

Organ Prelude *Potpourri of Christmas Songs*
Lani Smith (b. 1934)

Welcome and introduction

Text "Singing is good for you"
[Heart Research, UK]

People *Good Christians, all rejoice*
[Please stand]

Good Christians, all rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
now give 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!

Good Christians, all rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
now you hear of endless bliss,
Jesus Christ was born for this:
he has opened heaven's door,
and all are blessed for evermore.

Christ was born for this!
Christ was born for this!

Good Christians, all rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
now you 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!

Reader The tradition of the Jesse Tree
[<http://www.whychristmas.com/customs>]

Choir *Es ist ein Ros entsprungen* [Praetorius]
Christmas Lullaby [John Rutter]

Guitar Soloist

Mary, did you know?
Walk with me
Hallelujah! (Christmas version)



Youth Choir *In the bleak midwinter*
The Wassail Song

Chorus: *Love and joy come to you,*
and to you your wassail, too;
and God bless you and send you
a Happy New Year; and God send
you a Happy New Year.

Kids' Choir *This little light of mine*
Jesus Christ has come down to earth
[A "Santa Claus is coming" remix]
Little drummer boy

People *God rest you merry, gentlemen*

God rest you merry, gentlemen,
let nothing you dismay,
remember Christ, our Saviour,
was born on Christmas Day,
to save us all from Satan's power
when we were gone astray.

O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and
joy; O tidings of comfort and joy!

From God, our heavenly Father,
a blessed angel came;
and unto certain shepherds
brought tidings of the same:
how that in Bethlehem was born
the Son of God by name.

O tidings of comfort and joy...

Now to the Lord sing praises,
all you within this place,
and with true love and brotherhood
each other now embrace;
this holy tide of Christmas
doth bring redeeming grace.
O tidings of comfort and joy...

Reader "Deck the hall with holy holly"
["Christmas Watching" by Desmond Morris]

Choir + People *Deck the hall*

Verse 1 – choir *a cappella*

Verse 2 and 3 – choir + people

See the blazing yule before us
Fa-la-la-la-la, la la-la-la
Strike the harp and join the chorus
Fa-la-la-la-la, la la-la-la
Follow me in joyous measure
Fa-la-la-la-la, la la-la-la
While I tell of yuletide treasure
Fa-la-la-la-la, la la-la-la

Fast away the old year passes,
Fa-la-la-la-la, la la-la-la
Hail the new, ye lads and lasses,
Fa-la-la-la-la, la la-la-la
Sing we joyous all together,
Fa-la-la-la-la, la la-la-la
Heedless of the wind and weather
Fa-la-la-la-la, la la-la-la

ECC Choir *Ding dong, merrily on high*

Reader "Kissing under the mistletoe"
["Christmas Watching" by Desmond Morris]

Joyful Singers *Mistletoe and Wine*

Chorus:

Christmas time, mistletoe and wine
Children singing Christian rhyme;
with logs on the fire and gifts on the tree,
time to rejoice in the good that we see.

Baboti – We are praising God
On Christmas night, all Christians sing

Verse 4 – choir + people



All out of darkness we have light
Which made the angels sing this night;
All out of darkness we have light
Which made the angels sing this night:
"Glory to God and peace to men,
Now and forevermore. Amen."

Noel, noel (*Birth of Jesus*)

Joint Choirs + People *O du Fröhliche*

Verse 1 – choirs + people

*O du fröhliche, o du selige,
gnadenbringende Weihnachtszeit.
Welt ging verloren, Christ ist geboren:
Freue, freue dich, o Christenheit.*

Verse 2 – choirs a cappella

Verse 3 – choirs + people

*O du fröhliche, o du selige,
gnadenbringende Weihnachtszeit.
Himmliche Heere jauchzen dir Ehre:
Freue, freue dich, o Christenheit.*

Invitation Christmas Events

Choirs + People *Joy to the world*

Verse 1 – choir

Verse 2 and 3 – choir + people

Joy to the world, the Saviour reigns!
Let all their songs employ;
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
*repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy..*

He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness
*and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonder, wonders of his love.*

Reader Psalm 96:7-13

Joint Choirs *Tollite hostias, et adorare*
[Camille Saint-Saëns: *Oratorio de Noël*]
Latin text of Psalm 96:8-9

You have been entertained tonight by:

Congregational choirs: ECC Choir, The Joyful Singers, Youth Choir, Kids' Church Choir,
Guest choir from Essen-Werden

Choir directors: Ropudani Simanjuntak,
Debbie Hubweber, Maria Adouakou

Instrumentalists: Ingeborg Maiwald (Organ),
Eddie Marczewski (Guitar), Joanna Masa
(Violin) **Readers:** Katherine Masa and others

***An offering will be gathered on the
way out of church tonight.
Please give generously.***

Our Christmas Events

A warm welcome to our forthcoming activities:

- 20.12. Christmas Pageant**, starting 12.30 h
Play your own part in bringing alive the Christmas story – as Mary, Joseph, a shepherd, sheep, angel, king, donkey!
- 24.12. Candlelight Worship**, starting 19.30 h
Worship includes Holy Communion and normally lasts ca. 1½ hours.
- 25.12. Christmas Day** starting 12.30 h
with celebration of Holy Communion
- 27.12. Sunday after Christmas** at 12.30 h
Worship with Nathania Ministry Choir from Jakarta, Indonesia



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Sing-along Concert



*"Deck the hall with
boughs of holly"*

"Pax intransitibus, salus exeuntibus"

"On entering, peace – on departure, blessing"
(Pauluskirche Bochum – Porch Inscription 1655)

Worship every Sunday at 12.30
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