

THE  
CHRISTMAS LUTHERAN CHURCH  
&  
THE INTERNATIONAL CENTER OF BETHLEHEM

WELCOME YOU TO AN

ORGAN RECITAL

BY

MATTHEW MIDDLETON

FRIDAY, MAY 19, 2006  
7 PM

*“Without music, life would be a mistake.”*

Friedrich Nietzsche

## Biography

Matthew Middleton joined the staff of the Christmas Lutheran Church and the International Center of Bethlehem just six weeks ago. He comes to us from Texas under the sponsorship of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

Matthew's studies in music began when he was nine years old, taking piano lessons where his family lived in California. Six years later he made his orchestral debut with the Missoula Symphony Orchestra in Montana, followed by appearances with orchestras in Washington and Oklahoma after winning several competitions. Upon entering university, he began studying the pipe organ, for which he received a Bachelor of Music degree from the University of Texas at Austin in 2003 and earned the first perfect grade for his junior recital in over 35 years.

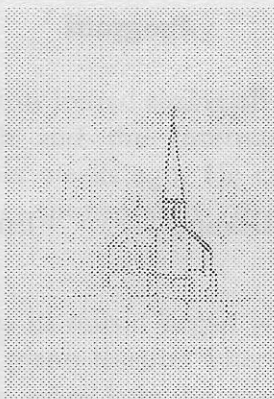
After graduation, Matthew won the coveted post of Organ Scholar at both Bristol Cathedral and the magnificent Church of St. Mary Redcliffe in Bristol, England. He was the only American cathedral organ staff in the nation at that time. Following his appointment, he fled to Egypt to work as a volunteer music teacher for one year under the auspices of the Presbyterian Church of Egypt.

Tonight's recital precedes his now annual return to England for concerts in Bristol and Salisbury Cathedrals.

## Program

Hymn d'Actions de grâces (Te Deum)	Jean Langlais (1907-1991)
My Lady Careys Dompe Sur "La. Mi. Re."	English Anonymous (16 <sup>th</sup> Century)
Sinfonia Toccata in C Minuete in F Sonata in B-Flat	Carlos Seixas (1704-1742)
Prelude and Fugue in G	J.S. Bach (1685-1750)
Fantasie in C	César Franck (1822-1890)
Transports de joie	Olivier Messiaen (1908-1992)
Three Preludes on "St. Anne"	Elaine Dykstra (b. 1945)
Toccata	Paul Keith (b. 1957)

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### **Calling All Singers!**

Continuing in the spirit of Bethlehem's Olive Branch Choir, the International Center of Bethlehem will begin hosting weekly community choir rehearsals on **Thursday, August 17, 2006 at 7 PM**. The first meeting will include an open discussion of the choir's organization, name, potential repertoire and membership.

The choir will be under the artistic direction and administration of Matthew Middleton. Feel free to contact Matthew at [mmiddleton@annadwa.org](mailto:mmiddleton@annadwa.org) if you have any questions.

***"You are the music while the music lasts."***

T.S. Eliot