

Songs by Bennington College Chorus

1. Born Is Jesus In Bethlehem.....Michael Praetorius
2. Cantata No. 78, We Hasten.....J. S. Bach
3. The Children's Prayer, from "Hansel and Gretel"
(With Strings and Organ).....Humperdinck

Ensemble: Adagio, from Brandenburg Concerto No. 6.....J. S. Bach

Helena Palmer, Joseph Schaaf, Elizabeth Sizer, Violas
Ruth Ann Shaw, Jeanne Adler, Marianne Wilson,
George Finckel, Celli

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1. Le Miracle de Saint Nicholas.....French Carol
2. In Dulci Jubilo.....German Carol
3. A Babe, So Tender.....English Carol
4. Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring.....J. S. Bach
(With Strings and Organ)

Closing Prayers, The Rev. Parker C. Webb, Rector St. Peter's Episcopal
Church

Benediction

Postlude

Bennington
Community Christmas
Candle-Light Service

Old First Church

Vermont's Colonial Shrine

Anthems and Carols by
The Bennington College Chorus
Otto Luening, *Conductor*

Betty Jean Horner, *Student Accompanist*

Betty Hubbard, Rebecca Grafton, *Student Assistants*

Organist: Gerald Murphy

December 13, 1942, 4:30 P. M.

Prelude

Opening Hymn 97

1. The first Noel, the angels 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;
Refrain: Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel.
2. They looked up and 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.
Refrain.
3. 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.
Refrain.
4. This star drew nigh to the north-
west,
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest.
And there it did both stop and stay,
Right over the place where Jesus lay.
Refrain.
5. Then entered in those wise-men
three,
Full reverently upon the knee,
And offered there, in his presence,
Their gold and myrrh and frankin-
cense.
Refrain. Amen.

Responsive Reading

Minister: Glory be to God in the highest, on earth peace, good will toward men.

People: How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of him who bringeth good tidings; who publisheth peace; who bringeth good tidings of good: who publisheth salvation; who saith unto Zion, thy God reigneth .

Minister: Jesus, born in poverty, born to bring peace among men, workman at Nazareth, Have mercy upon us.

People: Jesus, in whom the proud were scattered and the mighty put down, giving good things to the hungry, exalting them of low degree, Have mercy upon us.

Minister: Jesus, in whom all the nations of the earth are one, in whom is neither bond nor free, brother of all, Have mercy upon us.

People: Jesus, preaching good tidings to the poor, proclaiming release to the captives, setting at liberty them that are bound, Have mercy upon us.

Minister: Jesus, friend of the poor, feeder of the hungry, healer of the sick, Have mercy upon us.

People: Jesus, denouncing the oppressor, instructing the simple, going about doing good, Have mercy upon us.

Minister: Jesus, teacher of patience, pattern of gentleness, prophet of the Kingdom of heaven, have mercy upon us.

People: Jesus, forgiving them that love much, drawing all men unto thee, calling them that labor and are heavy laden, Have mercy upon us.

Minister: Jesus, who camest not to be ministered unto, but to minister, Have mercy upon us.

People: Jesus, betrayed for the sake of money, seized by the chief priests, condemned by the rulers, Have mercy upon us.

Minister: Jesus, crucified for us, courageous in suffering, merciful to thy condemners, Have mercy upon us.

The Lord's Prayer in unison.

Second Hymn 74

1. O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by;
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.
2. For Christ is born of Mary,
And gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wond'ring love.
O morning stars, together
Proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the King,
And peace to men on earth!
3. How silently, how silently,
The wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming,
But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive him
still,
The dear Christ enters in.
4. O holy child of Bethlehem,
Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in,
Be born in us to-day.
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Emmanuel. Amen.

Scripture Lesson St. Luke 2:1-20

Collects and Prayers

Third Hymn 84

1. As with gladness men of old
Did the guiding star behold;
As with joy they hailed its light,
Leading onward, beaming bright;
So, most gracious Lord, may we
Evermore be led to thee.
2. As with joyous steps they sped
To that lowly manger bed,
There to bend the knee before
Him whom heav'n and earth adore;
So may we with willing feet
Ever seek thy mercy seat.
3. As they offered gifts most rare,
At that manger rude and bare,
So may we with holy joy,
Pure and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to thee, our heav'nly King.
4. Holy Jesus, ev'ry day
Keep us in the narrow way;
And when earthly things are past,
Bring our ransomed souls at last
Where they need no star to guide,
Where no clouds thy glory hide.
Amen.

Offertory: The entire offering will be given to the American Red Cross.

Ensemble: Christmas Concerto for Strings.....Corelli

Helena Palmer and Joseph Schaaf, Solo Violins
Emily Knight and Elizabeth Uptegrove, First Violins
Elizabeth Sizer, Viola
Ruth Ann Shaw, Marianne Wilson, George Finckel, Cello