



RAVIAN UNIVERSITY

# Christmas Vespers

CHRISTMAS VESPERS  
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19, 7:00 PM  
ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

**In order to maintain the reverence appropriate to a worship service, we ask that you not turn the pages in your program until that portion of the service is completed. Please refrain from conversation during the prelude and service. Turn off all cell phones, pagers, and similar devices so they will not interrupt the service. Photography and recording devices are not permitted during the service.**



**Moravian University is proud to be an All-Steinway School.**

To all who join me to celebrate the spirit of this season,

On behalf of Moravian University, I welcome you to our 2021 Christmas Vespers service.  
The service unites two worship traditions in the Moravian Church: the *Singstunde* and the

Jennika M. Borger '99 '01  
CHAPLAIN  
MORAVIAN UNIVERSITY

Heather H. Vacek  
VICE PRESIDENT AND DEAN  
MORAVIAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY  
AND LANCASTER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY  
*December 3*

Jill C. Anderson  
VICE PRESIDENT FOR DEVELOPMENT  
AND ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT  
MORAVIAN UNIVERSITY  
*December 10*

Bryon L. Grigsby  
PRESIDENT  
MORAVIAN UNIVERSITY  
*December 4*

Cynthia K. Kosso  
PROVOST AND DEAN OF THE FACULTY  
MORAVIAN UNIVERSITY  
*December 11*

G. Christopher Hunt  
VICE PRESIDENT AND DEAN FOR EQUITY AND INCLUSION  
MORAVIAN UNIVERSITY  
*December 5*

Scott Dams  
VICE PRESIDENT OF ENROLLMENT AND MARKETING  
MORAVIAN UNIVERSITY  
*December 12*

Paula Ring Zerkle, *Conductor*  
Stephen Williams, *Organist*

HEAD SACRISTANS

Madison E. Figiel and Mikela R. Ortwein

HEAD USHER

Gabrielle H. Demchak

CORNER CAPTAINS

Megan Curtis	Samantha Hickey
Norah E. Dolan	Lydia King
Jules Egge	Ava Piotti
Sara Fenton	Sophia Rivera
Sydney M. Freay	Jocelyn Schienholz
Sara Fuehrer	Kyle Strubeck
Eliza Grigsby	Romello Walters

Ryan Anderson, Thomas Galdieri, Stephanie Smith, Fred Younes, *trumpet*;  
Jennifer Calhoun, *French horn*; Mitchell Hourt, *trombone*; Corey Mathis, *bass trombone*  
*Moravian University Brass Ensemble*  
Larry Wright, *Director*

Jayden Daniels, Ashley Golden, Josequi Guerra, Claire Light, Morgan Martin,  
Marley Palmere, Rachael Shafer, Connor Zamora, *clarinet*  
*Moravian University Clarinet Choir*  
Stephen Reisteter, *Director*

Hailey Belverio, William Coccia, Hannah Graybeal, John Hoofman,  
Rose Michetti, Kellen Pisani, Nahum Pradhan, Noah Reichard, Benjamin Sanchez  
*Moravian University Guitar Ensemble*  
John Arnold, *Director*

Adagio  
Vivace

Jessika Gross, Christianna Landes, Michaela Madaio, Devin Thomas, *flute*  
*Moravian University Flute Troupe*  
Robin Kani, *Director*

*Moravian University Brass Ensemble*

*Ave Maria, gratia plena  
 Dominus tecum,  
 Benedicta tu in mulieribus,  
 Et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus.  
 Sancta Maria, Mater Dei,  
 Ora pro nobis peccatoribus,  
 Nunc et in hora mortis nostræ. Amen*

Hail Mary, full of grace,  
 the Lord is with thee,  
 Blessed are you among women,  
 And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
 Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
 Pray for us sinners,  
 Now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Jeremy Raub, *tenor solo*  
 Moravian University Choir

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
 And ransom captive Israel,  
 who languishes and mourns in lonely exile here,  
 Until the Son of God appear.  
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
 Shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, Desire of Nations, bind  
 All people in one heart and mind;  
 Bid envy, strife, and quarrels cease;  
 Fill the whole world with heaven's peace.  
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
 Shall come to thee, O Israel!

2. O come, thou Wisdom from on high,  
 And order all things, far and nigh;  
 To us the path of knowledge show,  
 And cause us in her ways to go.  
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
 Shall come to thee, O Israel!

1. *In the beginning, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God hovered over the waters.  
 In the beginning was the Word.*

2. *In the beginning, God created.  
 And the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*

3. *In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.  
 The Word was with God in the beginning, and through the Word all things were made.*

Without the Word nothing was made that has been made.

4. *And God said, "Let there be light."  
 In the Word was life, and that life was the light of all people.*

5. *God saw that the light was good.  
 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.*

*Gloria in excelsis Deo*

*Et in terra pax hominibus bonæ voluntatis.*

*Jubilate Deo, omnis terra;*

*Servite Domino in lætitia.*

*Introite in conspectu ejus in exultatione.*

*Scitote quoniam Dominus ipse est Deus;*

*Ipsa fecit nos, et non ipsi nos.*

**Glory to God in the highest**

They who sing in summer  
Must dance in winter.

*Moravian University Men's Chorus*

( 1 0 , 1 )



*Please stand*

1. Jesus, call thou me, from the world to thee;  
Speed me ever, stay me never.  
Jesus, call thou me.

2. Not Jerusalem—lowly Bethlehem.  
'Twas that gave us Christ to save us;  
Not Jerusalem.

3. Favored Bethlehem! Honored is that name;  
Hence came Jesus to release us;  
Favored Bethlehem!

4. Wondrous child divine, warm this heart of mine!  
Keep it burning, for thee yearning,  
Wondrous child divine!

*Oy es día de placer y de cantar.  
Via todos! Via todos a bailar!  
Regozamos este día por ser de tan placer  
Pues en él tenemos que buen misterios de gran alegría.*

Today is a day to rejoice and to sing.  
Come everyone! Come everyone and dance!  
We rejoice this day for the sake of pleasure.  
Therefore, in him we have such mysteries of great joy.

Elaine Ramirez, Rebecca Ripley, *soprano*

Reid Clymer, Frank Vandevaege, *tenor*

Hannah Graybeal, Luke Helfinger, Benjamin Sanchez, Nina Worsley, Grace Young, *percussion*

*Moravian University Choir*

*Hodie Christus natus est,  
Hodie Salvator apparuit,  
Hodie in terra canunt angeli,  
Laetantur archangeli;  
Hodie exsultant justi, dicentes:  
Gloria in excelsis Deo, alleluia.*

Today Christ is born,  
Today the Savior has appeared,

*Moravian University Chorale*

1. Let all mortal flesh keep silence,  
And with fear and trembling stand.  
Ponder nothing earthly-minded,  
For with blessing in his hand,  
Christ our God to earth descendeth,  
Our full homage to demand.

2. Rank on rank the host of heaven  
Spreads its vanguard on the way,  
As the light of light descendeth  
From the realms of endless day,  
at the powers of Hell may vanish  
As the darkness clears away.

. At his feet the six-wingéd seraph;  
Cherubim, with sleepless eye,  
Veil their faces to the presence,  
As with ceaseless voice they cry,  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
Alleluia, Lord most high!

1. Behold a great, a heavenly light,  
From Bethlehem's manger shining bright,  
To these who in darkness dwell

1. Good Christians, now rejoice, with heart and soul and voice;  
Give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today;  
Ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now.  
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

2. Good Christians, now rejoice, with heart and soul and voice;  
Now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this!  
He has opened heaven's door, and we are blessed evermore.  
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

3. Good Christians, now rejoice, with heart and soul and voice;  
Now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!  
Calls you one and calls you all to gain his everlasting hall.  
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

1. *Morning Star, O cheering sight!*  
*Ere thou cam'st, how dark earth's night!*  
Morning Star, O cheering sight!  
Ere thou cam'st, how dark earth's night!

Jesus mine,  
in me shine;

In me shine,  
Jesus mine.

Fill my heart with light divine.

2. *Morning Star, thy glory bright,*  
*Far excels the sun's clear light:*  
Morning Star, thy glory bright,

*Please stand*

- 、 *is is the message we have heard from God and declare to you:*  
**God is light. In God there is no darkness at all.**
- 、 *If we claim to have fellowship with God, yet walk in the darkness,*  
**We do not live by the truth.**
- 、 *But if we walk in the light, as God is in the light,*  
**We have fellowship with one another in Christ's name.**
- 、 *Lord, let now your servants depart in peace,*  
**For our eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared  
in the presence of all peoples. Amen.**

**Moravian University Choir—Fall 2021**

Paula Zerkle, *Director*

Justen Blackstone, *Accompanist*

1  
Caitlyn Cinque\*  
Olivia Kennebeck\*  
Shayna Kropa\*  
Christianna Landes  
Jennifer Patchen\*  
Elaine Ramirez\*#  
Jaymie Roddy\*  
Taryn Roddy\*  
Claudia Ryan\*  
Summer Thompson\*  
Michaela Wilcox

2  
Martina Fedorowicz\*  
Catherine Forrester  
Jessica Gross  
Emily Marie Kave  
Savannah Labukas\*  
Claire Light  
Morgan Martin\*  
Rose Michetti\*#  
Rebecca Ripley\*  
Devin Thomas  
Lydia Walker

1  
Bryan Brandon\*  
Reid Clymer\*#  
Tulsa McGinnis  
Andrew Micklos\*  
Nina Worsley

2  
Samuel Lingen\*  
Andrew Miller\*#  
Nahum Pradhan  
Alec Smith  
Ben Stefan\*

1  
Lauren Amori  
Nicole Bellesfield  
Hailey Belverio  
Rae Gonzalez\*  
Hannah Graybeal\*  
Alyssa Harley  
Shannon Lawlor  
Regina McElroy\*#  
Johanna Pearson

2  
Adriel Burger\*  
Jennifer Calhoun\*  
Taylor Fox  
Helen Meckstroth  
Leigh Nataro  
Caileigh Rosa\*  
Elie Schmidt\*  
Amal Shokr  
Mairi West  
Grace Young  
Barbara Yurchishin  
Cecilia Zimmerli\*

1  
Caleb Buck\*  
Ciro Cavaliere  
William Coccia  
Jeremy Raub\*  
William Reinert  
Cody Schuch\*  
Nick Sears  
Ben Smith  
Frank VandeVeegaete\*

2  
Ryan Anderson  
Sean Audesirk\*  
Devin Thomas Galdieri\*#  
Luke Helfinger\*  
Julian Love  
Benjamin Sanchez\*#  
Justin Weiksner

\* Member of Moravian Chorale

# Member of Vocalis



