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Christmas With Kansas City Bronze

Dr. William O. Baker Music Director & Conductor
The Reverend Gabe Combs, Associate Music Director
Canon John Schaefer, Organist & Narrator
Dr. Sean Sweeden, Percussion

Saturday Afternoon, 10 December 2022
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



Kansas City Bronze began in 2018, and has found a niche as one of the leading community 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. Kansas City Bronze maintained a full schedule of rehearsals and concerts during the 2020-2021 pandemic year. With the return of full activities for the concert-going public, Kansas City Bronze has dramatically increased concertizing, and plans tours and recording projects in the months to come. Numerous performances of Kansas City Bronze may be enjoyed on our YouTube channel: William Baker Choral Foundation. Please subscribe to our YouTube channel: **William Baker Choral Foundation**

Kansas City Bronze is an ensemble of the William Baker Choral Foundation. The Choral Foundation sponsors twelve performing ensembles in Kansas, Missouri, Illinois, North Carolina, and Georgia, in addition to the Institute for Healthy Singing & Voice Research, the Institute for Choral Creativity, the Choral Conversations Podcast, and the Jane Sullivan Choral Resource Library.

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Saturday Afternoon, 10 December 2022, St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Kansas City, Missouri

O COME, O COME EMMANUEL

Arranged by Sandra Eithun

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

Arranged by Cathy Mokebust

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

GOOD PEOPLE ALL - WEXFORD CAROL

Gabe Combs, vocal soloist

Arranged by Hart Morris

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

GOD REST YE MERRY GENTLEMEN

Arranged by Gregory M. Pysb

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

MOON OF WINTERTIME

Arranged by Jason W. Krug

ON THIS DAY EARTH SHALL RING

Arranged by Cathy Mokebust

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

HE IS BORN

Arranged by Alex Guebert

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

STILLE NACHT

Arranged by James Weber

PSALM OF PEACE

WILLIAM PAYN, Born 1946

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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Kansas City Bronze, Roeland Park, Kansas, 2018

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Ed Frazier Davis, MM, Music Director & Conductor

Smoky Mountain Summer Singers, Waynesville, North Carolina, 2023

Amy Thropp, MM, Music Director & Conductor

Institute for Healthy Singing & Voice Research, Roeland Park, Kansas, 2015

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Choral Conversations Podcast with William Baker & Jamea Sale, Roeland Park, Kansas, 2018

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