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Christmas With Kansas City Bronze

Dr. William O. Baker, Music Director & Conductor
The Reverend Gabe Combs, Associate Music Director
The Reverend Alisa Carmichael, Organist
Erica Seago, Flute

Saturday Afternoon, 9 December 2023
St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Kansas City, Missouri

*Awake the sleeping world with song,
This is the day the Lord has made.
Assemble here celestial throng,
In royal splendor come arrayed.
Come in, ye kings, and kiss the feet of God!*

SOLI DEO GLORIA

What wondrous love is this, O my soul?

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Kansas City Bronze began in 2018, and has found a niche as one of the leading competitively auditioned handbell ensembles in the Kansas City region. Indeed, *The Independent* magazine called KCB [one of] “Kansas City’s elite handbell ensembles.” Kansas City Bronze has performed in solo concerts and community events from Basehor, Kansas to Lee’s Summit, Missouri, including *Candlelight, Carols & Cathedral, Convocation 2020 With the William Baker Festival Singers*, and the *Lighting of the Mayor’s Christmas Tree in Roeland Park, Kansas*. The ensemble appears on the Amber Waves album *The Heart Worships at Christmas*.

Under the leadership of Music Director William Baker and Associate Music Director Gabe Combs, Kansas City Bronze seeks to bring the highest levels of artistry and repertoire to community bell ringing. With the addition of the lower bells of the sixth octave and the anticipation of adding the upper bells of the sixth octave, in addition to a new five-octave set of Malmark choir-chimes, Kansas City Bronze is growing artistically in its variety and depth of repertoire.

Through the gracious gift of a second four-octave set of Schulmerich bells and a four octave set of Suzuki choir-chimes, Kansas City Bronze anticipates the creation of a Ringer’s Academy for the 2024-2025 season to potentially include the creation of an additional community handbell ensemble for beginning and intermediate ringers, and chime ensembles for children, youth and older adult ringers of all skill levels and experience. For information, please contact us at Mail@FestivalSingers.org or 913-488-7524.

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The 3rd Annual Christmas With Kansas City Bronze

Saturday Afternoon, 9 December 2023, St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Kansas City, Missouri

CHANGE RING ON "DIVINIUM MYSTERIUM"

13th Century Plainsong
Arranged by Fred Gramann

THE CAROL - ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

Please rise and join to sing

Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply echoing their glorious strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Come to Bethlehem and see Him Whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

See Him in a manger laid, Whom the choirs of angels praise;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while our hearts in love we raise.
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

You may be seated.

GREENSLEEVES

Erica Seago, percussion

Arranged by Cathy Moglebust

READING: *The people that walked in darkness...*

IN THE BLEAK MIDWINTER

Gustav HOLST, 1874-1934
Arranged by Karen Lakey Buckwalter

READING: *And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse...*

INFANT HOLY, INFANT LOWLY

Polish Traditional
Arranged by Betty B. Garee

READING: *Arise, shine, for thy light is come...*

MOON OF WINTERTIME

Arranged by Jason W. Krug

READING: *And there were shepherds abiding in the field...*

CELTIC NOEL

Erica Seago, flute

Arranged by Sondra K. Tucker

READING: *In the beginning was the Word...*

STILLE NACHT

Franz GRUBER, 1787-1863
Arranged by James E. Weber, Jr.

DING, DONG, MERRILY ON HIGH

Arranged by Fred Gramann

THE CAROL - JOY TO THE WORLD

Please rise and join to sing

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing!

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy!

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness, And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love.
And wonders, wonders of His love.

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