

# Light

## The Genesee Chorale

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St. James Episcopal Church, Batavia

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7:00 PM

### FROM DARKNESS COMES LIGHT

**LET THERE BE LIGHT**

**Boersma/Courtney**

**LUX AURUMQUE**

**Esch/Whitacre**

*Light,  
warm and heavy as pure gold  
and the angels sing softly  
to the new-born baby.*

*Lux,  
calida gravisque pura velut aurum  
et canunt angeli molliter  
modo natum.*

### HEAVENLY LIGHT

**SONG TO THE MOON**

**Kvapil/Stroope**

*Fran Woodworth, Flute*

*Audrey Yu, Oboe*

La Luna  
Your light sees through endless time,  
Tell, o tell me where my love lies.

O moon e'er you pass, Wake my dreaming lover,  
I am waiting, I am calling,  
Tell him come, Tell him, O moon.

Tell him. Light his place.  
Ah, moon help him,  
help him remember and dream of me,  
Tell him who is waiting, who is longing!

I am waiting, longing!  
Tell him come, Tell him, O moon.

Help to remember our laughter and tears,  
Mem'ries of summer nights.  
Help him remember our triumphs and tears,  
May this remembrance waken him!  
Tell that I am holding firm for at least a while.  
Tell him, moon.

Moon, o moon don't disappear,  
O moon, silver moon,  
O moon, silver moon in the deep, dark sky,  
Your light sees through endless time,  
Tell, o tell me where my love lies.

Tell him come!  
Tell him, O moon.

## **THE ANGELS**

**Rilke/Porter**

The angels.  
With weary mouths from ever singing  
And shining souls devoid of seam,  
Their very essence seems to linger  
Between reality and dream.

So alike yet everyone unique, one from another.  
In Eden's garden, silently,  
the infinite interval of majesty and melody.

And when their wings are full extended,  
Are they the wakers of the tended,  
As if the secret book of all the ages,  
By artist hands, had turned the pages to begin,  
And begin, again.

# THE LIGHT OF CHRISTMAS

## O HOLY NIGHT

Clappeau/Clausen

1<sup>st</sup> Verse (Chorale alone)

Refrain (all sing):

Fall on your knees, O hear the angel voices!  
O night divine, O night when Christ was born.  
O night, O holy night,  
O night divine.

2<sup>nd</sup> Verse (Chorale alone)

Refrain (all sing):

Fall on your knees, O hear the angel voices!  
O night divine, O night when Christ was born.  
O night, divine, O night,  
O night divine.

## RISE UP!

Arr. Hill

*Candles will be lit. Please ONLY tip the unlit candle.*

## AWAY IN A MANGER

Kirkpatrick/Gjeilo

*Karen Jones, soloist*

## THE FIRST NOEL

arr. Forrest

Verse 1 (Chorale alone)

Refrain (all sing):

Noel, Noel  
Noel, Noel  
Born is the King of Israel

Verse 2: (Chorale alone)

Refrain (all sing):

Noel, Noel

Noel, Noel

Born is the King of Israel

Verse 3 (all sing):

Then let us all with one accord

Sing praises to our heav'nly Lord,

That hath made heav'n and earth of naught,

And with His blood mankind hath bought.

Refrain (Chorale alone)

*Please extinguish candles*

~ INTERMISSION ~

**O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL**

arr. Forrest

Verse 1 (Chorale alone)

Verse 2 (Chorale alone)

Verse 3 (all sing):

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning,

Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n!

Word of the Father, Now in flesh appearing!

**SURE ON THIS SHINING NIGHT**

Agee/Lauridsen

Sure on this shining night of starmade shadows round,

Kindness must watch for me this side the ground,

On this shining night.

The late year lies down the north.

All is healed, all is health.

High summer holds the earth. Hearts all whole.

I weep for wonder wand'ring far alone

Of shadows on the stars.

LIGHT AS HOPE

**BALLADE TO THE MOON**

**Elder**

On moonlit night I wander free,  
My mind to roam on thoughts of thee.  
With midnight darkness beckoning my heart;  
My heart t'ward mystic fantasy;  
Come and dream, Come and dream in me!

How beautiful, this night in June!  
And here upon the velvet dune,  
I weep with joy beneath the moon.

The path lies dark before my sight,  
And yet my feet with pure delight  
Trode onward through the blackened vale,  
Beneath the starry sky so bright.  
O share, O share they light!

These woods, their weary wand'rer soon  
in awe and fearful wonder swoon;  
I weep with joy beneath the moon.

And as the darkened hours flee,  
My heart beats ever rapidly.  
Though heavy hang my eyes with sleep,  
My soul, my singing soul it cries to thee,  
Come sing with me!  
Come and sing, come and sing with me!

The twinkling sky casts forth its tune:  
O must I leave thy charms so soon?  
I weep with joy beneath the moon.

*Janine Fagnan, soloist*

**LEAD, KINDLY LIGHT**

**Newman/Bickerstith/Forrest**

Lead, kindly Light.

Amid th'encircling gloom, lead Thou me on!  
The night is dark, and I am far from home;  
Keep Thou my feet;  
I do not ask to see the distant scene;  
One step enough for me.

The night is dark, I do not ask to see.

So long Thy pow'r hath blest me,  
Sure it still will lead me on  
O'er moor and fen, o'er crag and torrent,  
Till the night is gone,

And with the morn, those angel faces smile,  
Which I have loved long since,  
And lost awhile.

Meanwhile, along the narrow rugged path,  
Thyself hath trod, Lead me home in childlike faith,  
Home to my God.

To rest forever,  
After earthly strife  
In calm Light, of everlasting Life.

**PROMISE**

**Boersma/Courtney**

New branches dripping in gossamer green,  
Skies, low and sodden with rain.  
Warm earth that pulses with newness of life,  
Whisper the promise of spring.

Snowcaps melt slowly from high mountain peaks,  
changing to rivers and streams.  
Rivers find ocean at long journey's end,  
Rise in a fine mist of dreams.

Shadows of night swiftly pass, unveiling the sun;  
light of the promise that beats in a heart of love.

Crimson horizon where water meets sky,  
fiery sun slips away.  
Gone for awhile in the dark ocean deep,  
leaving the promise of day.

Shadows of night swiftly pass, unveiling the sun;  
light of the promise that beats in a heart of love.

**LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH**

**arr. Courtney**

*Soloists:*

*Merry Lou Holley, Mark Christensen, Rachel Chrostowski, & Amy Perl*

Verse 1 (Chorale alone)

Verse 2 (all sing):

Let peace begin with me;  
let this be the moment now.  
With every step I take,  
let this be my solemn vow;  
To take each moment and live each moment  
In peace eternally.  
Let there be peace on earth  
And let it begin with me.

Verse 3 (all sing):

Let there be peace on earth  
And let it begin with me;  
Let there be peace on earth,  
The peace that was meant to be.

With God our creator,  
Children all are we.  
Let us walk with each other  
In perfect harmony.

Verse 4 (all sing):

Let peace begin with me,  
let this be the moment now.  
With every step I take,  
Let this be my solemn vow;  
To take each moment and live each moment  
In peace eternally.  
Let there be peace on earth  
And let it begin with me.

## *With Gratitude*

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