79th Annual Evensong
A Festival of Lessons and Carols

Saturday, December 12, 2020
6:00 p.m.
Filmed in Memorial Chapel and in Barnard Hall
Airing on youtube.com/TheMilitaryAcademy
About MMA’s Memorial Chapel

Memorial Chapel, dedicated in 1961, stands to honor cadets, faculty, and staff killed in action during the wars leading up to its construction. Seniors during the war years donated their class gifts to building the Chapel in honor of fallen cadets and faculty. A total of 440 donors raised the $183,000 needed to construct the building, equivalent to $1,458,185 in today’s dollars.

George Klein ’46, then-MMA Alumni Association President, said at the dedication, “This is a memorial to classmates of yours and mine who marched from this campus to war and gave the last full measure of devotion to their country.”
The Chapel has since memorialized cadets, faculty, and staff who died in the War on Terror and first responders who lost their lives in dedicated service to others. Thirty-seven cadets have given their lives for our country. The last two to be memorialized gave the ultimate sacrifice during the War on Terror — Cadets Joshua Steel and Christopher Horton.

Chapel began in 1941 by COL’s Lamm, Jackson, and Nunn. Then, as cadets do today, service began with “God of Our Fathers” and concluded with “Now the Day Is Over.”

Six white columns stand guard outside the Chapel, formidable yet regal. Much like the Chapel itself, the pillars serve an essential role: They are a source of strength that supports what leans on them, regardless of the world outside their reach.
About Evensong

The MMA Evensong is a celebration of the Christmas story, similar to the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols, held in the King’s College Chapel in Cambridge. The Festival dates back to Christmas Eve 1918, first held one month after the close of World War I.

The Evensong program began at MMA in 1941, less than a month after the Japanese attacked the U.S. at Pearl Harbor, drawing the country into World War II. Since the Academy had no chapel, the event was held in the gymnasium under the direction of Capt. Eugene Lamm.

Since then, Evensong has traditionally served as a joyful start to the winter furlough and Christmas season.
Fine Arts Department

Mrs. Cheryl Morris, Chair
Mr. Rob McGrath, Director of Bands
Major Mike Shoemaker, Director of Cadet Chorus
Pipe Major Brian Donaldson, Director of Cadet Bagpipe Ensemble
Mr. Stephen Maziarz, Accompanist
Mr. Kevin M. Quinn, Chaplain

Audio/Visual Team

Mike Kulas, Videography and Sound Engineer
Jessica Ekern, Photography and Video Production

Instrumental Ensemble

William Delaplane
Peter Didicher
William Dunn
Kruze Hagan
Matthew Hamilton
Michael Henderson
Michael Machary-Pagan
Anthony Melick
Landon Meyer

Landy Nguyen
Victor Patino-Matos
Griffin Roberts
Ian Robison
Kevith Sangster
Evan Schreyer
Angelo Urdaneta
Bradford Wright
Chongbo Zhao
Cadet Choir

Jancarlo Barajas
Dahlil Belko
Damien Brown
Kevin Gonzalez
Ramel Morgan

Ash Park
Mason Ruckman
Kamden Sipple
Guanhong Song
Ryan Stafford

Cadet Bagpipe Ensemble

Cadet Pipe Major Clayton Nelson
Matthew Hamilton
Christopher Chew

Cadet Lesson Readers

Francisco Jacquez
Landy Nguyen
Phasakorn Cunningham
Kevin Gonzalez
Jared Douthit
Bradford Wright
Loyal Smith
Bryce Bowen
The Prelude
Instrumental Ensemble
“Bolero” M. Ravel arr. J. Vinson
“Coventry Carol” Traditional

Lighting the Memorial Flame
Cadet Loyal Smith

Welcome
Chaplain Kevin M. Quinn

Bidding Prayer
Chaplain Kevin M. Quinn

The First Lesson
God tells the sinful Adam that he has lost the life of Paradise and that his seed will bruise the serpent’s head.
Reader: Cadet Francisco Jacquez

“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”
Cadet Choir
The Second Lesson

God promises to faithful Abraham that in his seed shall all the nations on earth be blessed.
Reader: Cadet Landy Nguyen

“Waiting for a King”
Cadet Choir

Cadet Bagpipe Ensemble
“O’Come, All Ye Faithful”
“We Three Kings”
“Angels We Have Heard on High”

The Third Lesson

The prophet foretells the coming of the Savior; The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown.
Reader: Cadet Phasakorn Cunningham

“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”
Cadet Choir
The Fourth Lesson

The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary.
Reader: Cadet Kevin Gonzalez

“Allegro from Divertimento IV” W. A. Mozart
Cadet Clarinet Trio
Michael Machary-Pagan
Victor Patino-Matos
Evan Schreyer

The Fifth Lesson

Reader: Cadet Jared Douthit

“Infant Holy”
Cadet Choir

The Sixth Lesson

The shepherds go to the Manger.
Reader: Cadet Bradford Wright
“God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen”
“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”
“Once in David’s Royal City”
Cadet Bagpipe Ensemble

The Seventh Lesson

_The wise men are led by the star to Jesus._
Reader: Cadet Loyal Smith

“We Three Kings”
Cadets Dahlil Belko, Kevin Gonzalez,
Kamden Sipple

The Eighth Lesson

_St. John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation._
Reader: Cadet Bryce Bowen

“O Holy Night”
Cadets Dahlil Belko and Kevin Gonzalez

Cadet Bagpipe Ensemble
“Amazing Grace”
A Message from the President
Richard V. Geraci, Brigadier General, USA (Ret)

A Christmas Benediction
Chaplain Kevin M. Quinn

Postlude
Instrumental Ensemble
“All Through the Silent Night” M. Williams
“Joy to the World” G. Handel
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