open and no one shuts, you shut and no one opens:

**O come, come unlock our prisoner's chains; free us from
darkness and death's dark shadow.**

O DAYSPRING (*Oriens*) splendor of light eternal,
and rising sun of justice:

**Come now, come shed your splendid light on those who sit in
darkness and in death's dark shadow.**

O KING OF THE NATIONS (*Rex Gentium*), long-desired of all
people, you are the cornerstone which binds and joins all into one:

**O come and save lost humanity,
the ones whom you created out of dust.**

O EMMANUEL (*Emmanuel*), our King and Lawgiver,
the Hope of the nations and their Savior:

Come and save us, O Lord, our God.

We Celebrate His Birth

O that birth forever blessed, when the Virgin full of grace,
By the Holy Ghost conceiving, bare the Savior of our race.
And the Babe, the world's Redeemer, first revealed His sacred face
Evermore and evermore.

“Welcome to Our World”

Doris Stam, solo

Tears are falling, hearts are breaking;
How we need to hear from God.
You've been promised; we've been waiting.
Welcome Holy Child. Welcome Holy Child.

Hope that you don't mind our manger;
How I wish we would have known;
But long-awaited Holy Stranger
Make Yourself at home. Please make Yourself at home.

Bring Your peace into our violence;
Bid our hungry souls be filled.
Word now breaking Heaven's silence;
Welcome to our world. Welcome to our world.

Fragile finger sent to heal us;
Tender brow prepared for thorn;
Tiny heart whose blood will save us;
Unto us is born; Unto us is born.

So wrap our injured flesh around You;
Breathe our air and walk our sod.
Rob our sin and make us holy,
Perfect Son of God, Perfect Son of God.
Welcome to our world.

Words and Music by Chris Rice

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Scripture: Luke 2:1-7

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

Michael Collins, Tim Gregson
Hiram Rollo, Scott Shepherd

Scripture: Luke 2:8-12

“Away in a Manger” 103

Scripture: Luke 2:13-14

“Angels We Have Heard on High” 100

Scripture: Luke 2:15-20

Male Chorale: "Who's That Baby?"

Words and Music by: Jay Althouse

"Emanuel"

by Tim Manion
(see insert)

We Worship Him as Savior and Lord

Scripture: Colossians 1:15-22

O ye heights of heav'n, adore him; angel hosts, his praises sing.
Powers, dominions bow before him, and extol our God and King.
Let no tongue on earth be silent, ev'ry voice in concert ring,
Evermore and Evermore.

Christ, to thee, with God the Father, and O Holy Ghost, to thee,
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving and unwearied praises be.
Honor, glory, and dominion, and eternal victory,
Evermore and evermore.

Scripture: John 1:10-14

"Thou Who Was Rich"

(see insert)

Verse 1 (solo), Verse 2 (choir)

Scripture: Philippians 2:6-11

Verse 3 (congregation)

"Angels from the Realms of Glory" 94

(vs.5) Though an infant now we view him, he will share his Father's throne,
Gather all the nations to him; every knee shall then bow down.
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

"An Advent Benediction"

by Mozelle Sherman

Mozelle Sherman (English), Yuri Zozulya (Russian), Carmen Albarran
(Spanish), Esther Rothenbusch (German), In-Jae Oh (Korean), Hiram Rollo
(Portuguese), Stephen Awoniyi (Yoruba), Wen-Jen Wu (Chinese),
René Jeanty (French)

"O Come, All Ye Faithful" 89
Benediction

Worship Leader: Carl Stam
Scripture: Mozelle Sherman
Male Chorale: Ronald Turner, Director