



Ninoy Lumboy, *Christmas Carols*, 2007

The artist writes: This is a painting of Christmas in my hometown (Bamban, Tarlac, Philippines), where carolers sing from house to house and lanterns like the first Christmas star lights in the house of the rich and poor to welcome the birth of Jesus.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF LA JOLLA

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HOME WORSHIP GUIDE



CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH of *La Jolla*



WELCOME TO THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF LA JOLLA'S AT HOME WORSHIP EXPERIENCE. PLEASE FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS IN THIS GUIDE AND UTILIZE THE AUDIO LINKS SENT TO YOU IN THE ACCOMPANYING EMAIL TO ASSIST IN YOUR WORSHIP EXPERIENCE. PLEASE PROVIDE US WITH FEEDBACK IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS. YOU CAN REACH US AT PASTOR@LAJOLLAUCC.ORG. THIS IS CHURCH. THIS IS HOLY. THIS IS HOW WE RESPOND TO THE CHALLENGES OF OUR DAY.

THIS WILL BE VERY MUCH UNLIKE WHAT YOU ARE USED TO IN CHURCH. THAT IS ON PURPOSE. THIS IS SOMETHING NEW AND BECAUSE OF THAT WE'VE TAKEN LIBERTIES TO PROVIDE YOU WITH SOMETHING TOTALLY DIFFERENT. ENJOY MUSICAL SELECTIONS YOU MIGHT NOT HAVE HEARD AT CHURCH BEFORE AND A MESSAGE UNLIKE THAT WHICH IS DELIVERED FROM THE PULPIT. CONSIDER IT AN ADVENTURE. YES, YOU ARE MAKING HISTORY TODAY.

PLEASE FIND A COMFORTABLE AND COMFORTING PLACE IN YOUR HOME OR SOMEWHERE ELSE YOU FEEL SAFE. GET COMFORTABLE, POUR YOURSELF A CUP OR GLASS OF SOMETHING SOOTHING AND ENJOY THIS EXPERIMENT IN WORSHIP....

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

ENJOY NINA'S PIANO SOLO BY CLICKING THE ATTACHMENT
CALLED "NUTCRACKER OVERTURE" IN THE EMAIL. DURING THIS
TIME LEAVE YOUR FEARS, DOUBTS, AND UNCERTAINTIES OUTSIDE
THE ROOM AND BE COMPLETELY PRESENT WITH YOURSELF.
BREATHE INTENTIONALLY AND FOCUS ON EACH
INHALE AND EXHALE.



Hubert and Jan Van Eyck, Angel Musicians, Ghent Altarpiece, c. 1430

FINDING GOD IN VOICE

HEAR OUR CHOIR AND FRIENDS
SING
TWENTY-EIGHT CHRISTMAS CAROLS
IN TWO MINUTES!

CLICK ON THE ATTACHMENT CALLED
“WE WISH YOU A 2020 CHRISTMAS” IN THE EMAIL.

CAROL LIST ON NEXT PAGE
*More details under Performance Notes
at the end of this document*



Cambrai Songbook
Commissioned by Zeghere van Male, Bruges, Belgium, 1542

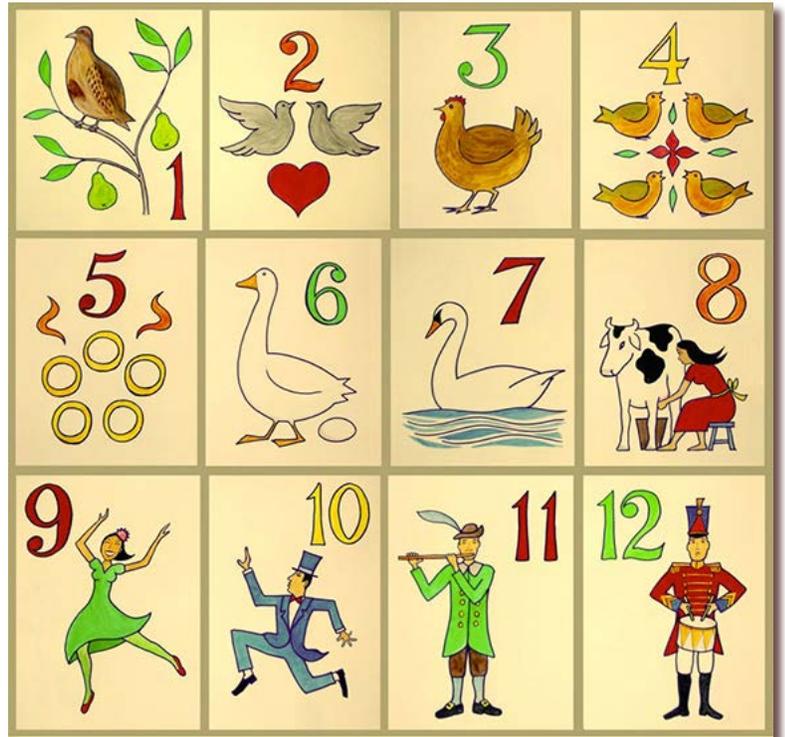
CHRISTMAS CAROL QUODLIBET, IN ORDER

1. Carol of the bells
2. We three kings
3. God rest ye merry, gentlemen
4. Jingle bells
5. O come, O come Emmanuel
6. Hark! the herald angels sing
7. Angels we have heard on high
8. Here we come a-wassailing
9. Oh holy night
10. While shepherds watch'd their flocks
11. O little town of Bethlehem
12. Joy to the world
13. Lully, lulla (The Coventry Carol)
14. We wish you a merry Christmas
15. I wonder as I wander
16. Deck the halls
17. In the bleak mid-winter
18. Boar's head carol
19. *Il est né, le divin Enfant* (He is born, the divine Christ child)
20. Twenty-fifth day of December
21. *Noël nouvelet* (Sing we now of Christmas)
22. Rise up, shepherd and follow



Wabash College Glee Club, Nina Gilbert, director
Drawn in 1993 from a 1992 photo
Cartoon by Dave Gerard, Wabash class of '31

23. The twelve days of Christmas
24. *In dulci jubilo* (Good Christians all, rejoice)
25. It came upon a midnight clear
26. Here we come a-wassailing
27. *Josef, lieber Josef mein* (Joseph, dearest Joseph mine)
28. I saw three ships come sailing in



Twelve Days of Christmas, Xavier Romero-Frias, Barcelona, 2012
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The Geese Book
 Illumination from chant manuscript, Nuremberg, Germany, c. 1510
 Pierpont Morgan Library, New York

WE HEAR FROM SCRIPTURE...

about Christmas Carols!

Away in a Manger

Luke 2:7

She gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him snugly in strips of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no lodging available for them.

The First Noel

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks By Night

Luke 2:8-12

That night there were shepherds staying in the fields nearby, guarding their flocks of sheep. Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord's glory surrounded them. They were terrified, but the angel reassured them. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David! And you will recognize him by this sign: You will find a baby wrapped snugly in strips of cloth, lying in a manger."

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Micah 5:2

"But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times."



Hubert and Jan van Eyck
Ghent Altarpiece, c. 1430

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
Luke 2:14

“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”

I Saw Three Ships
Matthew 2:1-2

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”

Source:
<https://ministrypass.com/advent-hymns/>

A MESSAGE TO REFLECT ON

PLEASE ENJOY NINA'S MESSAGE ABOUT
CHRISTMAS CAROLS BY CLICKING ON THE
ATTACHMENT CALLED
"CHRISTMAS CAROL STORIES"
IN THE EMAIL



Street Art, San Diego, February 2017

<https://coolsandiegosights.com/2017/02/22/joyful-colorful-street-art-shows-music-in-heaven/>

Note the hands of God and Adam producing musical notes!

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH CONTINUES....

YES, EVEN THOUGH WE AREN'T TOGETHER THE WORK OF THE CHURCH CONTINUES. WE MIGHT NOT BE PASSING A **LITERAL** OFFERING PLATE BUT WE ARE PASSING A **VIRTUAL** ONE. **YOUR GIFTS AND TITHES** ARE WHAT HAVE ALLOWED THIS CHURCH TO SEE THREE DIFFERENT CENTURIES.

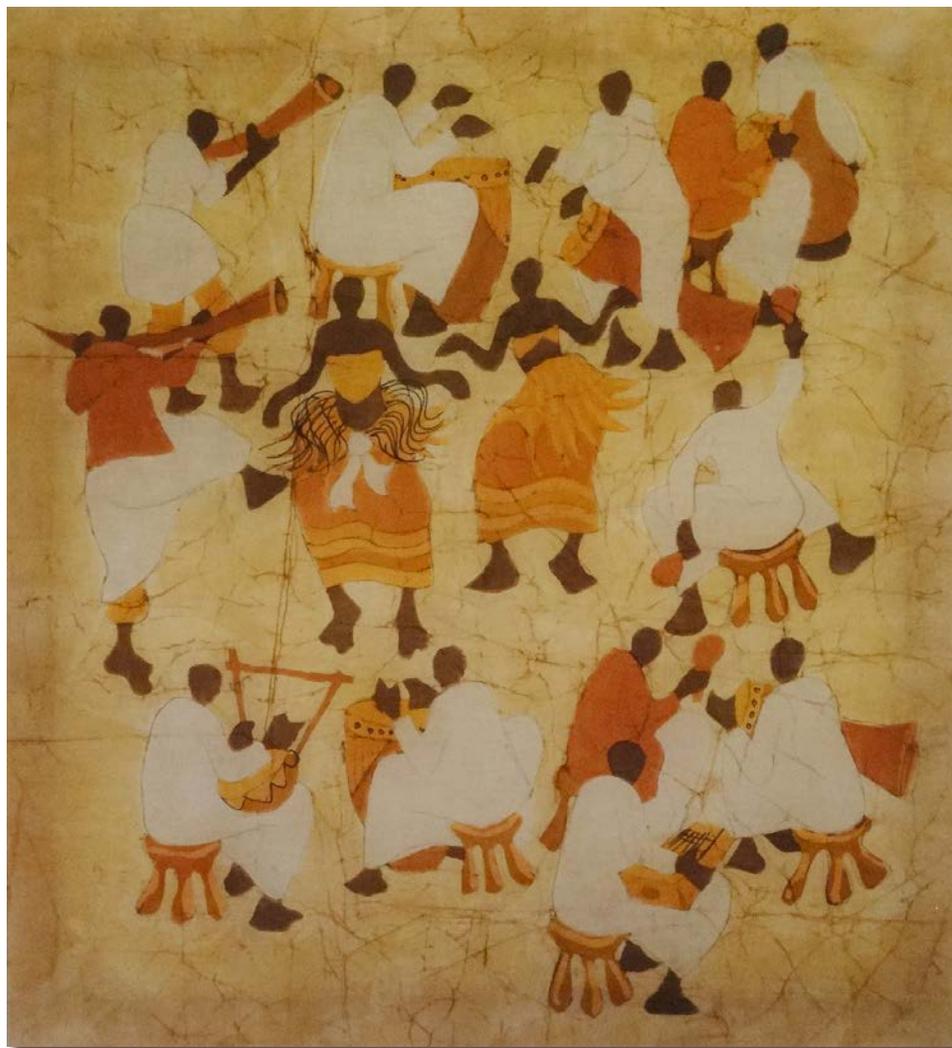
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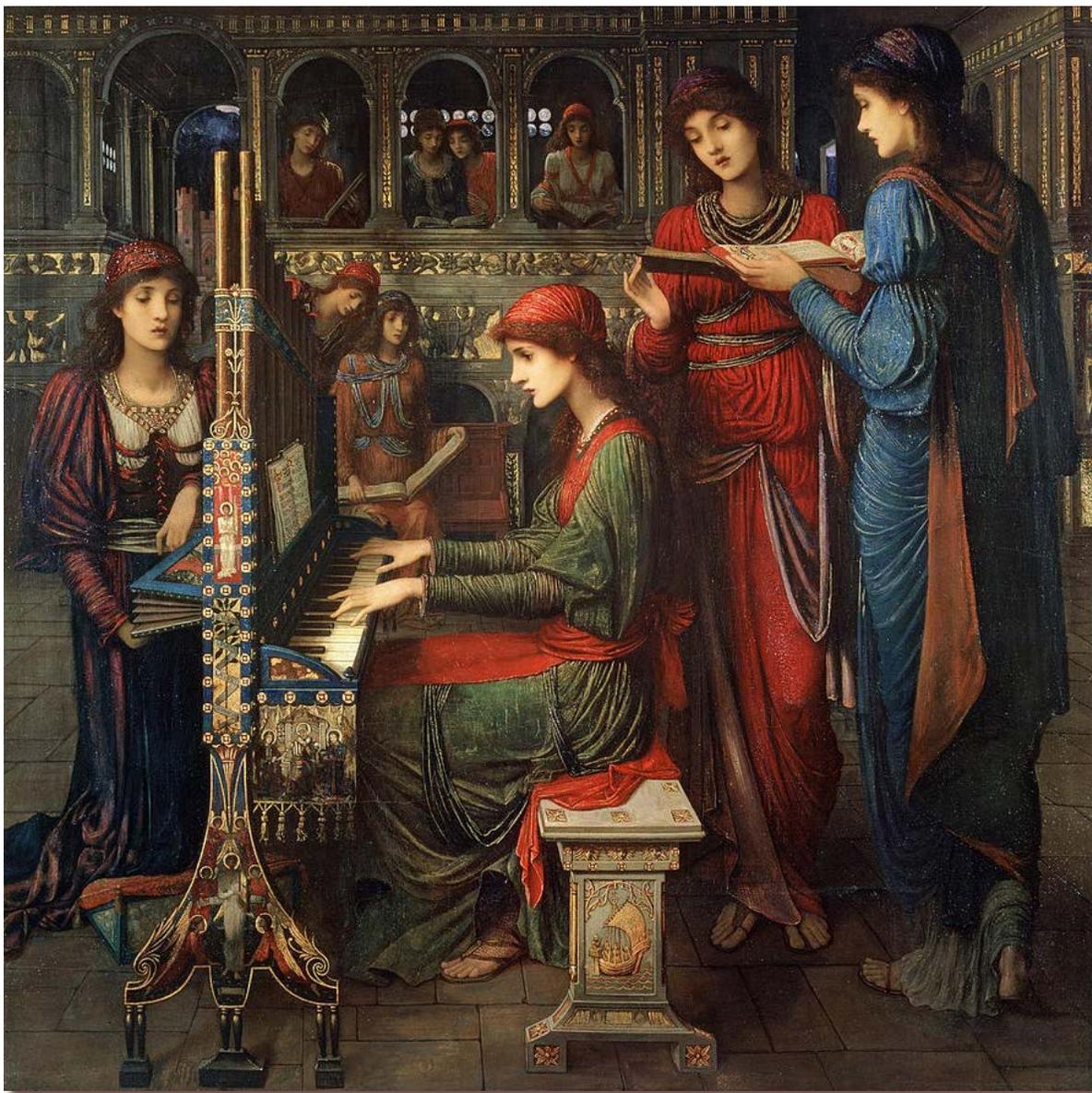
OR FEEL FREE TO
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LA JOLLA, CA
92037**



Musicians, Tanzanian batik
Purchased in Nairobi, 1979

WE PREPARE TO GO OUT INTO AN *UNCERTAIN* WORLD

PLEASE CLICK ON THE ATTACHMENT CALLED
“NUTCRACKER ARAB DANCE” IN THE EMAIL
AND ENJOY NINA’S PIANO SOLO.



John Melhuish Strudwick, *Saint Cecilia*, 1896

NOW MAY THE GRACE OF

GOD WHICH IS BEYOND OUR

UNDERSTANDING, THE LOVE OF

JESUS CHRIST

WHICH IS BEYOND OUR
DESERVING, AND THE POWER

OF THE **HOLY SPIRIT**

BE WITH EACH OF YOU

BOTH NOW AND

FOREVERMORE.

AMEN

PERFORMANCE NOTES

Nina Gilbert, *pianist, music director, and guest speaker*

Rick Hernandez-Gist, Melissa Melchor, Nate Henrichon, Kristin Bean, Jim Tompkins-MacLaine,
Kathy Dallaire, Matthias Kaeser, Bronwyn Allen-Kaeser, *singers (in order of appearance)*

Nate Henrichon, *trumpet*

Hilo (Hernandez-Gist) and Ralph E. (Tompkins-MacLaine), *dogs*

Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky, *Miniature Overture, from the *Nutcracker* suite, Op. 71a*

We are delighted to discover that Tchaikovsky (1840-1893) made his own piano transcription of his beloved Christmas-themed classic.

Christmas Carol Quodlibet, or “We Wish You a 2020 Christmas”

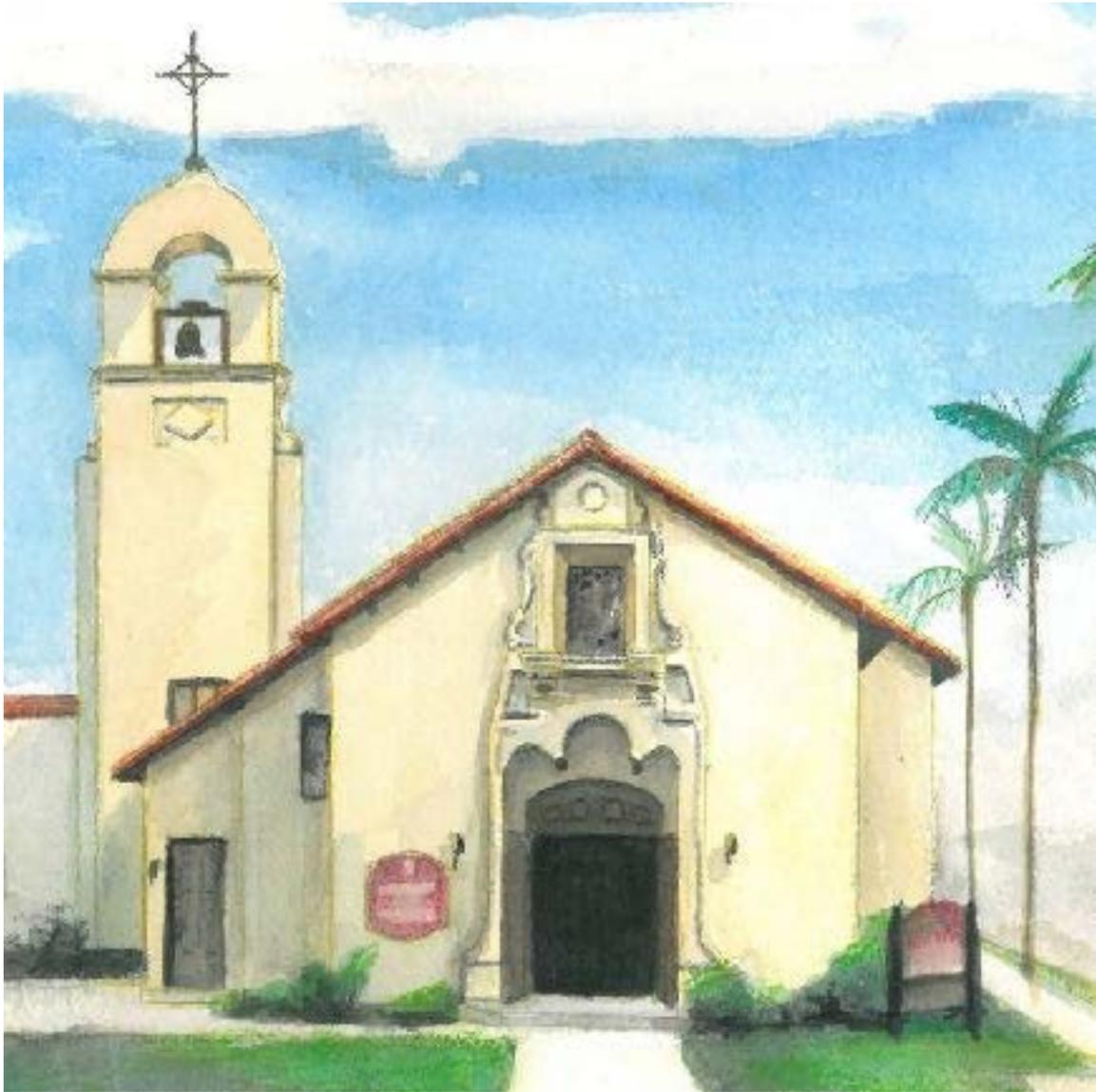
Our singers recorded their lines individually, and we edited them together where their harmonies align. That’s exactly what a quodlibet is: a musical form that originated in the Renaissance, consisting of a cheerfully busy medley of several well-known tunes.

HOW TO TELL THE DOGS APART: Hilo offers single barks; Ralph E. longer phrases.

Tchaikovsky, *Arab Dance, from the *Nutcracker* suite*



Gustave Doré, *The Heavenly Choir*



AMEN

2021 UPDATE! JOIN US SUNDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 19
FOR REGULAR WORSHIP at 10:30am
and CHRISTMAS EVE, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24, at 6:30pm
1216 CAVE ST, LA JOLLA, CA 92037

NO MATTER WHO YOU ARE
OR WHERE YOU ARE ON LIFE'S JOURNEY,
YOU ARE WELCOME HERE.