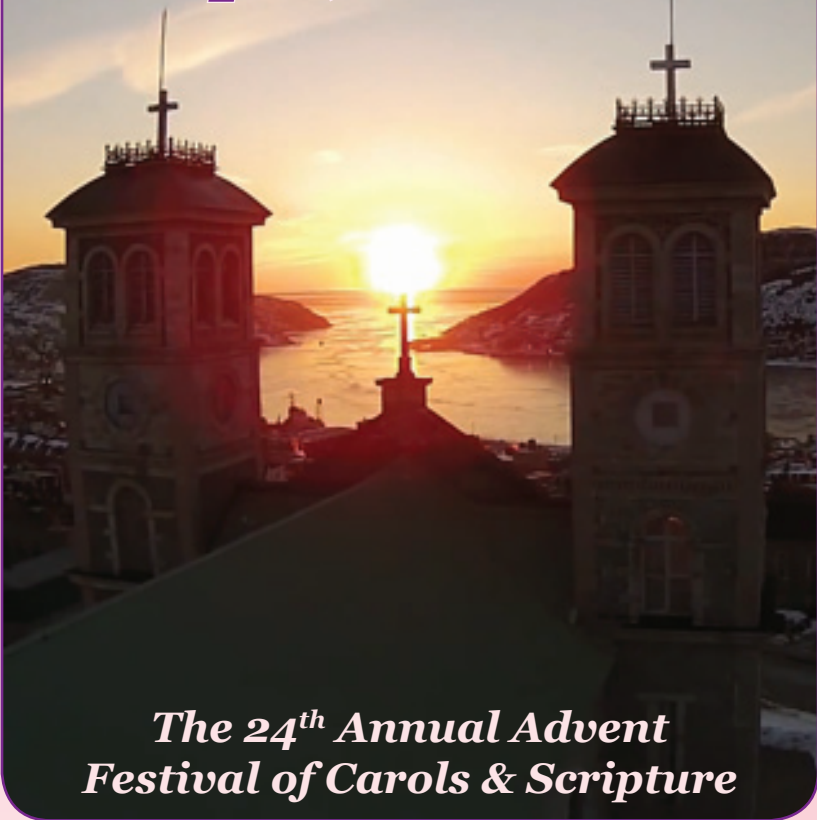


People, Look East



The 24th Annual Advent Festival of Carols & Scripture

*Basilica Parish of St. John the Baptist
St. John's, Newfoundland & Labrador*

*The First Sunday of Advent
November 29th, 2020 at 7:00 pm*

Advent Festival of Carols & Scripture

Prelude

Instrumental Advent Medley

Mary Brennan, Patty Fowler, Dominic Greene, Katie Sullivan

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 23

Rick Fowler cfc.

WELCOME

Mickie Pitcher

Shelter Me

Jacinta Mackey-Graham

Michael Joncas

Shepherd and sheep, my God and I:
to fresh, green fields you led my steps in days gone by,
You gave me rest by quiet springs
and filled my soul with peace your loving presence brings.

Refrain

O Shelter me, O shelter me:
the way ahead is dark and difficult to see.
O shelter me, O shelter me:
all will be well if only you will shelter me.

Yet now I tread a diff'rent way;
death dogs my path with stealthy steps from day to day.
I cannot find your peaceful place,
but dwell in dreary darkness, longing for your face. **Refrain**

I will look back in days to come,
and realize your faithfulness has led me home.
Within your house I find peace,
Trusting that in your mercy
you have sheltered me. **Refrain**

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 61, 1-2(a)

REFLECTION

Jacinta Mackey-Graham

God With Us

Donna Marie Kelly

Dan Schute

When the winter's darkness casts its gloom upon the earth,
and summer's sun has gone to sleep,
even in this barren night where love has lost its way,
a word of hope is spoken to the world!

Refrain

God with us, companion in our waiting.
You watch with us for the passing of the night.
Emmanuel, God's promise to our longing,
O Morning Star, let your holy light shine!

We have seen the shepherd's star and heard the angels' song.
Where will the love of God take flesh?
Even in our barren hearts where fear has come to stay,
a word of love is spoken to the world! **Refrain**

Blest are you that follow still the star of Bethlehem,
and yet believe the angels' song.
Power from your God on high will fill your barren womb.
O child of hope, be born for all the world. **Refrain**

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 2:1

I Rejoiced

Keelin O'Leary/Barbara O'Keefe

Gerard Chuisano

Refrain:

I rejoiced when they said to me,
"Let us go to the house of the Lord."
At last our feet are standing at your gates, Jerusalem!

Jerusalem, built as a city,
with compact unity,
there the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord. **Refrain**

In accord with the law of Israel
to give thanks to the name of the Lord,
There are the thrones of judgment
for the house of David. **Refrain**

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem,
may those who love you prosper!
Peace within your walls,
in your palaces abundance. **Refrain**

For the sake of my fam'ly and friends
I will say, "Peace be with you."
For love of the house of our God
I will pray for your good. **Refrain**

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 51 4,6-8

Listen My People

Pauline Boulos-Lannon/Barbara O'Keefe

Paul-Andre Derocher

Refrain

Listen, my people,
your hopes are answered.
Listen, and hear my voice;
Your hopes are answered,
your hopes are answered.

God waits for his people to throw off the dark of night,
and to welcome the new day, where all is light. **Refrain**

God waits for his people to open wide their eyes,
and to marvel at the sight of new sunrise. **Refrain**

God waits for his people to cast off their cloak of fear,
and to walk upon this earth.
God is so near. **Refrain**

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 35:1-6(a), 10

Who But the Lord?*Sara Broderick*

Craig Courtney

Who but the Lord can give the shadows light,
can break into the dark,
draw morning from the night?
Who but the Lord will hear our cry and answer,
“Here am I”?

Who but the Lord makes blinded eyes to see,
brings music to the deaf,
sets the lonely captive free?
Who but the Lord will by his glory show the paths of peace?
Who but the Lord, who but the Lord,
the Lord, who but the Lord?
O shine on us the brightness of Your face,
to earth’s remotest end, ev’ry people, ev’ry race.
O shine on us until to each is shown your saving grace.

SCRIPTURE

Luke: 1:26-37; John 19:26-27

SCRIPTURE

John 19:26

The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came*Alma Singleton*

Basque Carol

The Angel Gabriel from heaven came,
His wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame.
“From God, all hail,” the angel said to Mary,
“Most highly favoured lady.” Gloria!

“Fear not for you shall bear a holy child,
By whom we shall to God be reconciled;
His name shall be Emmanuel, the long foretold:
“Most highly favoured lady,” Gloria!

Then gentle Mary humbly bowed her head:
“To me be as it pleases God,” she said,
“My soul shall praise and magnify his holy name.”
“Most highly favoured lady.” Gloria!

Of her Emmanuel, the Christ, was born
In Bethlehem, upon that Christmas morn,
and Christian folk throughout the world will ever say:
"Most highly favoured lady." Gloria!

I Sing a Maid

M.D.Ridge

Sheilagh Sloan

I sing a maid of tender years
to whom an angel came,
And knelt, as to a mighty queen,
and bowed his wings of flame:
A nation's hope in her reply,
this maid of matchless grace;
For God's own Son became her child,
and she his resting place.

She watched him grow to manhood's strength
to meet his destiny,
And when the danger of his truth brought him to Calvary,
She stood by him all powerless
to ease his dying pain,
Till in the darkest hour of all
She held her Son again.

And if the song had ended then,
our eyes would fill with tears,
But ah! The song had just begun
to echo down the years!
Now lift your voices, hearts and souls,
to sing with one accord
To honor Mary, Mother of the Christ,
the risen Lord!

SCRIPTURE

Baruch 5:1-9

CLOSING REFLECTION

Mickie Pitcher

People, Look East

Basque Carol

All Singers

People, look East,
The time is near of the coming of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able.
Trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look East and sing today:
Love, the Guest, is on the way.

Stars, keep the watch when night is dim.
One more light the bowl shall brim.
Shining beyond the frosty weather,
Bright as sun and moon together.
People, look East and sing today:
Love, the Star is on the way.

Angels, announce with shouts of mirth
Him who brings new life to earth
Set every peak and valley humming
With the word the Lord is coming.
People, look East and sing today:
Love, the Lord is on the way.

Postlude

J.S. Bach

Sleepers 'Wake

Mary Brennan, Patty Fowler, Dominic Greene, Katie Sullivan



Our Advent Festival is dedicated to the memory of two very special choir members who passed away within the past year:

Gordon Bellows, cfc., Tenor

Frank Fowler, QC, Bass



*They are greatly missed.
Rest in Peace, dear friends.*

Basilica Advent Festival

CANTORS

Pauline Boulos-Lannon
Sara Broderick
Donna Marie Kelly
Jacinta Mackey-Graham

Keelin O'Leary
Barbara O'Keefe
Alma Singleton
Sheilagh Sloan

INSTRUMENTALISTS

Mary Brennan - *Flute*
Patty Fowler - *Piano*
Dominic Greene - *Violin*
Katie Sullivan - *Trumpet*

READER

Rick Fowler, *cfc.*

SCRIPT

Jacinta Mackey-Graham - *Narrator*
Mickie Pitcher - *Script Writer*

BASILICA MUSIC DIRECTOR

Patty Fowler

