

THE FEAST OF LIGHTS VIGIL

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Sunday, November 11th, 2012 - 7:30pm
Memorial Chapel

The Feast of Lights Vigil

As we gather for this vigil, let us remember those in our community who need our prayers and best wishes.

Culminating a month of spiritual and musical preparation, tonight's Vigil celebration, introduced in 1974, serves as a prelude to The Feast of Lights, a nationally recognized Christmas celebration presented by the University of Redlands' School of Music.

Underscored by choral meditations and acclamations, the Candle Lighting Ceremony proclaims through scripture and ancient text the coming of the Messiah. Illuminating Memorial Chapel until the concluding performance of "Silent Night" at the final Feast of Lights presentation, a single lighted candle serves as a constant reminder of the significance of the events that mark the season.

An annual tradition began in 2009 in which the public brings donations of non-perishable food items to the Feast of Lights. The food is collected by the Family Service Association of Redlands and distributed to low-income and homeless families in the community.

The Feast of Lights will run November 30, December 1st, and 3rd, at 8:00pm, and December 2nd at 4:00pm. Ticket prices are \$25, \$15 for seniors (65+) and 10\$ for students. Tickets can be purchased on line www.redlands.edu/feastofflights by phone (909) 748-8116 or at the Ticketing Office of Campus Events.

Congregational Hymn

On Jordan's Bank

trans. John Chandler (1806-1876)

1. On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry announces that the Lord is nigh;
Awake and hearken, for He brings glad tidings of the King of kings.
2. Then cleansed be every breast from sin; make straight the way of God within;
And let each heart prepare a home where such a mighty guest may come.
3. For thou art our salvation, Lord, our refuge and our great reward;
Without Thy grace, we waste away, like flowers that wither and decay.
4. To heal the sick, stretch out Thine hand, and bid the fallen sinner stand;
Shine forth and let Thy light restore earth's own true loveliness once more.
5. All praise, eternal Son, to thee, whose advent doth Thy people free.
Whom, with the Father we adore, and Holy Ghost forevermore.

Ceremony of Candle Lighting

As part of this rite, the Feast Vigil Candle is lighted. It will remain lighted through the last presentation of the Feast of Lights as a constant symbol of the focus of the choirs' musical and spiritual preparation for this offering.

Anthem

Adoramus Te

R. Townsend (b.1957)

We adore you, O Christ and we bless you,
Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.
Lord, you who have suffered for us. Lord, have mercy on us.

Chapel Singers

Blessing

Rev. John T. Walsh

Collect

Minister: The Lord be with you

Congregation: And with thy spirit

Minister: Let us pray

**All: O God, who art Holy and Wonderful and Mighty,
whose power and wisdom have no end, before whom
all things bow; grant us to love Thee and worship Thee
forever and ever. Guide us unto the perfect light, that
illumined by its radiance, all darkness may flee away
let the holy flame of Thy love so burn in our hearts,
that we, being made pure and holy, may see and know
and received thee, the King of Kings, our Lord and God
Amen.**

St. Augustine

Old Testament Lesson

The Prophecy of Isaiah

Isaiah 40: 1-2a, 3-5, 10-11a; 49:13

Anthem

Lo How a Rose E're Blooming

J. Edmond Hughes (b. 1957)

Lo how a rose e're blooming from tender stem hath sprung
Of Jesse's lineage coming as men of old have sung.
It came a flowret bright amid the cold of winter when half spent was the night.

Of the Father's love begotten ere the world began to be
He is alpha and omega He the source, the ending He.
Of the things that are that have been and the future years shall be
Evermore and evermore.

Madrigal Singers

Homily

Rev. John T. Walsh, M. Div., M.Th. Omer E. Robbins Chaplain to the University

Opening Voluntary

Meditation on *Veni Emmanuel*

Sir E. Bairstow (1874-1946)

Frederick Swann, organ

Introit

Prayer for Peace

E. Daley (b. 1955)

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace;
where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy.

O divine master, Grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood, as to understand, to be loved as to love;
for it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Grant us peace.

Chapel Singers and Madrigal Singers

Congregational Hymn

O Come, O come, Emmanuel

trans. John Mason Neale (1818-1866)

1. O come, o come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lowly exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!
2. O come, o come, Thou Lord of might, Who to Thy tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times didst give the law in cloud and majesty and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!
4. O come, Thou Rod of Jesse free, Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell Thy people save, and give them victory o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!
5. O Come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by Thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

Anthem

Noel We Sing

arr. R. DeCormier (1694-1772)

Angels of the Lord they came from the heavens singing,
Called the shepherds forth by name while the bells were ringing.
Told the shepherds where they lay, Jesus Christ was born today.
Noel we sing, Christ is born a King.

Leave your ewes and leave your rams, leave the watch you're keeping,
Leave your sheep and leave your lambs on the hillside sleeping,
Rise up, shepherd, follow me to the manger lowly.
Noel we sing, Christ is born a King.

To the manger, straight they came, there they knelt before Him,
Singing praises to His name, thus they did adore Him.
Echoing their sweet Amen, Christ is born in Bethlehem, Amen.
Noel we sing, Christ is born a King.

Trumpets sound and angels sing, join in celebration,
To us all good tidings bring of a new creation.
For today a Child is born, Jesus son of Mary,
Noel we sing, Christ is born a King!

Feast of Lights Choir

Opening Sentences:

Leader: The hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him.

People: **May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.**

Leader: O Lord, send out your light and your truth, that they may lead us, and bring us to your holy hills and to your dwelling.

People: **Give thanks to the Lord, and call upon His name; make known His deeds among the peoples.**

Anthem

Mariúkvæði

P. Sigurbjörnsson (b.1938)

Mary the virgin brightest, your memory and honour deserving our praises,
exultations, reverence, such a brilliant sunbeam.
You were one so holy, pure, wreathed in highest honour.

Blessed among mankind, mistress of all the angels,
gave birth to our saviour fair jewel of the heavens; glory of the saints.
You are a rose in judgement mild, helper of the wretched.

Mary the shining mother, flowering maidens' glory,
most acclaim shall gather glorious mother, queen of all women.
You found grace across land and sea, living rose of our Lord.

Chapel Singers

Ascription of Praise

Leader: Glorify the Lord, all you works of the Lord;

People: Praise Him and highly exalt Him forever.

Leader: In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord;

People: Praise Him and highly exalt Him forever.

Leader: Sing for joy, O heavens and exult, O earth;

People: Break forth, O mountains, into singing.

Congregational Hymn

Come, thou long-expected Jesus

Rowland Hugh Pritchard (1812-1887)

1. 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.
2. Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art,
Dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.
3. Born Thy people to deliver; born a child and yet a king;
Born to reign in us forever; now thy gracious kingdom bring.
4. By Thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all sufficient merit raise us to they glories throne.

Bless the Lord, O My Soul

M. Ippolitov-Ivanov (1859-1935)

Bless the Lord, O my soul. Blessed art Thou, O Lord.
Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:
Who forgives all your iniquities, who heals all your diseases,
Who redeems your life from destruction,
Who crowns you with loving kindness and tender mercies.
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless His holy name.
Blessed art Thou, O Lord.

The Feast of Lights Choir

Closing Voluntary

Paean/Toccata on *Divinum Mysterium*

J. Cook (1918-1984)

Frederick Swann, organ