# Great Sacred Music

## Follow that star

1pm Thursday 9 December 2021

A 35-minute sequence to speak to heart, head and soul, led by **Revd Dr Sam Wells**, exploring through song and word the great classical music of our religious heritage.

Performed by **St Martin's Voices**
Directed by **Andrew Earis**
Accompanied by **Polina Sosnina**

Choir: The Virgin Mary had a baby boy – arr. Ken Burton
**Hymn: Joy to the world**
Choir: Go tell it on the mountain – arr. Joel Raney
Choir: Behold the star – Dawson
Choir: Mary's boy child – Hairston
**Hymn: See Him lying on a bed of straw**
Choir: Follow that star – Peter Gritton

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**Great Sacred Music**
*online only for Thursday 23rd & 30th December*

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## Joy to the world
## (t. Antioch)

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come;
let earth receive her King.
Let every heart prepare him room,
and heav'n and nature sing.

2 Joy to the world! the Saviour reigns;
your sweetest songs employ;
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
repeat the sounding joy.

3 He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness,
the wonders of his love.

*Isaac Watts (1674–1748)*

## See him lying on a bed of straw (t. Calypso Carol)

1 See him lying on a bed of straw:
a draughty stable with an open door;
Mary cradling the babe she bore-
the prince of glory is his name.
*O now carry me to Bethlehem*
*to see the Lord of love again:*
*just as poor as was the stable then,*
*the prince of glory when he came.*

2 Star of silver, sweep across the skies,
show where Jesus in the manger lies;
shepherds, swiftly from your stupor rise
to see the saviour of the world!
*Chorus*

3 Angels, sing again the song you sang,
sing the glory of God's gracious plan;
sing that Bethl'em's little baby can
be the saviour of us all.
*Chorus*

4 Mine are riches, from your poverty,
from your innocence, eternity;
mine, forgiveness by your death for me,
child of sorrow for my joy.
*Chorus*

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