

Sure on this Shining Night

with special guest
MORTEN LAURIDSEN

Saturday, October 25, 2014 Yorkminster Park Baptist Church



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SURE ON THIS SHINING NIGHT

O magnum mysterium

Two selections from **Les Chansons des Roses** (texts by Rainer Maria Rilke)

La Rose Complète Dirait-on

> Cawthra Park Secondary School Chamber Choir Robert Anderson, Conductor Morten Lauridsen, Accompanist

Mid-Winter Songs (texts by Robert Graves)

- I. Lament for Persiphaë
- II. Like Snow
- III. She Tells Her Love while Half Asleep
- IV. Mid-Winter Waking
- V. Intercession in Late October

Exultate Chamber Singers Hilary Apfelstadt, Conductor Mark Ramsay, Accompanist

Nocturnes

Sa Nuit d'Eté (text by Rainer Maria Rilke)

Soneto de la Noche (text by Pablo Neruda)

MacMillan Singers
Hilary Apfelstadt, Conductor
Morten Lauridsen, accompanist

Sure on This Shining Night (text by James Agee)

Combined Choirs Hilary Apfelstadt, Conductor Morten Lauridsen, Accompanist

Intermission

SHINING NIGHT FESTIVAL

Lux Aeterna

- I. Introitus
- II. In Te Domine, Speravi
- III. O Nata Lux
- IV. Veni, Sancte Spiritus
- V. Agnus Dei Lux Aeterna

Orpheus Choir Exultate Chamber Singers Yorkminster Senior Choir and Minster Singers Talisker Players

Robert Cooper, Conductor

Prayer (text by Dana Gioia)

COMBINED CHOIRS

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Morten Lauridsen's music is noted for its lyricism, its distinctive use of dissonance, and the almost chant-like way in which he sets text to allow the meaning to be heard. Frequent rubato, marked tempo changes, and dynamic contrasts keep the music flowing and varied. Always illuminating stellar poetry, the music reveals its very essence by treating every word and every phrase with the utmost care. Despite sometimes-thick dissonant textures, there is an undeniable melodic flow to all of Lauridsen's compositions.

O magnum mysterium

O great mystery,
and wondrous sacrament,
that animals should see the newborn Lord, lying in their manger!
Blessed is the Virgin whose womb
was worthy to bear the
Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia! (translation by Ron Jeffers)

"For centuries, composers have been inspired by the beautiful O magnum mysterium text with its juxtaposition of the birth of the new-born King amongst the lowly animals and shepherds. This affirmation of God's grace to the meek and the adoration of the Blessed Virgin are celebrated in my setting through a quiet song of profound inner joy." (Composer's notes.)

Les Chanson des Roses were commissioned by Choral Cross Ties and premiered in 1993 in Portland, Oregan. Mr. Lauridsen wrote the following about the cycle: "In addition to his vast output of German poetry, Rilke (1875 0 1926) wrote nearly 400 poems in French. His poems on roses struck me as especially charming filled with gorgeous lyricism, deftly crafted and elegant in their imagery and I knew immediately upon reading that I music set them to music... The final piece, "Dirait-on," is composed as a tuneful chanson populaire, or folk-song, that weaves together two melodic ideas first heard in fragmentary form in preceding movements."

La rose complète

I have such awareness of your being, perfect rose, that my will unites you with my heart in celebration.

I breathe you in, rose, as if you were all of life, and I feel the perfect friend of a perfect friend.

Dirait-on

Abandon surrounding abandon, tenderness touching tenderness ... Your oneness endlessly Caresses itself, so they say,

self-caressing through its own clear reflection Thus you invent the theme of Narcissus fulfilled.

(Translated by Barbara and Eric Muhl, taken from the CD notes of **Lauridsen The Complete Choral Cycles**, recorded by Choral Cross-Ties, Bruce Browne, conductor, and produced by David Wheatley for Freshwater Classical).

The Mid-Winter Songs are settings of poetry by Robert Graves (1895 – 1985). The composer writes, "After receiving the commission to composer a piece for the (University of Southern California) Chamber Singers, I took volumes of poetry to my Waldron Island home in search of possible texts... In reading Graves, I became very much taken with the richness, elegance and extraordinary beauty of his poetry and his insights regarding the human experience. Five diverse poems with a common "Winter" motif (a particular favorite of mine, rich in the paradoxical symbolism of dying-rejuvenation, light/darkness, sleeping/waking) suggested a cohesive cycle and led to the composition of the Mid-Winter Songs. The principal musical materials for the entire work, especially the intervals of an ascending major ninth and descending major second, are derived from the opening choral setting of "Dying Sun" and recur throughout the piece. The cycle is cast in an overall arch form, framed by the intensely dramatic and passionate setting of the "Lament for Pasiphaë" and the gentle, prayerful "Intercession in Late October."

(Notes from the CD liner of **Lauridsen The Complete Choral Cycles**, recorded by Choral Cross-Ties, Bruce Browne, conductor, and produced by David Wheatley for Freshwater Classical).

Nocturnes

"With the **Nocturnes** (2005) Lauridsen undertook a particularly difficult formal challenge: to compose an integrated choral cycle that was simultaneously a triptych while allowing each of the panels to be performed separately. Displaying the same contrapuntal dexterity and using the same techniques of motivic interrelationship as the **Mid-Winter Songs** and **Les chansons des roses**, the **Nocturnes** are unusual within Lauridsen's oeuvre. Unlike either of the choral cycles featured on his disc, both of which use the work of a single poet, Lauridsen has here anthologized the verse of three twentieth-century poets, each of a different nationality: the German Rainer Maria Rilke, the Chilean Pablo Neruda, and the American James Agee. To ensure unity of conception amid this poetic diversity, the composer has cannily chosen three poems in which there are shared themes: night, romantic love and pantheistic rapture." (Notes by Byron Adams, from the Hyperion CD **Nocturnes** performed by Polyphony, conducted by Stephen Layton.)

The Nocturnes were premiered in February 2005, by the Donald Brinegar Singers at the national conference of the American Choral Directors Association in Los Angeles, California, with the composer accompanying.

Sa Nuit d'été (Rilke)

If, with my burning hands, I could melt
The body surrounding your lover's heart,
Ah! How the night would become translucent,
Taking it for a late star,
Which, from the first moments of the world,
Was forever lost, and which beings its course
With its blonde light, trying to reach out towards
Its first night, its night, its summer night. (Translated by Bryon Adams)

Soneto de la Noche (Neruda)

When I die, I want your hands upon my eyes: I want the light and the wheat of your beloved hands To pass their freshness over me one more time: I want to feel the gentleness that changed my destiny.

I want you to live while I wait for you, asleep,
I want your ears to still hear the wind,
I want you to smell the scent of the sea we both loved,
And to continue walking on the sand we walk on.

I want all that I love to keep on living, And you whom I loved and sang above all things To keep flowering into full bloom,

So that you can touch all that my love provides you, So that my shadow may pass over your hair, So that all may know the reason for my song. (Translated by Nicholas Lauridsen)

Sure on This Shining Night (Agee)

Sure on this shining night
Of starmade shadows round,
Kindness must watch for me
This side the ground.

The late year lies down the north. All is healed, all is health. High summer holds the earth. Hearts all whole.

Sure on this shining night I weep for wonder Wand 'ring far alone Of shadows on the stars.

Prayer

"Dana Gioia's beautiful poem, *Prayer*, was written in memory of his infant son, Michael Jasper Gioia, whose brief life was tragically ended by SIDS. Mr. Gioia served as Chair of the National Endowment for the Arts form 2003 – 2010... The choral setting of *Prayer* was designed as a companion piece to my *Sure on This Shining Night*, and both works display my esteem for the great songs and songwriters from the American musical theater. The finest works from this genre are timeless and display songwriting at its best in both lyric and music." (Composer's notes.)

Prayer

Echo of the clocktower, footstep in the alleyway, sweep of the wind sifting the leaves.

Jeweller of the spiderweb, connoisseur of autumn's opulence, blade of lighting harvesting the sky.

Keeper of the small gate, choreographer of entrances and exits, midnight whisper traveling the wires.

Seducer, healer, deity or thief, I will see you soon enough --In the shadow of the rainfall,

In the brief violet darkening a sunset -but until then I pray watch over him as a mountain guards its covert ore

and the harsh falcon its flightless young.

(Notes for Part I of the concert compiled by Hilary Apfelstadt.)

Lux Aeterna / Light Eternal

To walk in the evergreen forests and along the waterways of the Pacific Northwest, as Morten Lauridsen loves to do, is to experience infinite variations of light. Clouds of gray loom in the skies, and deft rays of sunlight filter through the trees and touch on water with an ever-changing chiaroscuro effect. Walking here with poetry in his mind and music in his heart, Lauridsen finds inspiration for his compositions, luminous with inner radiance.

Lauridsen composed the requiem *Lux Aeterna* in 1997, the year his mother died. She was the "muse" who introduced him to music, playing swing jazz and singing to him as a toddler. The consolation for grief offered by Lauridsen's *Lux Aeterna* is often compared to that of Fauré's *Requiem* and Brahms' *Ein Deutsches Requiem*, both works inspired by the deaths of the composers' mothers. These works also have in common a deceptive simplicity, yet their capacity to touch the listener reveals mastery at expressing through music the depth of human emotion.

The five movements of *Lux Aeterna* are based on various references to light from sacred Latin texts: perpetual light, light risen in the darkness, Redeemer-born light of light, light of the Holy Spirit, light of hearts, most blessed light, eternal light - all supporting an earthbound spirit seeking not only mercy, understanding, and consolation but also renewal. "This is music that has absorbed the wondrous from our century. Its unequivocal generosity of spirit, its unfussy ecstatic tone comes not from the past or rejection of the new but from an openness to modern music."

In expressing a human journey to reclaim intimacy with the inner life, Lauridsen seamlessly integrates the musical essence of ancient modes, Renaissance polyphony, Romanticism, and modern dissonance. This timelessness can bring home to the listener the recognition of his or her own mortal journey. Perhaps this embracing effect is a reason that *Lux Aeterna* is widely known to bring listeners to tears.

Lauridsen uses the beginning and ending of the traditional Requiem Mass to open and close *Lux Aeterna*. The second movement, "In Te, Domine, Speravi" (In thee, O Lord, have I trusted), opens with a chant from the hymn *Herliebster Jesu* (Dearest Jesus) published in a 1677 songbook, addressed to the trusted Lord, to whom is directed the gentle plea for mercy.

The third movement, "O Nata Lux" (O born of light) is the centerpiece from which all the other references to light seem to emanate. The changes in tempi are beautifully placed to linger on the interplay of voice parts in the style of Renaissance polyphony, creating a showpiece of *a cappella* choral singing.

In "Veni, Sancte Spiritus" (Come, Holy Spirit), voices soar to high notes on both *lucis* (light) and *fletu* (grief). This pairing serves as a bridge that brings together all who share the experience of grief. Unison singing at the phrase *O lux beatissima* (O light most blessed) encourages our hearts with the humble insight necessary to petition on behalf of those we have lost.

The final movement, "Agnus Dei – Lux Aeterna" (Lamb of God, Eternal Light), begins with a long, whispered prayer on behalf of the dead, swells into full voice on the phrase *lux aeterna*, and ends with an optimistic *Alleluia*.

"It was a natural thing for me to blend poetry and the human voice, which is the most wonderful and personal of all musical instruments. I ended up writing a great deal of choral music, and haven't stopped." (Morten Lauridsen)

(Notes compiled by Robert Cooper)

Lux Aeterna Translation

I. Eternal Rest

Grant them eternal rest, O Lord, and in perpetual light shine upon them. A hymn befits you, O God in Zion, and to you a vow shall be fulfilled in Jerusalem. Hear my prayer, for until you all flesh shall come. Grant them eternal rest, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

II. In You, Lord, Have I Trusted

To deliver us, you became human, and did not disdain the Virgin's womb. Having blunted the sting of death, You opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. A light has risen in the darkness for the upright. Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us. Let your mercy be upon us, O Lord, as we have trusted in you. In you, O Lord, have I trusted: let me never be confounded.

III. O Light Born of Light

O light born of light, Jesus, the redeemer of the world, mercifully deem worthy and accept the praises and prayers of your supplicants. You who once deigned to be clothed in flesh for the sake of the lost ones, grant us to be made members of your holy body.

IV. Come, Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit, send forth from heaven the ray of your light. Come, Father of the poor, come, giver of gifts, come, light of hearts. You best of Consolers, sweet guest of the soul, sweet refreshment. In labor, you are rest, in heat, the tempering, in grief, the consolation. O light most blessed, fill the innermost heart of all your faithtful. Without your grace, there is nothing in us, nothing that is not harmful. Cleanse what is sordid, moisten what is arid, heal what is hurt. Flex what is rigid, fire what is frigid, correct what goes astray. Grant to your faithful, those trusting in you, your sacred seven-fold gifts. Grant the reward of virtue, grant the deliverance of salvation gran everlasting joy.

V. Lamb of God - Light Eternal

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant them rest. Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant them rest. Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant them rest everlasting. May eternal light shine upon them, O Lord, in the company of your Saints for ever and ever, for you are merciful. Grant them eternal rest, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. Alleluia. Amen.

Cawthra Park S.S. Chamber Choir 2014 - 2015

Bob Anderson, Conductor Sunny Wang, Accompanist

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Soprano	Tenor	
Madeleine Brown	Jeremy Carandang	
Jenna DiMarco	Taran Kim	
Sarah Fogh	Cruz Lloyd	
Jamie Nelson	Teddy Perdikoulias	
Monet Slinowsky	Clark Schlesinger	
Jessica Cardarelli	Arthur Zhang	
Kendra Charest-French	Rishav Banerjee	
Jaquelin Coulson	Callum Chinapen	
Vyllana Nguyen	Yohann Huidrom	
Georgia Perdikoulias	Jesse Raymond	
Alexa Redford	Tristan Scott	
Alto	Jonathan So	
11100	Charles Vong	
Riley Delano	Bass	
Alexandra Kazakevic		
Clara McNamee	MacKenzie Faulkner	
Alexandra Porat	Kai Leung	
Adina Vlasov	Mark Liao	
Sarah Craig	Devon Wilton	
Erika D'Souza	Gordon Bosiljevac	
Eden Graham	Sean Burdette	
Taylor Melo-Boone	Jack Mahoney	
Alyssa Michael	Jeff Tsai	
Alexandra Parco	Derrell Woods	

Exultate Chamber Singers

Hilary Apfelstadt, Artistic Director Mark Ramsay, Collaborative Pianist and Assistant Conductor

Sopranos Tenors

Rebecca Collett Brad Barnham
Lynn Janes (substitute) André Heywood
Kate Kudelka Michael Rowland
Katie Larson Riter St. Luc
Jennifer Lee Duncan Stuart
Vivian Moens (on leave) Steve Wadhams

Claire Renouf

Hannah Tarder-Stoll

Altos

Diane English (on leave) Mary Gillmeister Lydia Harper Mira Jung Janice Kerkkamp

Janice Kerkkalli Janice Lewis Emily Sanford Katie Tam

Basses

Andrew Adridge James Bourne Spencer Cripps Tom Leslie John Meadows Xerxes Punthakee

Orpheus Choir

Robert Cooper CM, Artistic Director Edward Moroney, Accompanist Greg Rainville, Assistant Conductor

Sopranos	Altos	Tenors
Mary Barr	Inge Alferink	David Barker
Jocelyn Belfer	Beth Anderson	Scott Bergen
Sarah Bijons	Anne-Marie Applin	Jeffrey Brown
Mebbie Black	Himadri Atodaria	Richard Gooch
Elicia Clements	Tamiko Barker	Lee Harmer
Megan Cooper	Caledonia Brown	Patrick Jang
Helen Coxon	Gwen Brown	Bradyn Ko
Katelyn Cutrara	Mary Comi	Conor Murphy*
Rowena Fleming	Pat Foltas	Brian O'Donnell
Sarah Forestieri	Kate Hays	Greg Rainville
Elisabeth Hetherington*	Rebecca Kurtis-Pomeroy	Anthony Varahidis*
Meghan Hila	Jo-Anne LaForty	Christopher Wattam*
Sylvia Hunter	Ann Mitchell	Basses
Arlene Jillard	Lynne Player	240000
Shiyomi Joseph	Halyna Popenko	Jeff Bornstein
Avery Lafrentz	Lyndsay Promane*	Victor Cheng
Keelia Meredith	Heidi Sprung	John Isip
Soo Moon	Anya Stepanova	Tristan Jones*
Catherine Nicholls	Karen Watson	Don Kramer
Barbara Porter		Joseph Liu
Emily Wiener		Ronan MacParland*
		Nicholas Martin
		Lutzen Riedstra*
		Jon Ruhnke
		Roy Runions
		Robert Sherrin
		Dan Stapleton
		*2014-15
		Sidgwick Scholar

University of Toronto MacMillan Singers

Hilary Apfelstadt, Conductor Elaine Choi, Assistant Conductor Christopher Dawes, Collaborative Pianist

Sopranos	Tenors	Basses
Alexandra Brennan Sarah Forestieri Rebecca Genge Loren Graziano Emma Hannan Lynn Isnar Yujene Oh Nila Rajagopal Aubrey Tham Emily Wang Tracy Wong	Bradley Barnham Matthew Cairns Thomas Corken Joseph Crimi Nicholas Cunha Joey Jang Michael Johnston James Renwick Christopher Siu Robert Taylor	Andrew Adridge Stuart Beaudoin Michael Bridge Eugene Chan Chalie Chuong Adrian DeBoer Jacob Feldman Phat Le Mathias Memmel Mark Ramsay Dan Ryan Matthew Tissi
Altos		1,14,111,01

Emma Bergin Elaine Choi Siobhan Donovan Liya Dunlap Ryan McDonald Alison Muir Katrina Olsen Cynthia Peyson Wahl Chelsea Pringle-Duchemin Veronica Vuong **Jacob Abrahamse**

Yorkminster Park Baptist Church Choir

William Maddox, Organist and Director of Music Christel Wiens, Associate Musician

Sopranos	Altos	Tenors
Marilyn Brady	Demaris Brackstone	Doug Bull
Jean Dixon	Rachel Hart	John Daniels
Joan Ferguson	Rhoda Hill	Chris Edwards
Susan Flanagan	Carolyn King	*Martin Houtman
Miriam Irwin	Nancy King	+Anthony Varahidis
Audrey Johnson	Suzanne King	Basses
*Dawn King	*Margaret Terry,	Dasses
Heather Rayne	¤+Christel Wiens	Don Deathe
*Jessica Willingham	Sheryl Wilson	David King
Kathleen Wilson	·	*Stephen King
		+Phil Penney,
		Rob Taylor,
		Jim Youngson
		*Soloists +Section Leads
		¤Associate Musician

Yorkminster Park Minster Singers

Dawn King, Conductor

Sopranos	Altos	Tenors	
Nancy Alberti	Peter Alberti	Anthony Radford-Grant,	
Sydney King	Michelle Breeze	Luke Reyes	
Julia Knope	Stefan Mulak	Basses	
Renee Reyes	Julia Yacoub		
Hanna Mulak		Jamie Holmes	

Talisker Players

Violin I:

Viola:

Victoria Ellis Hathaway

Oboe:

Stephen Sitarski (concertmaster) Mary McGeer (principal)

Clarinet:

Barbara Hindrichs Cecilia Chang

Elspeth Thomson Shannon Knights

Fred Osachoff

Rebecca van der Post Kate Unrau

Rachel Abramoff

Bassoon:

Michelle Odorica

Laura Jones (principal)

Melanie Eyers

Violin II:

French Horn: **Neil Spaulding**

Elyssa Lefurgey-Smith

Rachel Pomedli Jennifer Moersch

Elke Eble-Streisslberger

(principal) Rachel King Michael Sproule

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Flute:

Cello:

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UPCOMING EVENTS



Sunday December 7, 3:00 pm

Toronto Symphony Orchestra Family Christmas Concert, at Roy Thomson Hall

Wednesday, December 10 & Tuesday, December 11, 7:00 pm

'Tis the Season, at Cawthra Park Secondary School, Etobicoke

Sunday December 14, 8:00 pm

With "That Choir", Metropolitan United Church

Saturday February 7, 7:30 pm

Festival of Friends, Eden United Church, Mississauga

Monday May 4, 7:30 pm

With The Elmer Iseler Singers, Metropolitan United Church



Friday, December 5, 8:00 pm

A Canadian Noël. Featuring music by Canadian composers interwoven with stories of Christmases past, as told by our singers. Special guests are members of the Mississauga Children's Chorus, Caron Daley, conductor.

St. Thomas's Anglican Church, 383 Huron Street, Toronto

Friday, March 20, 8:00 pm

O Be Joyful

Long recognized as a text source for wonderful choral music, the Psalms are rich in poetic language. Audience participation.

St. Thomas's Anglican Church, 383 Huron Street, Toronto

Friday, May 29, 8:00 pm

Songs from Sea to Sea

Primarily Canadian repertoire representing composers and musical traditions from coast to coas.t. The centrepiece, however, is American Kirke Mechem's lyrical *Earth my song*.

St. Thomas's Anglican Church, 383 Huron Street, Toronto

For more information visit: exultate.net

UPCOMING EVENTS

Expect Something Different!



Tuesday, November 11, 7:30 pm

The End of Innocence - Through music and images, remember the pride, passion and pathos of 'the war to end all wars'.

Grace Church on- the- Hill, 300 Lonsdale Road

Tuesday, December 16, 7:30 pm

Welcome Christmas II - Orpheus and the incomparable Hannaford Street Silver Band join forces once more for a sparkling and festive Christmas celebration. Yorkminster Park Baptist, 1585 Yonge St.

Saturday, March 7, 7:30 pm

The Soul's Journey - Works by two of Britain's foremost composers: James MacMillan's deeply felt *Seven Last Words from the Cross* and John Rutter's unmistakably optimistic *Requiem*.

Eglinton St George's United Church, 35 Lyton Blvd.

Saturday, May 9, 7:30 pm

Touch the Earth Lightly - The Toronto premieres of *Ten Thousand Rivers of Oil* by Canadian composer Leonard Enns and *Sunrise: A Symphonic Mass* by renowned Norwegian composer Ola Gjeilo.

Grace Church on-the-Hill, 300 Lonsdale Road

For more information visit: orpheuschoirtoronto.com



Saturday, November 22, 7:30 pm

Christmas with the MacMillan Singers - Music of the season, including *Handel's Messiah*, Part I . Hi-way Pentecostal Church, 50 Anne Street North, Barrie Tickets are available on line at **barrieconcerts.org** or at the door

Sunday, December 7, 2:30 pm

Gloria! Individual performances by the U of T Men's Chorus, Women's Chamber Choir, Women' Chorus, and MacMillan Singers, and a guest appearance by Young Voices Toronto. The combined university choirs will perform John Rutter's Gloria. Tickets are available through the Weston Family Box Office at **performance.rcmusic.ca** MacMillan Theatre, University of Toronto

UPCOMING EVENTS



Worship with us Sundays at 11:00 am & 7:00 pm

Upcoming Special Services and Events

2014 Lester Randall Preaching Fellowship - October 26-28

Sunday, October 26, 11:00 am - Rev. Dr. Barbara Mutch

Sunday, October 26, 7:00 pm - Archbishop Thomas Cardinal Collins

Monday, October 27, 7:00 pm - Rev. Dr. Walter Brueggemann

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Saturday, November 8, 7:30 pm

A Concert of Remembrance

Choir and special guest John MacDermott

Sunday, November 9, 11:00 am

Remembrance Sunday Services with the Toronto Police Military

Veterans Association

Wednesday, November 12, 7:30 pm

Lullabies of Broadway featuring Allison Walker

Saturday, December 6, 2:00 pm

CITY Carol Sing with Gord Martineau, Louise Pitre, Ted Dykstra, choirs, brass. An annual benefit for the Daily Bread/Churches on-the-Hill Food Banks

Sunday, December 14, 4:30 pm

Carols by Candlelight

Canada's oldest candlelight carol service dating back more than 80 years.

Sunday, December 21, 4:30 p.m.

Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

Wednesday December 24, 5:00 p.m

Bethlehem on Yonge with live nativity characters and animals and carol singing

Wednesday, December 24, 11:00 p.m. Candlelight Service with Choir

Thursday December 25, 11:00 a.m. Christmas Day Communion

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