



For Immediate Release

**World Premiere
~ *On Christmas Night* ~
Composed and Conducted by
Bob Chilcott**

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University Christian Church of Austin, Texas, is pleased to announce the world premiere of *On Christmas Night*, a Christmas Cantata, by celebrated British composer Bob Chilcott. Mr. Chilcott will conduct the premiere in two performances at 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. on December 12, 2010 in the church sanctuary. The work is a sequence of music and readings for the festive season which combines new arrangements of well-known and well-loved Christmas carols with newly-composed carols. The work was commissioned by and written for University Christian Church Austin, thanks to a generous bequest from the Estate of Roy Cates in memory of Dr. Lawrence W. Bash, Senior Minister at University Christian Church Austin from 1949 to 1959.

Mr. Chilcott was a chorister and choral scholar at King's College, Cambridge, and was a member of the vocal group The King's Singers for twelve years. He has worked as a composer since 1997, writing a variety of choral music. Over 100 of his pieces have been published by Oxford University Press. He is a Principal Guest Conductor of the BBC Singers, and he has conducted a number of other choirs, including the World Youth Choir, the RIAS Kammerchor, the Orphei Drangar from Sweden, Jauna Musika from Lithuania, the Taipei Chamber Singers, and the Tower New Zealand Youth Choir. He has worked in 23 countries on six continents, and at festivals all over the world.

On Christmas Night will be presented by University Christian Church choirs and will include pageantry and dance. The music is accompanied by flute, oboe, harp, percussion, and organ.

Public question and answer sessions with this engaging and well-known composer are set for 2:15 and 6:15 p.m. in the church sanctuary, and receptions will follow both performances in the fellowship hall.

Free tickets for the performances of *On Christmas Night* are available by calling University Christian Church at 477.6104 or emailing admin@ucc-austin.org.

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