

Singing for Christmas

O Come All Ye Faithful*	arr. David Willcocks
O Magnum Mysterium	Giovanni Gabrieli
What Child is This*	arr. Thomas Hewitt Jones
Quem Pastores Laudavere	James Bassi
Still, Still, Still	arr. Luc Jacobs
Hymne à la Vierge	Pierre Villette
A Shepherd's Carol	Benjamin Britten
The Holly and The Ivy*	arr. Matthew Owens
Nativity Carol*	John Rutter
12 Days of Christmas	arr. Geoff Keating
Bring a Torch Jeanette Isabella	arr. Sarah Jaysmith
God Rest Ye, Merry Gentlemen	arr. Kelly Turner
Here We Come A Wassailing†	arr. John Rutter
Noël Nouvelet†	arr. John Rutter
The Christmas Song	arr. Kirby Shaw
We Wish You a Merry Christmas	arr. Arthur Warrell

Accompanist: Jenny Vincent

*organ †piano



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O Magnum Mysterium

O great mystery and wonderful sacrament, that animals should see the new-born Lord lying in a manger! O blessed is the Virgin, whose womb was worthy to bear Christ the Lord. Alleluia!

Let us sing Christmas for the new King!
New Christmas, Christmas we sing here.

The angel said! Shepherds leave this place!
In Bethlehem you'll find the little angel.
New Christmas, Christmas we sing here.

Hymne à la Vierge

O fairest Virgin Mary,
Your soul finds in the Lord perfect love;
He clothes you in robes of grace
Like a bride attired with jewels.
Alleluia. I will sing thy praise,
O Lord, For thou hast looked after me,
and covered me with the veil of innocence.

In Bethlehem, all united,
Were found the child, Joseph, and Mary too.
The manger was in place of a little crib.
New Christmas, Christmas we sing here.

Soon, the Kings, guided by the bright star
Which had come from the East,
came one morning to Bethlehem.
New Christmas, Christmas we sing here.

You were born before the hills,
O wisdom of the Lord,
Gate of Redemption,
Blessed be he who walks in your steps
And tunes his heart To the counsels
of your voice. Alleluia.
I will sing thy praise, O Lord, for thou hast
made me, before dawn, for thou has made
me precede the gushing forth of springs.

Behold my God, my Savior Jesus Christ
By whom salvation will come
To save us, with his redeeming blood.
New Christmas, Christmas we sing here.

Quem Pastores Laudavere

Shepherds sang their praises o'er him,
called by angels to adore him.
"Have no fear but come before him
Born is now your glorious King".

Before the stars you were there,
Mother of the Creator,
In the highest Heaven;
When God was setting the limits of the world
you shared his love As you laboured with him.
Alleluia O fairest Virgin Mary.

Eastern sages came to view him,
Judah's conquering Lion knew him,
gold and myrrh and incense to him
as their tribute offering.

Noël Nouvelet

New Christmas, Christmas we sing here,
Devout people, let us shout our thanks to God!

Christ our King, from Mary springing
God made man, salvation bringing
Thee we worship ever singing
Honour, praise and glory be.



From the Director

The Island Consort is pleased and excited to be back singing and performing in this season of Christmas 2021. Thankfully most of our members have re-joined us but you will see a few new faces. This program has many familiar songs and carols – some with new melodies and arrangements - that we hope you will enjoy. Some are organ-accompanied which, I think, adds to the flavour of Christmas and for which we are again fortunate to have Jenny Vincent as accompanist.



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St Andrew's United Church, Nanaimo
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