

HOPE burning bright

A Christmas Worship Musicale

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Welcome!

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HOPE SPRINGS ETERNAL?

There is a saying that “Hope springs eternal in the human breast” (Alexander Pope). Unfortunately, that often becomes an idealistic thought unaligned with reality. There are two reasons. First, apart from God, human hope is temporary, for even the most hopeful person can only hope until the end of this life; afterwards, they can only reap what they have sown. Second, if we get real, even the most optimistic person will reach his limit of hope. Instead, the Biblical truth is this: Hope springs eternal in a Christian’s heart. It never runs out or ends. A Christian may suffer and even die for the Lord, but in this life and the next, the Christian’s hope never ends.

In our world that is filled with so much darkness—the darkness of depression, discouragement and even suicide, we need real hope, not false hope. It is to this

kind of a world that Jesus came, a world that needed Him, even as it rejected Him. A world that needs light, even as it hated the Light of the World, Jesus.

Our prayer is that the songs you hear today, and the message about Christmas, will bring back your hope if ever you’ve lost yours. May you be reminded that because Christ came into this world to give light, He can be the light in your personal darkness.

But if your hope firmly remains, may the entire musicale and worship service give you more reasons than ever not to ever lose your hope, and even inspire you to give it away. Like 1 Peter 3:15 reminds us, “Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.”

Merry Christmas, and may Christ always be the hope of your life! ■

Hope Burning Bright: A Christmas Worship Musicales

featuring songs from ‘Christmas Makes Everything New: A Christmas Worship Experience’ by David Moffitt, Sue Smith and Travis Cottrell • PRESENTED WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF The Festival Choir (All Choirs and Singing Groups) • Chancel Choir led by Music Director Josh Capule • Youth Choir led by Des Batalla • Senior’s Choir led by Betty Rendal • Harvest led by Zeb Zuñiga • Praise Factory led by Kathy Garcia-Alvarado and choreographed by Yang Orleans • 6:33 led by Lani Ligot • 4Word led by Boots Dizon TOGETHER WITH Praise and Worship Band led by Levi Fabellar • Orchestra conducted by Josh Capule and Benj Caaway • Tapestry led by Nikoy de Guzman • Production Team led by Joey Aracama • Stage Management Team led by Ruth Paraso • Narration script by Kit Paraso • Design and graphics by GCF Communication Team



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Angels We Have Heard!

TAPESTRY

WORSHIP THROUGH PRAISE

Sing We Now of Christmas Medley

(with The First Noel, God Rest Ye, Merry Gentlemen and Joy to the World)

"Sing we now of Christmas, Noel sing we here!
Hear our grateful praises to the Babe so dear!"

FESTIVAL CHOIR AND TAPESTRY

Jesus is His Name

with O Come All Ye Faithful

"Hope has broken through the night, and now our God is with us. Love has come to save, and Jesus is His Name!"

CHANCEL, YOUTH AND SENIOR CHOIRS

Hark! The Herald Medley

(with O Come, O Come Emmanuel and O Holy Night)

"Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled.
All because of heaven's Child. Glory to His Name, to His Name!"

CHANCEL, YOUTH AND SENIOR CHOIRS

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In the Highest with What Child is This?

"On this old forgotten hill near a nowhere kind of town, now Your advent is revealed to the desperate gathered round."

CHANCEL, YOUTH AND SENIOR CHOIRS

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Oh What a Savior

"You see the pain and strife; You enter in. Your goodness is greater. Oh, what a Savior. You come to make this world Your home. Emmanuel, we're not alone!"

HARVEST

Christmas Makes Everything New

"Christmas makes everything new, whatever life has taken us through. Love makes a promise to me and to you: Christmas makes ev'rything new."

HARVEST

Christmas Worship Medley

(Silent Night, Away in a Manger and We Need You, Lord)

CHANCEL CHOIR

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"You are love, you are joy of the world...You are hope burning bright."

4 WORD AND 6:33

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WORSHIP IN THE WORD

ELDER DYLAN HALILI (SATURDAY)

DR. LARRY PABIONA (SUNDAY)

Crown You King

"This is the place of letting go, my treasure at Your feet. This is the place for laying down all that's dear to me."

4 WORD AND 6:33

My Life for You with Crown You King (Reprise)

"When I think of how You came, the sacrifice You made, when I think of all You've done to show Your love; what treasure can I bring that's worthy of my King?"

CHANCEL CHOIR

Believe in Christmas with Joy to the World

"Believe in Christmas, believe in Love. Believe in peace and hope and joy for everyone."

PRAISE FACTORY

BENEDICTION

Go Tell It on the Mountain with Mighty to Save

"Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev'rywhere. Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!"

FESTIVAL CHOIR AND TAPESTRY

JESUS

you are LOVE

you are JOY

you are

HOPE
*burning
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