

Christmas Candlelight Service



Irvine Memorial Chapel
at Mercersburg Academy

December 20, 2020

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*Welcome and a Merry Christmas to all! May this service fill you with the Christmas spirit,
a spirit that will last all through this season and through 2021, as well.*

This service is dedicated in loving memory of Molly Jones Mancini '79, mother of Johnny '14 and Ava '18.

***“Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights.
I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations.”***

Prelude “Andante Festivo” Jean Sibelius

“Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light” J.S. Bach

Welcome

Call to Worship adapted from Isaiah 53

* Hymn “O Come, All Ye Faithful” *Adeste Fideles*

***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!***

Refrain

***O come, let us adore Him, O come, let
us adore Him, O come, let us
adore Him, Christ the Lord!***

***Child, for us sinners poor and in the
manger, We would embrace
Thee, with love and awe; Who
would not love Thee, loving
us so dearly?***

Refrain

***Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in
exultation;
Sing all ye citizens of heaven above;
Glory to God – Glory in the highest;***

Refrain

***Yea, Lord, we greet thee, Born this
happy morning; Jesus, to thee
be all glory given;
Word of the Father, Now in flesh
appearing;***

Refrain

Prayer of Illumination

First Lesson

Isaiah 11:1-3a; 4a; 6-9

Second Lesson

Luke 1:26-35

Anthem

"Alleluia"

J.S. Bach

Alleluia
O praised be God,
All raise your voices,
Sing with thankful voices;
Thou God today hast giv'n us joy,
Hold fast to Him
And praise His name eternal.

Third Lesson

Luke 2:1-20

Anthem

"Do You Hear What I Hear?"

Harry Simeone

Said the night wind to the little lamb
Do you see what I see
(do you see what I see)
Way up in the sky little lamb
Do you see what I see
(do you see what I see)

A star, a star
Dancing in the night
With a tail as big as a kite
With a tail as big as a kite

Said the little lamb to the shepherd boy
Do you hear what I hear
(do you hear what I hear)
Ringing through the sky shepherd boy
Do you hear what I hear
(do hear what I hear)
A song, a song
High above the trees
With a voice as big as the sea
With a voice as big as the sea

Said the shepherd boy to the mighty king
Do you know what I know
(do you know what I know)
In your palace warm mighty king
Do you know what I know
(do you know what I know)

A child, a child
Shivers in the cold
Let us bring him silver and gold
Let us bring him silver and gold

*Said the king to the people everywhere
Listen to what I say
(Listen to what I say)
Pray for peace people everywhere
Listen to what I say
(listen to what I say)*

*The child, the child
Sleeping in the night
He will bring us goodness and light
He will bring us goodness and light
bring us light*

Fourth Lesson

Matthew 2:1-12

Homily

“A Dim Hope”

Rev. Whitmore

Anthem

“O Day of Peace”
Jasmine Zhu '22, soloist

C. Hubert H. Parry
Carl P. Daw

Fifth Lesson

John 1:1-5

in Greek, the language of the New Testament;
in Latin, the language of the Church;
in English, the language of the town;
and in the languages of the Academy community.

Hymn

“Silent Night”

Stille Nacht

*Silent night, holy night, All is calm, all is bright;
'Round yon 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, Heav'nly hosts sing “Hallelujah!”
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.*

*Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light,
Radiant beams from thy holy face, With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord at thy birth, Jesus, Lord at thy birth.*

Prayer for Peace at Christmastime

Hymn

“Joy to the World”

Antioch

*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 us our songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains*

*Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.*

*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,
Far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.*

*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.*

Benediction

Postlude

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

David Willcocks

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and community generosity, more than 150 families and more than
300 children will be able to celebrate Christmas this year.
If you would like to contribute to this cause, please make a check out to
“Santa's Toy Box” and send to:
Santa's Toy Box
PO Box 54
Mercersburg, PA 17236*

All the Scripture passages are being read from the New Revised Standard Version.

*Many thanks to those who have spent long hours preparing this service.
Your efforts are known by a few, appreciated by all!*

READERS

Dan Zagorii '23, Kiev, Ukraine
Elle Kick '21, Chambersburg, Pennsylvania
Stanley Fang '21, Quarry Bay, Hong Kong
Folake Okunsanya '22, Lagos, Nigeria
Paula Ante Wright '22, Guayas, Ecuador

READERS OF THE FINAL LESSON

Greek: Amelia Page '21, Alexandria, Virginia
Latin: Jay Howley '21, Mercersburg, Pennsylvania
English: Susan Simar, P '86, '90, '91, Retired Admission Receptionist

AND IN THE LANGUAGES OF THE ACADEMY COMMUNITY

*American Sign Language: Mel Cort '23; Cantonese: Stanley Fang '21; Czech: James Applebaum, Natalie
Kochova '22; English: Mia Ingram '21; German: Nick Ahrweiler '23, Will Willis, Kaitlyn Dowling '23;
Japanese: Barry Sato '23; Korean: Jiwon Hyung '23, Minsoo Jung '21; Mandarin: Jasmine Zhu '22;
Portuguese: Eduardo Magalhães; Russian: Elisabeth Antonova '22, Dan Zagorii '23; Spanish: Bella*

Baquerizo Cobo '21, Andrea Garza Gutierrez '22, Paula Ante Wright '22; *Swedish*: Linden Amster '23;
Yoruba: Folake Okunsanya '22; *Vietnamese*: Thach Anh Nguyen '24

The Mercersburg String Ensemble
Michael Cameron, Director

First Violin

Priscilla Lee '23, Concertmistress
Davis Noone '23

Second Violin

* Margaret Lawler '23
Logan Butts '23

Viola

* Jiwon Hyung '23
Kaori Graham-Myrie '24
Ethan Xin '23
Andrew Leibowitz '24

Cellos

* Justin An '23
Crystal Yuen '24
Joa Lee '23
Kalwa Tembo '23
Corbin Kelly '24
Dylan Stiffler '24

* - Denotes Principal

Flute Quartet

James Brinson, Director

Norah Copenhaver '24
Felix Kreis '24
Saskia Mentor '21
Isabella Van Ess '22

The Mercersburg Chorale

Bryan Morgan '07, Director

Nicholas Barnes '22
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Carina Cole '22
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Kaitlyn Dowling '23
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William Hollis '24

Chih-Ying Huang '22
Osasogie Iyoha '22
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Langley Owen '24
Meagan Owens '22
Destiny Rodney '22

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