

# The Cantata Singers

of Elmira, NY

Will Wickham, Musical Director  
Frances McLaren, Accompanist

## *Advent Service of Lessons and Carols*

Sunday, December 19, 1999  
3:00 PM  
The Courtyards at Bethany Village  
Horseheads, NY

# ADVENT SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

**PRELUDE** Frances McLaren, Accompanist

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN** No. 250 (1-3)

*"Once In Royal David's City"*

**A BIDDING PRAYER**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Our Father, who art in heaven  
Hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done,  
On earth as it is in heaven.  
give us this day our daily bread,  
And forgive us our trespasses  
As we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil  
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory  
For ever and ever. Amen*

**ANTHEM** *"Jubilate Deo"* Benjamin Britten

**FIRST LESSON** Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19

Response: **"THANKS BE TO GOD"**

**ANTHEM** *"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"* Henry G. Ley

# The Cantata Singers

The Cantata Singers was founded in 1964 as an ecumenical group of singers wishing to perform masterworks of sacred music. The group draws musicians from Elmira and the surrounding area and has been performing quality choral concerts in many local churches for 35 years. It is our pleasure to use our God-given gifts to enrich the musical and spiritual lives of our communities.

## SOPRANO

Marylee Ashby  
Lou Bleiler  
Robin Fitzgerald  
Dorothy Hoos  
Ann Jennings  
Jane Kerber

## ALTO

Ostara Bedo  
Lucy Cunnings  
Frances McLaren  
Cora Range  
Kelly Stone  
Florence Suffern

## TENOR

Matthew Carney  
Ron Tunison

## BASS

Jim Fink  
Rick Schockner  
Michael Wald

**SECOND LESSON**

Isaiah 9: 2,6,7

**THIRD LESSON**

Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9

**Response: "THANKS BE TO GOD"**

**ANTHEM**

*"Rejoice In the Lord"*

*John Redford*

**FOURTH LESSON**

Luke 1:26-35, 38

**Response: "THANKS BE TO GOD"**

**ANTHEM**

*"Magnificat"*

*Ralph Vaughn Williams*

**FIFTH LESSON**

Luke 2:1, 3-7

**Response: "THANKS BE TO GOD"**

**HYMN**

*"What Child Is This?"*

No. 219

**SIXTH LESSON**

Luke 2:8-16

**Response: "THANKS BE TO GOD"**

**ANTHEM**

*"Quem Vidistis Pastores"*

*Francis Poulenc*

**SEVENTH LESSON**

Matthew 2:1-12

**Response: "THANKS BE TO GOD"**

**ANTHEM**

*"Noel Nouvelet"*

*Arr. John Rutter*

**EIGHTH LESSON**

John 1:1-14

**Response: "THANKS BE TO GOD"**

**HYMN**

*"O Come, All Ye Faithful"*

No. 234 (1,3,6)

## THE COLLECT

*Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility, that in the last day, when he shall come again in glorious majesty to judge the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal, through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and ever. Amen*

**HYMN.**

“Hark, the Herald Angels Sing”

No. 240

## BENEDICTION

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