

Sacred Heart's Schola Cantorum
Donald Kendrick, Conductor

The background of the entire page is a night scene. At the top, a large, bright, multi-pointed star shines against a dark blue sky filled with smaller stars. Below the star, a dark wooden nativity scene is illuminated from within, showing a figure in a blue robe kneeling over a manger. In the background, a town with white buildings and lit windows is visible under a dark sky, with a palm tree on the right side.

FROM HEAVEN ON HIGH

Celebrating Schola's 25th Anniversary

Ryan Enright, Accompanist
Cindy Behmer, Oboe - Beverly Wesner-Hoehn, Harp

Narrators
John McIntyre - Megan Scroggins - Steven Strömngren

December 17/18, 2016 - Sacred Heart Church, Sacramento

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In Dulci Jubilo	J. S. Bach BWV 729

TEXT AND TRANSLATIONS

O Magnum Mysterium

O Magnum Mysterium et admirabile sacramentum, ut animalia viderent Dominum natum. Jacentem in praesepe. O Magnum Mysterium.

O Great Mystery and wonderful sacrament
That animals should see the newborn Lord, lying in a manger.

Creator of the Stars of Night

Creator of the stars of night, Thy people's everlasting light,
Jesus, Redeemer of us all, hear thou Thy servants when they call.

Thou sorrowing at the helpless cry of all creation doomed to die,
Didst save our lost and guilty race by healing gifts of heav'nly grace.

When earth was near its evening hour,
Thou didst in love's redeeming power,
Like bridegroom from his chamber come
Forth from a maiden mother's womb.

At thy great name exalted now, all knees in lowly homage bow.
All things in heav'n and earth adore, and own thee King for evermore.

To Thee, O holy one we pray, our judge in that tremendous day,
Ward off, while yet we dwell below, the weapons of our crafty foe.

To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit three in one,
Praise, honour, might and glory be, from age to age eternally.

The Holly and the Ivy

The holly and the ivy, when they are both full grown, of all the trees that
are in the wood, the holly bears the crown.

The rising of the sun and the running of the deer, the playing of the
merry organ, sweet singing in the choir.

The holly bears a blossom, as white as the lily flower, and Mary bore
sweet Jesus Christ, to be our sweet Savior. The rising of the sun...

The holly bears a berry as red as any blood, and Mary bore sweet Jesus
Christ to do poor sinners good. The rising of the sun....

The holly bears a prickle, as sharp as any thorn, and Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ on Christmas Day in the morn.

The holly bears a bark, as bitter as any gall, and Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ for to redeem us all. The rising of the sun and the running of the deer, the playing of the merry organ, sweet singing in the choir.

This Endris Night

This endris night I saw a sight, a star as bright as day;
And ever 'mong, a maiden sung, "lullay, by by, lullay."
This lovely lady sat and sung, and to her child did say:
"My son, my brother, father, dear, why liest thou in hay?"
The child then spake in his talking and to his mother said:
"Yea, I am known as heaven-king, in crib though I be laid."

"Now sweet son, since thou art king, why art thou laid in stall?
Then why does not order thy bedding in some great kinges hall?"
"Mary mother, I am thy child, though I be laid in stall; for lords and dukes
shall worship me, and so shall kinges all."
"And in thy arm thou hold me warm, and keep me night and day,
And if I weep and may not sleep, Thou sing, by by, lullay."

Wonder Tiding

What tidings bringest thou, messenger, of Christes birth this jolly day?
A babe is born of high nature. The Prince of peace that ever shall be;
Of heaven and earth he hath the cure; his Lordship is eternity;
Such wonder tidings ye may hear, that man is made now Godes peer,
Whom a sin had made but fiendes prey.

What tidings bringest thou, messenger, of Christes birth this jolly day?
A babe is born, the Prince of peace, a wonder thing is now befall;
Of heaven and earth, that King that formed star and sun, heaven and
earth and Angels all, now in mankind is new begun;
Such wonder tidings ye may here, an infant now of but one year,
That has been ever and shall be ay.

What tidings bringest thou, messenger, of Christes birth this jolly day?
That loveliest gan greet her child, "Hail, son! Hail, brother! Hail, father
dear! Hail, daughter! Hail, sister! Hail, mother mild!"
This hailing was of quaint manner; such wonder tidings ye may hear,
that hailing was of such good cheer. That mannes pain is turned to play.
A babe is born, alleluia, a babe is born!

Carol of the Bells

Hark! How the bells, sweet silver bells, all seem to say,
'Throw cares away.' Christmas is here bringing good cheer to young
and old, meek and the bold. Ding, dong, ding, dong, that is their song,
with joyful ring all caroling.

One seems to hear words of good cheer from everywhere, filling the air.
Oh, how they pound, raising the sound, O'er hill and dale, telling their
tale. Gaily they ring while people sing songs of good cheer, Christmas
is here! Merry Christmas! On, on they send, on without end, their joyful
tone to every home.

Wexford Carol

Good people all, this Christmastime, consider well and bear in mind
What our good God for us has done, in sending His beloved Son.
With Mary humbly we should pray to God with love this Christmas day.
In Bethlehem upon that morn there was a blessed Messiah born.

Near Bethlehem did shepherds keep their flocks of lambs and feeding
sheep; to whom God's angel did appear, which put the shepherds in
great fear. "Prepare and go," the angel said, "to Bethlehem.
Be not afraid; for there you'll find, this happy morn, a princely babe,
sweet Jesus born."

With thankful heart and joyful mind, the Shepherds went the babe to
find, and as God's angels had foretold they did our Saviour Christ
behold. Within a manger he was laid, and by his side the virgin maid,
Attending on the Lord of life who came on earth to end all strife.
Good people all, this Christmastime, consider well and bear in mind
what our good God for us has done, in sending His beloved Son.

Ding Dong! Merrily on High

Ding dong! Merrily on high, in heaven the bells are ringing!
Ding dong! Verily the sky is riven with angel singing!
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

E'en so; here below let steeple bells be swungen,
And i-o, i-o, i-o by priest and people sungen.
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

Pray you, dutifully prime your matin chime, ye ringers; may you
beautifully rime your evetime song, ye singers.
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

A Boy Was Born

A Boy was born in Bethlehem: rejoice for that, Jerusalem. Alleluia.
He let himself a servant, that all mankind he might set free, alleluia.
Then praise the Word of God who came to dwell within a human frame.

Jesus Christ the Apple Tree

The tree of life my soul hath seen, laden with fruit, and always green;
The trees of nature fruitless be compared with Christ the apple tree.
His beauty doth all things excel; by faith I know, but ne'er can tell the
glory which I now can see in Jesus Christ the apple tree.

For happiness I long have sought, and pleasure dearly I have bought;
I missed of all but now I see 'tis found in Christ the apple tree.

I'm weary with my former toil, here I will sit and rest awhile;
Under the shadow I will be, of Jesus Christ the apple tree.

This fruit doth make my soul to thrive; it keeps my dying faith alive;
which makes my soul in haste to be with Jesus Christ the apple tree.

Gaude et laetare

*Gaude et laetare, exultatio angelorum. Gaude, Domini virgo.
Prophetarum gaudium. Gaudeas benedicta, dominus tecum est.
Gaude quae per angelum gaudium mundi suscepisti gaudi,
Quae genuisti factorem et Dominum gaudeas,
Quia digna es esse mater Christi.*

Rejoice and be glad, the joy of Angels. O Virgin of the Lord.
The joy of prophets. O blessed joy, the Lord is with thee!
Rejoice, joy of the Angels of the world,
By the things which thou hast received.
Rejoice, you who gave birth to our Maker, and Lord,
Rejoice that thou wast worthy to be the Mother of Christ.

*** 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.

Refrain: O come let us adore him, o come let us adore Him, o
come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord (continued)

See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle,
Leaving their flocks, draw night with lowly fear.
We to will thither, bend our joyful footsteps. *Refrain (Next page)*

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation.
Sing all ye citizens of heaven above.
Glory to God in the highest. *Refrain*

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning,
Jesus to Thee be glory given.
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing. *Refrain*

Gabriel's Message

The Angel Gabriel from heaven came, his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame. "All hail," said he, "thou lowly maiden Mary, most highly favour'd lady," *Gloria!*

"For known a blessed Mother thou shalt be, all generations laud and honour thee. Thy son shall be Emmanuel by seers foretold, Most highly favour'd lady," *Gloria!*

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head, "To me be as it pleaseth God," she said. "My soul shall laud and magnify his Holy Name." Most highly favour'd lady, *Gloria!*

Of her Emmanuel, the Christ, was born in Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn. And Christian folk throughout the world will ever say: Most highly favour'd lady, *Gloria!*

The Huron Carol

'Twas in the moon of wintertime, when all the birds had fled, that mighty Gitchi Manitou sent angel choirs instead; before their light the stars grew dim, and wond'ring hunters heard the hymn:

"Jesus, your King is born, Jesus is born: *In excelsis gloria!*"

Within a lodge of broken bark the tender Babe was found, a ragged robe of rabbit skin enwrapped His beauty 'round; but as the hunter braves drew nigh, the angel song rang loud and high: "Jesus, your King is born, Jesus is born: *In excelsis gloria!*"

O children of the forest free, O sons of Manitou, the Holy Child of earth and heav'n is born today for you. Come kneel before the radiant Boy,

Who brings you beauty, peace, and joy. "Jesus, your King is born,
Jesus is born: *In excelsis gloria!*"

Rejoice and Sing!

Rejoice and sing! Glad news I bring on Christmas day in the morning.
I saw three ships come sailing in, on Christmas day in the morning.

Refrain: Rejoice and sing Nowell, nowell! Earth's day of gladness is
dawning, for Christ is born in Bethlehem, on Christmas day in the
morning.

And what was in no ships all three on Christmas day in the morning?
Our Savior Christ and his lady, on Christmas day in the morning.
Refrain.

Pray, whither failed those ships all three, on Christmas day in the
morning? O, they sailed into Bethlehem, on Christmas day in the
morning. Refrain.

And all the bells on earth shall ring, on Christmas day in the morning.
And all the angel host shall sing, on Christmas day in the morning. And
all the souls on earth shall sing, on Christmas day in the morning. Then
let us all rejoice Amain, on Christmas day in the morning. Refrain

*** God Rest You Merry Gentlemen**

God rest you merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay,
For Jesus Christ our Saviour was born upon this day,
To save us all from Satan's power when we were gone astray.
*REFRAIN: O tidings of comfort and joy, and joy, O tidings of
comfort and joy.*

From God our heav'nly Father a blessed angel came,
And unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same,
How that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name:
REFRAIN

But when to Bethlehem they came, whereat this infant lay,
They found him in a manger, where oxen feed on hay;
His mother Mary kneeling, unto the Lord did pray: *REFRAIN*
(Continued)

Now to the Lord sing praises, all you within this place,
And with true love and brotherhood each other now embrace;
This holy tide of Christmas all others doth deface. *REFRAIN*

In the Bleak Midwinter

In the bleak midwinter frosty wind made moan, earth stood hard as iron,
Water like a stone; snow had fallen, snow on snow, in the bleak mid-
winter long ago.

Our God, heaven cannot hold him nor earth sustain; Heaven and earth
shall flee away, when he comes to reign:
In the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed the Lord God Almighty,
Jesus Christ.

Enough for him, whom cherubim worship night and day, a breastful of
milk and a manger full of hay; enough for him whom angels fall down
before, the ox and ass and camel which adore.

What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a
lamb. If I were a wise man, I would do my part, yet what I can I give
him, give my heart.

Still, Still, Still

Still, still, still, one can hear the falling snow. For all is hushed, the world
is sleeping, Holy Star, its vigil keeping. Still, still, still, one can hear the
falling snow.

Sleep, sleep, sleep, 'tis the eve of our Savior's birth. The night is
peaceful all around you, close your eyes, let sleep surround you. Sleep,
sleep, sleep, 'tis the eve of our Savior's birth.

Dream, dream, dream of the joyous day to come. While guardian
angels, without number watch you as you sweetly slumber. Dream,
dream, dream of the joyous day to come.

Resonet in Laudibus

*Resonet in laudibus cum jucundis plausibus, Sion cum fidelibus,
apparuit quem genuit Maria. Christus natus hodie, ex Maria Virgine,
sine virili semine apparuit quem genuit Maria.*

Let voices resound in praise and with psalms of joy:
Zion with the faithful: He is come, the child of Mary.
Christ is born today of the Virgin Mary, without man's seed.
He is come the child of Mary. Today is born Emmanuel;
He comes to dwell in Israel; Gabriel to Mary came that name to tell.

In the manger sleeps the infant Savior. Today is born Emmanuel in Israel; Mary's babe, the Savior, our Emmanuel!

Lully, Lulla, Lullay

Lully, Lulla, Lullay by, by. O sisters too how may we do for to preserve this day? This poor youngling for whom we saying by, by, lully, lullay.

Herod the king, in his raging, charged he hath this day, his men of might in his own sight all young children to slay.

That woe is me, poor Child for Thee, and ever morn and day. For thy parting neither say nor sing, by, by, lully, lullay.

Silent Night

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.

Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight; glories stream from heaven afar, heav'nly hosts sing: "Alleluia! Christ the Saviour 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!

We Wish You a Merry Christmas

We wish you a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

For we all like figgy pudding so bring some out here.

Good tidings we bring to you and your kin; we wish you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

And we won't go till we've got some, so bring some out here.

Good tidings we bring to you and your kin; we wish you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Noe. Noe

Noe, Noe. Resonet in laudibus cum jucundis plausibus, Sion cum fidelibus, apparuit quem genuit Maria. Christus natus hodie, ex Maria Virgine, sine virili semine apparuit quem genuit Maria.

Parvulus filius hodie natus est nobis, Salvator mundi. Cantemus et exultemus et laetermur in eo dicentes.

Let Zion resound in praises and with joyful acclaim, together with the faithful, he whom Mary bore has appeared.

A tiny son has been born for us today, the Savior of the world. Let us sing, rejoice, and be glad in him, saying: Glory to God in the highest.

SCHOLA PERSONNEL

Soprano

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Katie, Chaffee
Alicia McNeil
Rani Pettis
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Megan Scroggins
Brooks Rollins
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ABOUT SCHOLA CANTORUM

Celebrating 25 Years of Musical Excellence

Schola Cantorum is the adult mixed choir at Sacred Heart Church in Sacramento. The ensemble, established in 1992, sings each Sunday under the direction of Donald Kendrick and helps lead the 11:00 AM liturgy and special feasts throughout the liturgical year.

The choir has appeared as featured artists in the Western Division Conference of the American Guild of Organists. In 2005 Schola performed as national representatives for Excellence in Church Music at the American Choral Directors Association (ACDA) National Convention. In 2007 Schola performed at a Papal Audience for Pope Benedict at the Vatican. In June 2013, Schola accepted an invitation from the Vatican to return to sing in Rome on the Great Altar of St. Peter's to celebrate the Papal Choir's 500th anniversary.

Schola has been heard on tours and broadcasts across the United States, Canada, Spain, England, Italy and Austria.

Beverly Wesner-Hoehn - Harp

Beverly Wesner-Hoehn, holds a Bachelor of Music degree from Pacific Union College, the Masters of Music degree from University of Southern California, and the Doctorate of Musical Arts, with High Distinction, from Indiana University in Bloomington, where she was later appointed Assistant Professor of Music for many years.

During her college years, Beverly studied harp at the Conservatoire Royale de la Musique in Belgium and won a Prix in Performance while on an ambassadorial scholarship program from Rotary International. She teaches harp as a faculty member at CSU, Sacramento.

Regular concerts include the Modesto Symphony, California Music Theatre, Music in the Mountains Festival Orchestra, Sacramento Philharmonic, Auburn and Stockton Symphonies, Sacramento Choral Society Orchestra, and special events at UC Davis/Mondavi Center. Dr. Bev's favorite key signature is D-flat Major.

Cindy Behmer - Oboe

Oboist and English hornist, Dr. Cindy Behmer, recently relocated to Sacramento, California after living in Arizona and serving as a member of the Tucson Symphony Orchestra for several years. While residing in Tucson, Dr. Behmer completed her Doctor of Musical Arts degree at the University of Arizona with Dr. Neil Tatman in 2011.

Dr. Behmer's International musical highlights include a ten-day tour of China with the Southern Arizona Symphony Orchestra in December, 2009 which included 6 concerts in top-rated venues. And, she was also invited to give a lecture-recital at the 2011 College Music Society International Conference held in Seoul, South Korea.

Since relocating back to the Sacramento area to be closer to family, Dr. Behmer has performed with the Reno Philharmonic, the Sacramento Choral Society and Orchestra, the Music in the Mountains Festival Orchestra, and Camerata Capistrano. In addition to working as a freelance musician and private oboe instructor, she is raising her 4 year-old baby with her husband of 13 years.

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Ryan Enright, Organist

Ryan Enright, a native of Montréal, Canada, received his Bachelor's, Master's degree and Artist Diploma in Organ Performance Solo from McGill University and he later received the Doctor of Musical Arts in organ performance from the Eastman School of Music. He currently organist at St. John's Lutheran in Sacramento and serves as the accompanist for the Sacramento Choral Society & Orchestra.

Ryan has played organ recitals in Canada and the United States and participated in master classes and academies in Europe. In California, he has performed at St. Mary's Cathedral, Grace Cathedral in San Francisco, at St Mark's Episcopal Church in Berkeley, in the Stanford University Memorial Chapel and and at the Cathedral of Christ the Light, Oakland.

In the summers of 2013 and 2015 Enright accompanied the Sacramento Choral Society & Orchestra on its tours of Italy, France and England, playing various organs from St. Martin's Cathedral, Lucca and St. Peter's, Rome to the choir organ of Notre Dame and the grand organ of the Abbaye Saint-Martin de Mondaye, Normandy.

Enright took first prizes at the Canadian Music Competition (1997), Quebec Organ Competition (2004), and National Organ Playing Competition of the Royal Canadian College of Organists Competition, Kotka Competition (Finland), and 200 Canadian International Organ Competition in Montreal, where he was one of 16 international finalists.

Donald Kendrick is organist and Director of Music at Sacred Heart Church where he conducts Schola Cantorum and Vox Nova. In 1993, he established the Sacramento Children's Chorus with his graduate student Lynn Stevens. Dr. Kendrick coordinates the High School Real Men Sing and Women's Festivals and serves as the Choral Representative for the California Music Educators Association Capitol Section Honor Choirs.

Kendrick is also Director of Choral Activities at Sacramento State University where he conducts the Men's Chorus, the Women's Chorus and the University Chorus. He also directs the Graduate Degree Program in Choral Conducting that he initiated in 1986. His Sacramento State Choirs have performed in Europe, the United States and Canada, where they appeared on an international telecast at the invitation of the Prime Minister of Canada. In May 2004, he received the Sacramento State School of the Arts Outstanding Community Service Award for his work in linking the community to the University. Dr. Kendrick was recently named Outstanding Teacher of the Year by the Capitol Section of the California Music Educators Association (CMEA).



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