



# 79<sup>th</sup> Annual Even-song

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](https://www.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

Landy Nguyen

Peter Didicher

Victor Patino-Matos

William Dunn

Griffin Roberts

Kruze Hagan

Ian Robison

Matthew Hamilton

Kevith Sangster

Michael Henderson

Evan Schreyer

Michael Machary-Pagan

Angelo Urdaneta

Anthony Melick

Bradford Wright

Landon Meyer

Chongbo Zhao





## **Cadet Choir**

Jancarlo Barajas	Ash Park
Dahlil Belko	Mason Ruckman
Damien Brown	Kamden Sipple
Kevin Gonzalez	Guanhong Song
Ramel Morgan	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**

*St. Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.*

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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