



Saint Leo University Annual Christmas Tree Lighting

Wednesday, November 18, 2020

6:30 p.m.

Prelude Student Soloists under the direction of Dr. Cynthia Selph, Assistant Professor of Music
And Music Ministry, Director of Saint Leo Singers and Just the FACTS

Sweet Little Jesus Boy - Alec'a Ash

Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer - Cateleen Wells

Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas - Charles Jackson

Welcome & Introduction of Special Guests Dr. Jen Shaw, Vice President of Student Affairs

Christmas Tree & Manger Blessing Father Randall Meissen, University Chaplain

A Reading Ashley Butler, Student Government Union President

Luke 2:1-14

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus
that the whole world should be enrolled.
This was the first enrollment,
when Quirinius was governor of Syria.
So all went to be enrolled, each to his own town.
And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth
to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem,
because he was of the house and family of David,
to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child.
While they were there,
the time came for her to have her child,
and she gave birth to her firstborn son.
She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger,
because there was no room for them in the inn.

Now there were shepherds in that region living in the fields
and keeping the night watch over their flock.
The angel of the Lord appeared to them
and the glory of the Lord shone around them,
and they were struck with great fear.

The angel said to them,
"Do not be afraid;
for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy
that will be for all the people.
For today in the city of David
a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord.
And this will be a sign for you:
you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes
and lying in a manger."
And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel,
praising God and saying:
"Glory to God in the highest
and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

Christmas Prayer Father Randall Meissen, University Chaplain

Sing Along Christmas Carols Lucas Nocera, Music Minister

O Christmas Tree

O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree
How lovely are your branches!

In beauty green will always grow
Through Summer sun and Winter snow
O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree
How lovely are your branches!

O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree
You are the tree most loved!

How often you give us delight
In brightly shining Christmas light!
O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree
You are the tree most loved!

O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree
Your beauty green will teach me

That hope and love will ever be
The way to joy and peace for me
O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree
Your beauty green will teach me

O Holy Night

O holy night the stars are brightly shining
It is the night of our dear Savior's birth
Long lay the world in sin and error pining
Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth

A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices
For yonder breaks a new glorious morn

Fall on your knees
O hear the angel voices
O night divine
O night when Christ was born
O night divine, O night
O night divine

O come, all ye faithful
Joyful and triumphant
O come ye, o come ye to Bethlehem

Come and behold Him
Born the King of Angels!
O come, let us adore Him
O come, let us adore Him
O come, let us adore Him
Christ the Lord

Sing, choirs of angels
Sing in exultation
O, sing all ye citizens of Heav'n above
Glory to God
Glory in the highest!

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee
Born this happy morning
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n
Son of the Father
Now in flesh appearing

Joy to the World

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!
Your sweetest songs employ
While fields and streams, and 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!

Please enjoy a treat to take with you. Merry Christmas! Prayers for you and your family.

