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Canon City, Colorado

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SOLOISTS

Mrs. Elton B. Woodford..... Soprano
Mrs. A. C. Sonneland..... Contralto
Mr. Stanley Blunt..... Tenor
Mr. L. J. Eigsti..... Bass
Mrs. E. R. Sharman..... Organist

PROGRAM

Prayer..... Dr. Benjamin Eitelgeorge, Minister

1. Overture..... Organ
Mrs. Sharman

2. Recitative for Tenor "Comfort Ye My People"
3. Air for Tenor "Every Valley Shall Be Exalted"
Mr. Blunt
4. Chorus "And The Glory of 'The Lord'"
7. Chorus "And He Shall Purify"
8. Recitative for Contralto "Behold! A Virgin Shall Conceive"
9. Air for Contralto "O Thou That Tellest Good Tid-
ings to Zion"
Mrs. Sonneland
10. Recitative for Bass "For Behold Darkness Shall Cover
the Earth"
Mr. Eigsti
12. Chorus "For Unto Us A Child is Born"

OFFERTORY

- Berceuse from Jocelyn B. Godard
Mr. Gilbert Violin, Mrs. Blunt Celesta, Mrs Sharman Organ
14. Recitative for Soprano "There Were Shepherds Abiding
in 'The Fields'"
"And Lo! The Angel of The Lord
Came Upon Them"
15. Recitative for Soprano "And The Angel Said Unto 'Them'"
16. Recitative for Soprano "And Suddenly There Was With
The Angel"
Mrs. Woodford
17. Chorus "Glory to God"
22. Chorus "Behold The Lamb of God"
33. Chorus "Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates"
44. Chorus "Hallelujah"

Audience please stand for the Hallelujah Chorus

Chorus

SOPRANOS

Mrs. E. B. Lynch
Mrs. J. D. Hinshaw
Mrs. Roy Hartford
Mrs. Elton B. Woodford
Lois Coleman
Ruth Eitelgeorge
Hazel Wolcott
Mrs. Harry Brickell
Mrs. Harold Lawrence
Mrs. Edith Ohlson
Eunice Ohlson
Mrs. W. H. Firkins
Ruth Davis
Mrs. H. W. Gordon
Mrs. Roy DeVine
Margaret Lyman
Mrs. Avery Watkins
Sally Wadleigh
Mary Ann Wadleigh
Donna Bishop
Charlotte White
Glennis Hess
Joanne Fain
Marcheta Henry
Julia Ann Thomas
Cora Lee Stahl
Audrey Stumph
Greta Muller
Deloris Miller
Ruth Morgan

TENORS

Avery Watkins
Paul Strickland
J. C. Strickland
Murry Kearns
Dr. Marion E. Potter
Willard Duff
Stanley Blunt
Robert Armstrong
O. J. Kindall

ALTOS

Dorothy Kirk
Vivian Gilbert
Beverly Holiman
Betty Jean Wilson
Mabel McCullough
Lula Mae Scotten
Eula Hixson
Leah Strickland
Miriam Decker
Mary Andrus
Gladys Bohlander
Rose Mary Higbee
Donna Marie Kindall
Helen Virginia Kindall
Lillian Lewis
Clare Sonneland
Virginia Blunt

BASS

E. B. Woodford
Jimmie Burford
H. M. Hixson
Frank Watson
W. J. Morgan

W. H. Firkins
L. J. Eigsti
John Mains
A. C. Sonneland
H. S. Lawrence