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“All the Ends of the Earth”

While we all know St. Norbert as the spiritual founder of this college, tonight we will honor his link to the Christmas season, a time when we are perhaps reminded most that God walked the earth as a human being and that his spirit is indeed in the world. St. Norbert sought out the divine presence by celebrating the mass every day in a time when daily services were rare. For this reason, St. Norbert is venerated by the Catholic Church as an apostle and defender of the Eucharist. The Eucharist, or communion sacrament, is the pinnacle of every Catholic mass and commemoration of the last supper of Jesus Christ. By eating and drinking the consecrated bread and wine, the faithful are united with God in holy communion. For centuries, the communion music for Mass for Christmas Day was sung to text from Psalm 98: *All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.* This verse rings true as we celebrate the birth of Christ in De Pere, Wisconsin, 6,000 miles from where it all started in Bethlehem. Tonight’s musical offering will feature several sacred hymns of anticipation: both the Chamber Singers and String Orchestra will both perform “O Come, O Come Emmanuel.” The Wind Ensemble will perform “Gaudete,” a hymn arrangement that exemplifies the spirit of tonight’s concert through its text: *The time of grace has come—What we have wished for; songs of joy let us give back faithfully. God has become man...Now sing in brightness, let it bless the Lord.* We hope you enjoy the music and we wish you a merry Christmas!

Presidential Welcome

Dr. Laurie M. Joyner

St. Norbert College Concert Choir Men

Dr. Sarah Parks, conductor

Veni, Veni Emmanuel

9th century antiphon
arr. John Englert

St. Norbert College Bell Choir

Dr. Philip Klickman, conductor

Patapan

French carol
arr. Linda Lamb

Still, Still, Still

German carol
arr. Lloyd Larson

Carol of the Bells/God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen

Ukrainian/English carols
arr. Lloyd Larson

HYMN SING Please join ***Dr. Yi-Lan Niu (voice) and Dr. Joao Paulo Casarotti (piano) in singing***

O' Come All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him, born the King of angels;
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,
Jesus, to thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;
O 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 heaven above;
Glory to God, all 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.

St. Norbert College Chamber Singers

Dr. Sarah Parks, conductor

Mrs. Elaine Moss, accompanist

Wexford Carol

Irish carol
arr. Elaine Hagenberg

O Magnum Mysterium

Morten Lauridsen

O great mystery, and wonderful sacrament,
That animals should see the newborn Lord, lying in a manger!
Blessed is the virgin whose womb was worthy to bear
The Lord, Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

Deck the Halls

Welsh carol
arr. Dan Davison

Tom (Dong Hyeon) Lee and Elaine Moss, piano

HYMN SING

Please join us in singing

What Child is This

What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary!

Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;
Hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mary!

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, come peasant, king, to own him;
The King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high, the Virgin sings her lullaby;
Joy, joy for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary!

St. Norbert College Concert Band
Dr. Philip Klickman, conductor

Fanfare on “Adeste Fidelis”	James Colonna
Christmas Day	Gustav Holst arr. Larry Daehn
C’est Noel!	French Canadian carols arr. Andre Jutras

~ *Intermission* ~

CHRISTMAS ANGEL AWARD

Presented by Dr. Philip Klickman, Director of the Music Discipline

Established in 1999, the Christmas Angel Award is a way for the Music Department to show its appreciation to the following recipients for their support, special gifts, and unique contributions to the arts and to the cultural life of St. Norbert College.

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	2022 - Ms. Lisa Kropp

St. Norbert College String Orchestra
Dr. Taylor Giorgio, conductor

A Joyous Sleigh Ride

Anthony Susi

The Christmas Song

Mel Torme and Robert Wells
arr. James Kazik

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

9th century antiphon
arr. Brian Homes

HYMN SING

Please join us in singing
The First Noel

The first Noel, the angel 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.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

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.
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.

St. Norbert College Concert Choir
Dr. Sarah Parks, conductor
Mrs. Elaine Moss, accompanist

Concert Choir Women

Ave Maria

Anna Heinzen, flute

Vladimir Vavilov

The Snow

Edward Elgar

Dr. Taylor Giorgio and Matthew Kirkendall, violins

Concert Choir & Chamber Singers Men

Ose Shalom

John Leavitt

The One who makes peace in the heavens,
may he make peace for us and for all Israel.
And let us say Amen.

Dr. Taylor Giorgio, violin *Elizabeth Brielmaier, clarinet*
Emma Hurley, cello *Austin Kobylarczyk, bass*

Concert Choir

Christmas Pops Trio

arr. Jay Althouse

Winter Wonderland
Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas
It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year

HYMN SING

Please join us in singing
Joy to the World

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And Heaven and nature sing, And Heaven and nature sing,
And Heaven, and Heaven, and nature sing.

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

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

St. Norbert College Wind Ensemble
Dr. Philip Klickman, conductor

Gaudete (“Rejoice”)	16th century carol arr. Brian Beck
One Torch, Two Women, Three Ships and Men Rejoicing	Julie Giroux
Sleigh Ride	Leroy Anderson

HYMN SING

Please join us in singing
Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King:
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!”

Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;
With angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King.”

Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold him come, offspring of the Virgin’s womb:
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th’incarnate Deity,
Pleased with us in flesh to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King.”

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
Born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King.”

St. Norbert College Wind Ensemble and Choirs

We Wish You a Merry Christmas	arr. John Rutter/Paul Noble
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