A Victorian Christmas Dinner
By Al Reller
Adapted by Peg Johnson

Directed by Peg Johnson

Accompanist: Nancy Odden

Cast

Jeeves	Bud Ondich
Abigail	Anne Hidahl-Patten
Thomas	Tucker Hanlan
Freddie	Travis Patten
Emily	Rachael Cushing
Clara Coventry	Charlotte Taylor
Henry Coventry	Ted Harwood
Constance Throckmortin	Nancy Odden
Wilburt Throckmortin	Doug Britton
Rollie Nelson	Quentin Roth
Mr. Barrett	Gene Shull
Mrs. Barrett	Jane Shull
Cook	Lydia Jean Walters
Elizabeth	Elizabeth Ondich-Batson
Katie	Katie Killough
Sarah	Sarah Killough
Great Uncle	Roger Johnson
Aunt	Jody Ondich
Andrew	John Ondich-Batson
Timothy	Joe Cutler
Anna	Nina Honigman

Servants Chorus:

Joyce Hidahl
Tonya Schiller
Laurie Cushing
Carol Tierney
Kerry Hanlan
Rick Sailstad
Steve Cushing
John Morrison

Staff

Director	Peg Johnson
Director's Assistant	Tonya Schiller
Principal Accompanist	Nancy Odden
Lighting	Rick Sailstad
Videographer	Bill Taylor
Set	Peter Bagley, Rick Sailstad, Roger Johnson, Jody Ondich
Costumes	Jody Ondich, Joyce Hidahl, Nancy Odden, Grace Hidahl, Dorothy Honigman Jean Walters, Margaret Honigman, Jane Killough, Melanie Grune
Tickets	Deb Mitchell

Beaded Jewelry for Clara, Aunt, and Constance from Superior Beads by Sandy Marden-Lokken and Char Taylor

Thank you to Yvonne Schmidt, church secretary, who took all the extra phone calls for reservations, and especially to Al Reller who graciously let us adapt his work for this production.

We invite you to take a step back in time and join the Coventry family, Christmas 1897. You have been invited to join Clara and Henry for an evening with Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Barrett, members of London's high society.

Some of Mrs. Coventry's guests will be joining you at table. Please wait for them before your begin you first course.

Act One

Deck the Hall with Boughs of Holly
Wassail, Wassail All Over the Town
Still, Still, Still
Yuletide Is Here Again
Good King Wenceslas
The Friendly Beasts
Thy Little Ones Dear Lord Are We
Lovely is the Dark Blue Sky

Act Two

Infant Holy
In A Bleak Mid-Winter
Lo How A Rose E'Er Blooming
Joseph Dearest Joseph Mine
While By My Sheep
Once in Royal David's City
O Come All Ye Faithful
The Carol of the Bagpipers
We Wish You A Merry Christmas
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing.
Angels We Have Heard on High
Joy to the World
O, Holy Night.

Director's Notes

A Victorian Christmas Dinner was first performed at Wesley United Methodist Church about 17 years ago. It was written by Al Reller, who now resides in Tower, Minnesota, and directed by Roy Berg, a talented tenor from Hibbing who recently performed in Duluth in the Arrowhead Chorale's production of *The Merry Widow*. When the Opera Company decided to raise the funds needed for our next production (*H.M.S. Pinafore)* it seemed the ideal choice. Perfect for the holiday's, and easily adaptable to the personnel available right here at Pilgrim.

A few phone calls later, and the script arrived in the mail, with Al's permission to adapt it as necessary, and perform it with his blessing. One or two more phone calls, and the cast was assembled and off we went on a new adventure.

I'm never quite sure why so many people work so hard to put these performances together, but I hope they continue to say yes again and again and again! The cast and crew have had a wonderful time preparing this production for you. We know you'll have as much fun watching it as we do performing for you.

The Duluth Light Opera Company

Invites you to join us for our March, 2000 production of

H.M.S. PINAFORE

By W. S. Gilbert

And

Arthur S. Sullivan

Menu
A Victorian Christmas Dinner
December 10, 11, and 12, 1999
Pilgrim Congregational Church

Wassail
Mixed Greens with Vinaigrette Dressing
Rolls & Butter
Pork Medallions on a Bed of Wild Rice
Roasted Vegetables
Bread Pudding with Plum Sauce
Coffee/Tea

Please join the cast as we sing three of our favorite carols

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, Join the triumph of the skies;
With angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Hail the heaven-born Prince of peace! Hail the son of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, Risen with healing in his wings,
Mild he lays his glory by, Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Angels we have heard on high Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply Echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What your gladsome tidings be Which inspire your heavenly song.
Gloria

Joy to the world! The Lord is come: Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare him room. And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing, And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

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