

Keep the Light of Christmas

PRELUDE: “Silent Night” (Saturday- / Sunday-Emily Nicolich) “The Music of Christmas”

Tryn: Then spake Jesus: I am the light of the world. He that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

Rob: In him was life; and life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness, and the darkness comprehended it not.

Tryn: And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger.

“The Star Carol”

Rob: I beheld in the City of Nazareth a virgin, and she was exceedingly fair. And an angel came down and stood before me and he said unto me: What beholdest thou? And I said unto him: a virgin, most beautiful and fair above all other virgins. And he said unto me: Behold the virgin whom thou seest is the mother of the Son of God, after the manner of the flesh.

And it came to pass that I behold that she was carried away in the Spirit and I looked, and beheld the virgin again, bearing a child in her arms.

And the angel said unto me: Behold the Lamb of God, yea, even the Son of the Eternal Father!

“Hear the Glad Tidings”

Rob: And behold there shall a new star arise, such an one as ye never have beheld, and this shall be a sign unto you.

Rob: Where is he that is born king of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.

Tryn: And whosoever shall believe on the Son of God, the same shall have everlasting life.

“Shine for Me Again: Star of Bethlehem”

Tryn: Let the earth break forth into singing.

Rob: Let the mountains shout for joy, and all ye valleys cry aloud; and all ye seas and dry lands tell the wonders of your Eternal King!

Tryn: And ye rivers, and brooks, and rills, flow down with gladness. Let the woods and all the trees of the field praise the Lord; and ye solid rocks weep for joy!

Rob: And let the sun, moon, and the morning stars sing together, and let all the sons of God shout for Joy!

Tryn: And let the eternal creations declare his name forever and ever!

Rob: And again I say, how glorious is the voice we hear from heaven, proclaiming in our ears, glory, and salvation, and honor, and immortality, and eternal life; kingdoms, principalities, and powers! Behold the great day of the Lord is at hand.

“Bright, Bright the Holly Berries”

Rob: And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him. And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. And he came into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law, then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said, Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word: For mine eyes have seen thy salvation which thou has prepared before the face of all people; a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.

And Simeon said unto Mary, his mother, Yea, a sword shall pierce through thine own side also. And Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

**“Be Still My Soul” (Aaron Clark-both nights)
“Mary Did You Know?”**

Rob: And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.

Tryn: And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men

“Rise Up Shepherd and Follow”

Tryn: And it came to pass, as the angles were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another—

Rob: Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

Tryn: And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

**“Do You Know the Way to Bethlehem?”
“Away in a Manger” – (Sunday only – Emily Nicolich & Aaron Clark)**

Rob: Ye are the light of the world. A city which is set on a hill cannot be hid.

Tryn: Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light to all that are in the house.

Rob: Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

“Greensleeves” (Sunday Only – Emily Nicholich)

“Were You There on That Christmas Night?”

Tryn: The trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, might be found unto praise and honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ: whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory.

“Gloria in Excelsis”

Tryn: For unto **us** a child is born, unto **us** a son is given.

Rob: For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Tryn: Therefore, hold up your light that it may shine unto the world. Behold, saith Jesus, I am the light which ye shall hold up.

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