



RAVIAN UNIVERSITY

# Christmas Vespers

CHRISTMAS VESPERS  
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19, 7:00 PM  
ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, 1000 UNIVERSITY AVENUE, RAVENNA, OHIO

**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 *Stabat Mater* and the

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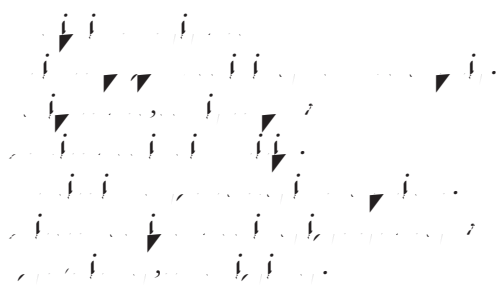
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Vivace

Jessika Gross, Christianna Landes, Michaela Madaio, Devin Thomas,  
Robin Kani,





**Glory to God in the highest**

They who sing in summer  
Must dance in winter.

They who sing in summer  
Must dance in winter.

(10, 1)



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!

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,  
Reid Clymer, Frank Vandevaege,  
Hannah Graybeal, Luke Helfinger, Benjamin Sanchez, Nina Worsley, Grace Young,

Today Christ is born,  
Today the Savior has appeared,

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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,

- 、 *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**

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