

CHRISTMAS EVE CELEBRATION

DECEMBER 24, 2006 • 6:00 PM

A CHILD IS BORN

MIDDLE COLLEGIATE CHURCH CHOIR | MANHATTAN BRASS QUINTET
REV. JACQUI LEWIS, PH.D., SENIOR MINISTER

PRELUDE	Manhattan Brass Quintet David Ralph, guest organist
<i>Wondrous Love</i>	Gwyneth Walker
WELCOME	Jacqui Lewis
HYMN*	<i>O Come, All Ye Faithful</i> New Century Hymnal ~Worshippers may be seated~
<i>Hamlet (excerpt)</i>	William Shakespeare Elisabeth Rodgers reading
<i>Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming</i>	5th. C. carol, arr. Maddux
<i>O magnum mysterium</i> O great mystery and wondrous sacrament, that animals should see the new-born Lord lying in their manger.	Francis Poulenc
<i>I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day</i>	H. W. Longfellow Elisabeth Rodgers reading
<i>This Christmas Night</i>	Mark Rehnstrom Kate Whitney, pianist
PRAYER OF CELEBRATION	Heather Juby
SCRIPTURE	Isaiah 9: 2 - 7
<i>The Oxen</i>	Thomas Hardy Elisabeth Rodgers reading
<i>Glory to the New Born King</i> Solos: Charles Brown, Mark Rehnstrom. Trio: Beth Hatton, Gail Blache-Gill, Nedra Neal.	Joseph Jennings
<i>It Came Upon the Midnight Clear</i>	arr. Carla Blay
HOMILY	A Child is Born Jacqui Lewis
<i>A Child is Born</i> Now out of the night, new as the dawn, into the light this child, innocent child soft as a lamb, this child is born, one small heart, one pair of eyes, one work of art, here in my arms here he lies, trusting and warm, blessed this morn a child is born. (Alec Wilder)	Thad Jones, arr. Broadley
<i>Joy to the World</i>	arr. Luther Henderson
<i>O Holy Night</i>	Adophe Adam Solo: Edlyn de Oliveira

~ CANDLE LIGHTING ~

HYMN*	<i>Silent Night</i>	New Century Hymnal
Silent night, holy night, All is calm, all is bright, Round yon Virgin Mother and Child, Holy Infant so tender and mild, Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace		
Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight, Glories stream from heaven afar, Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia! Christ, the Saviour is born, Christ, the Saviour is born.		
HYMN*	<i>Hark, the Herald Angels Sing</i>	New Century Hymnal
Hark the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King! Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled" Joyful, all ye nations rise, Join the triumph of the skies, With the angelic host proclaim: "Christ is born in Bethlehem." Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"		
Christ by highest heav'n adored, Christ the everlasting Lord! Late in time behold Him come, Offspring of a Virgin's womb. Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, Hail the incarnate Deity. Pleased as man with man to dwell. Jesus, our Emmanuel, Hark! The herald angels sing. "Glory to the newborn King!"		
Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Son of Righteousness! Light and life to all He brings, Ris'n with healing in His wings. Mild He lays His glory by, Born that man no more may die, Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them second birth. Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"		
POSTLUDE	<i>Adeste fideles</i>	Eric Thiman
*Indicates please stand if you are able and join us in song.		

MANHATTAN BRASS QUINTET

Wayne J. du Maine – trumpet. Lew Soloff - Trumpet. Ann Ellsworth – horn.
Michael Seltzer – trombone. David Taylor – bass trombone.

MIDDLE CHURCH CHOIR

Marcus Auger, Gail Blache-Gill, Charles S. Brown, Matthew Deming, Beth Hatton, Joslyn King, Eric Lamp, Nedra Neal, Mark Rehnstrom, Elisabeth Rodgers, Christopher Roselli, Kristin Sampson, Pamela Warrick-Smith, Junko Watanabe. Directed by Jonathan Dudley.

COURTESY AND SAFETY IN THE SANCTUARY

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