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THE SOUNDS OF CHRISTMAS

with the Montgomery Christian Youth Choir

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA
DECEMBER 10, 2023

6:00 P.M.

CONCLUDING THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP AT 6:00 P.M.

The Sounds of Christmas

PRESENTED BY

THE MONTGOMERY CHRISTIAN YOUTH CHOIR



The Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Kurt Cooper, *Assistant Minister*

The Prelude

In The Bleak Midwinter
Burgandy Huntzinger, *harp*

Gustav Holst

The Chiming of the Hour

† The Call to Worship – Zechariah 9:9, 10, 17 (*congregation reads bold type*)

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

Behold, your King comes to you;

Righteous and having salvation is He.

His rule shall be from sea to sea,

and from the river to the ends of the earth.

**How great is His goodness,
and how great His beauty.**

† The Hymn No. 163

In The Bleak Midwinter

CRANHAM

† Evening Prayer

† *Congregation, please stand as able*

The Anthem ***Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus*** J. S. Bach
Kimberly Steen, *flute*

Come, Thou long-expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art,
dear desire of every nation, joy of every loving heart.

The Poem ***Who Are You, That You Love Us So Much?*** Ephraim the Syrian
Stephen Spooner, *reader* c. 306-373 AD

The Harp Interlude ***Silent Night*** Franz Gruber

The Anthem ***This Joy!*** Bob Chilcott

This joy is a new joy, the wondrous birth of a Baby Boy.
Be glad, it is for us He came, sing out, Jesus is His name!
This birth is a new birth, that will bring us peace on earth.
Be glad, it is for us He came, sing out, Jesus is His name!
This light in its majesty shines for all the world to see,
a light of love and giving, a light for all the living.
This love is a new love, sent to us from Heaven above.

Be glad, for the hope that springs, sing out for the joy it brings, sing out this joy!

The Poem ***Christmas Carol*** Paul Laurence Dunbar
Kaelyn Steen, *reader* 1872-1906

The Harp Interlude ***Mary, Did You Know?*** Mark Lowry and Buddy Greene

The Anthem ***The Word Was God*** Rosephanye Powell

In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
The same was in the beginning with God.
By Him all things were made that have been made.
Nothing was made He has not made.
In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

The Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Cooper

† The Scripture Reading

John 1:1-5

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made through Him, and without Him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴ In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

The Homily

HOW TO SAVE A LIFE

Rev. Cooper

John 1:1-5

The Anthem

Pietà

Joseph Martin

In the shadow of a manger, by a candle's dancing flame,
tender Mary holds her baby, and she breathes His holy name.

“Jesus, rest Your weary head, close Your weeping eyes.”

As evening falls, she starts to sing a lullaby,

“Lulay, lulay, peace be Yours tonight.”

In the shadow of the temple, in a place so far from home,
Mary sees her child of wonder, and she marvel's how He's grown.

“Jesus, rest Your weary head, and think on gentle things.”

With loving arms she holds her Savior and she sings,

“Lulay, lulay, peace be Yours tonight.”

In the shadow of Golgotha, underneath a darkened sky,
Mary gently cradles Jesus. Through her tears she says goodbye.

“Jesus, rest Your weary head. Your work on earth is done.”

And as the darkness falls, she whispers to her Son,

“Lulay, lulay, peace be Yours tonight.”

† The Hymn No. 166

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

W ZLOBIE LEZY

† The Benediction

† The Postlude

In dulci jubilo

J. S. Bach



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