

## 6. The Wonder of the Star

- Quoting *KINGS OF ORIENT* (by John H Hopkins, Jr.) and *FOLLOWERS OF THE STAR* (Shaker tune)

“Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,” which means, “God is with us.” For God so loved the world that he gave his only son, so that everyone who believes in him shall not perish but may have eternal life. (Matthew 1:23; John 3:16)

## 7. The Wonder of the Gift

- Quoting *CRUSADERS' HYMN* (by Schlesische Volkslieder)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John 1:1-5, 14)

## 8. The Wonder of It All—A Messiah Suite

- by *George Frederick Handel*—edited and arranged by *Tom Fettke*
- Soloists: Kathy Winters and Todd Dickerson



# *A Great and Mighty Wonder*



## Celebrating the Messiah's Birth

DECEMBER 22, 2019—10:30 A.M.

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Arranged by Tom Fettke

**Note from the Publisher:**

*The Christmas story prompts us to a profound sense of awe and wonder. It is a love story conceived in the heart of a great and mighty God before the creation of time. Veteran composer/arranger, Tom Fettke, takes us again to Bethlehem to experience the fulfillment of God's plan in a humble manger. Beloved and familiar carols along with new texts and melodies are masterfully blended to create a Christmas worship experience as again we are invited to celebrate the great and mighty wonder of God's love!*

**1. A Great and Mighty Wonder**

- *Quoting ANTIOCH (by George Frederick Handel)*

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this. *(Isaiah 9:6-7)*

**2. The Wonder of the Promise**

- *Quoting ADESTE FIDELES (by John Francis Wade) and UKRANIAN BELL CAROL (by M. Leontovich)*

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what

sort of greeting this might be. *(Luke 1:26-29)*

**3. The Wonder of the Incarnation**

- *by Tom Fettke*
- Soloists: Shuford Abernethy and Tera Rockett

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flocks by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah the Lord. "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" *(Luke 2:8-11, 14)*

**4. The Wonder In the Heavens**

- *Quoting THE HEAVENS ARE TELLING (by Franz Joseph Haydn) and DING DONG! MERRILY ON HIGH (French Melody)*

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. *(Luke 2:15-18)*

**5. The Wonder In a Manger**

- *Quoting JUNGST (German Melody)*

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." *(Matthew 2:1-2)*