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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  
Erica Seago, Flute & Percussion     Doug Woolery, Percussion

Saturday Afternoon, 11 December 2021  
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?*

# Kansas City Bronze

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*Chris Barnard*

*David Beckers*

*Amy Chinnery-Valmassei*

*Gabe Combs*

*Jill Jarrett*

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*Kelissa Monroy*

*Megan Moore*

*Shiela Ogden*

*Cindy Sheets*

*Scott Willoughby*

*Sharry Willoughby*

*Dale Bolyard, substitute*

*Emily Fish, substitute*

*Janice Lee, substitute*

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*Erica Seago, substitute*

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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. Following a discovery year in 2018-2019, membership was appointed for the ensemble's first full season in 2019-2020. 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 looks forward to increased concertizing, touring and recording in the months and years to come.

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

Kansas City Bronze presently has no openings for principal members, but qualified ringers are being sought for the substitute list. Rehearsals are held in the Jane Sullivan Choral Library at the William Baker Choral Foundation Center in Roeland Park, Kansas. For additional information, please contact us at [Mail@FestivalSingers.org](mailto:Mail@FestivalSingers.org) or 913-488-7524.

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## ADVENT TIDINGS

*Arranged by Matthew Compton*

*Nun komm der Heiden Heiland Veni Emmanuel Divinium Mysterium*

## 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.*

## CHANGE RING ON "DIVINIUM MYSTERIUM"

*Arranged by Fred Gramann*

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

## DING, DONG, MERRILY ON HIGH

*Arranged by Fred Gramann*

**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...*

## IN THE BLEAK MIDWINTER

Gustav HOLST, 1874-1934  
*Arranged by Karen Buckwalter*

## ON THIS DAY EARTH SHALL RING

*Arranged by Cathy Mokolbust*

Gabe Combs, tenor drum     Doug Woolery, tambourine     Erica Seago, finger cymbals

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

## CELTIC NOEL

*Arranged by Sondra Tucker*

Erica Seago, flute

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

**STILLE NACHT**

*Arranged by James Weber*

**FESTIVE PRAISES**

Fred GRAMANN, Born 1950

**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.

*Kansas City Bronze and the Musical Family of the William Baker Choral Foundation  
Wish You A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!*



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