



### PROGRAMMA

A CEREMONY OF CAROLS Benjamin Britten

Sopranen: Barbara Newton - Bita van Buuren Vera Stern - Harp

#### PAUZE

Ding Dong! Merrily on high

A Sali den nos Tera

Gesu Bambino

(bariton solo Erich v.d. Hoeven)

L'adieu des bergers

eu des pergers

(uit: L'enfance du Christ)

Cradle song of the Virgin Puer natus est nobis

Venid

Cantemos alegres A Merry Christmas arr. David Willcocks

Henrich F. Müller

Pietro A. Yon

**Hector Berlioz** 

Johannes Brahms

Anton Diabelli

Rafael Izaza

arr, Frank Davelaar

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" Arthur Warrel

Organist: Dr. Robert Rojer

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#### IT CAME UPON THE MIDNIGHT CLEAR

It came upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth,
To touch their harps of gold;
"Peace on the earth, good will to men
From heav'n's all gracious King;"
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing.

Still thro' the clow With peaceful wings u And still their heav'nl O'er all the weary wor Above it's sad and low They bend on hov'rin And ever o'er its Babe The blessed angels sin

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#### I. PROCESSION

Hodie Christus natus est: hodie Salvator apparuit:

Hodie in terra canunt angeli: laetantur archangeli:

Hodie exsultant justi dicentes: gloria in excelsis Deo.

Alleluia!

Anon.

#### II. WOLCUM YOLE!

Wolcum be thou hevene king, Wolcum, born in one morning, Wolcum for whom we sall sing! Wolcum Yole! Wolcum be ye, Stevene and Jon, Wolcum, Innocentes everyone, Wolcum, Thomas marter one, Wolcum Yole!

Wolcum be ye, good Newe Yere, Wolcum, Twelfthe Day both in fere, Wolcum, seintes lefe and dere, Wolcum Yole! (Wolcum be ye) Candelmesse, (Wolcum be ye) Quene of bliss, Wolcum bothe to more and lesse. Wolcum Yole!

Wolcum be ye that are here, Wolcum alle and make good cheer. Wolcum alle another yere. Wolcum Yole! Anon.

#### III. THERE IS NO ROSE

There is no rose of such vertu As is the rose that bare Jesu. Alleluia. For in this rose conteined was Heaven and earth in litel space, Res miranda.

By that rose we may well see There be one God in persons three, Pares forma. The aungels sungen the shepherds to: Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gaudeamus.

Leave we all this werldly mirth, And follow we this joyful birth. Transeamus.

Anon.

#### IVa. THAT YONGE CHILD

That yongë child when it gan weep With song she lulled him asleep: That was so sweet a melody It passed alle minstrelsy. The nightingale sang also: Her song is hoarse and nought thereto: Whoso attendeth to her song And leaveth the first then doth he wrong. Anon.

#### IVb. BALULALOW

O my deare hert, young Jesu sweit, Prepare thy creddil in my spreit, And I sall rock thee to my hert, And never mair from thee depart. But I sall praise thee evermoir With sanges sweit unto they gloir: The knees of my hert sall I bow, And sing that richt Balulalow. lames, John and Robert Wedderburn

#### V. AS DEW IN APRILLE

I sing of a maiden That is makeles: King of all kings To her son she ches. He came al so stille There his moder was, As dew in Aprille That falleth on the grass.

He came al so stille, To his moder's bour, As dew in Aprille That falleth on the flour. He came al so stille There his moder lay, As dew in Aprille That falleth on the spray.

Moder and mayden Was never none but she: Well may such lady Goddes moder be.

Anon.

oven skies they come, unfurled: nly music floats orld. owly plains

ing wing, bel sounds ing.

For lo! the days are hast'ning on, By prophets seen of old, When with the ever circling years Shall come the time foretold, When the new heav'n and earth shall own The Prince of Peace their King, And the whole world send back the song Which now the angels sing.

#### VI. THIS LITTLE BABE

This little Babe so few days old,
Is come to rifle Satan's fold;
All hell doth at his presence quake,
Though he himself for cold do shake;
For in this weak unarmed wise
The gates of hell he will surprise.
With tears he fights and wins the field,
His naked breast stands for a shield;
His battering shot are babish cries,
His arrows looks of weeping eyes,
His martial ensigns Cold and Need,
And feeble Flesh his warrior's steed.

His camp is pitched in a stall,
His bulwark but a broken wall;
The crib his trench, haystalks his stakes;
Of shepherds he his muster makes;
And thus, as sure his foe to wound,
The angels' trumps alarum sound.
My soul, with Christ join thou in fight;
Stick to the tents that he hath pight.
Within his crib is surest ward;
This little Babe will be thy guard.
If thou wilt foil thy foes with joy,
Then flit not from his heavenly Boy.

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#### VII. INTERLUDE (Harp Solo)

#### VIII. IN FREEZING WINTER NIGHT

Behold, a silly tender babe, In freezing winter night, In homely manger trembling lies; Alas, a piteous sight! The inns are full; no man will yield This little pilgrim bed. But forced he is with silly beasts In crib to shroud his head. This stable is a Prince's court, This crib his chair of State: The beasts are parcel of his pomp, The wooden dish his plate. The persons in that poor attire His royal liveries wear; The Prince himself is come from heav'n; This pomp is prized there. With joy approach, O Christian wight, Do homage to thy King: And highly praise his humble pomp, Wich he from Heav'n doth bring.

#### IX. SPRING CAROL

Pleasure it is
To hear iwis,
The Birdès sing.
The deer in the dale,
The sheep in the vale,
The corn springing.

God's purvayance For sustenance, It is for man. Then we always To give him praise And thank him than.

William Cornish

#### X. DEO GRACIAS

Deo gracias!

Adam lay ibounden

Bounden in a bond;

Four thousand winter

Thought he not to long.

And all was for an appil,

An appil that he tok,

As clerkes finden

Written in their book.

Ne had the appil takè ben, The appil takè ben, Ne haddè never our lady A ben hevenè quene. Blessèd be the time That appil takè was. Therefore we moun singen Deo gracias!

Anon.

#### XI. RECESSION

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