

# The Thirteenth/Fourteenth Annual Offering of Music for Treble Voices

## Novice and Junior Choristers of The Choir of Men and Boys and The Girls' Choir Grace Church in New York

**Sunday 6 February 2022**

**Four O'Clock p.m.**

OPENING HYMN 390 PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY

LOBE DEN HERREN

*All stand as the organ plays through the hymn*

VERSE ONE : ALL

Descant by *Craig S. Lang* (1891-1971)

VERSE TWO: CHOIR

VERSE THREE: AUDIENCE ONLY

VERSE FOUR: ALL

*The Junior and Senior Choristers remain standing as the Novice Choristers with the Audience are seated*

GESÙ BAMBINO (THE INFANT JESUS)

*Pietro A. Yon* (1886-1943)

When blossoms flowered 'mid the snows  
Upon a winter night,  
Was born the Child, the Christmas Rose,  
The King of Love and Light.

The angels sang, the shepherds sang,  
The grateful earth rejoiced;  
And at His blessed birth the stars  
Their exultation voiced.

*Venite adoremus, venite adoremus, venite adoremus, Dominum.*

Again the heart with rapture glows  
To greet the holy night,  
That gave the world its Christmas Rose,  
Its King of Love and Light.

Let ev'ry voice acclaim His name,  
The grateful chorus swell.  
From paradise to earth He came  
That we with Him might dwell.

*Venite adoremus, venite adoremus, venite adoremus, Dominum*

English by *Frederick H. Martens*

THERE'S A SONG IN THE AIR

*Karl Harrington* (1861-1953)

There's a song in the air!  
There's a star in the sky!  
There's a mother's deep prayer,  
And a baby's low cry!  
And the star rains its fire while the beautiful sing,  
For the manger of Bethlehem cradles a King!

There's a tumult of joy  
O'er the wonderful birth,  
For the Virgin's sweet boy  
Is the Lord of the earth.  
Ay! The star rains its fire while the beautiful sing,  
For the manger of Bethlehem cradles a King!

In the light of that start  
Lie the ages imperaled  
And that song from afar  
Has swept over the world.  
Ev'ry hearth is aflame, and the beautiful sing,  
In the homes of the nations that Jesus is King!

We rejoice in the light,  
And we echo the song  
That comes down through the night  
From the heavenly throng.  
Ay! We shout to the lovely evangel they bring,  
And we greet in His cradle our Savior and King!

*Josiah G. Holland*

BRIGHTEST AND BEST OF THE SONS OF THE MORNING

*Malcolm Archer* (b. 1952)

Brightest and best of the sons of the morning,  
Dawn on our darkness, and lend us thine aid;  
Star of the east, the horizon adorning,  
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

Cold on his cradle the dew-drops are shining,  
Low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;  
Angels adore him in slumber reclining,  
Maker and Monarch and Savior of all.

Shall we then yield him, in costly devotion,  
Odors of Edom, and offerings divine,  
Gems of the mountain, and pearls of the ocean,  
Myrrh from the forest, and gold from the mine?

Vainly we offer each ample oblation,  
Vainly with gifts would his favor secure;  
Richer by far is the heart's adoration,  
Dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.

Brightest and best of the sons of the morning,  
Dawn on our darkness, and lend us thine aid;  
Star of the east, the horizon adorning,  
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.  
*Reginald Heber*, 1811

PEOPLE LOOK EAST

Besançon Carol arr. by *Craig Phillips* (b.1961)

People, look East.  
The time is near of the crowning of the year.  
Make your house fair as you are able,  
Trim the hearth, and set the table.  
People, look East, and sing today:  
Love, the guest is on the way.

Furrows, be glad.  
Though earth is bare, one more seed is planted there:  
Give up your strength the seed to nourish,  
That in course the flower may flourish  
People, look East, and sing today:  
Love, the rose, is on the way

Birds, though ye long have ceased to build,  
Guard the nest that must be filled.  
Even the hour when wings are frozen,  
He for fledging time has chosen.  
People look East, and sing today:  
Love, the bird is on the way.

Stars, keep the watch.  
When night is dim one more light the bowl shall brim,  
Shining beyond the frosty weather,  
Bright as sun and moon together.  
People, look East, and sing today  
Love, the star, is on the way.

Angels, announce with shouts of mirth,  
Christ who brings new life to earth.  
Set every peak and valley humming  
With the word, the Lord is coming.  
People, look East, and sing today:  
Love, the Lord, is on the way.  
*Eleanor Farjeon*

JESU, JOY OF MAN'S DESIRING

*Johann Sebastian Bach* (1685-1750)

Jesu, joy of man's desiring,  
Holy Wisdom, Love most bright,  
Drawn by thee, our souls aspiring  
Soar to uncreated light.  
Word of God our flesh that fashioned  
With the fire of life impassioned,  
Striving still to truth unknown,  
Soaring, dying round thy throne.  
from *Cantata 147*

## MAGNIFICAT

Sydney Watson (Evening Service in E-flat)

MY soul doth magnify the Lord,  
 and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.  
 For he hath regarded  
 the lowliness of his handmaiden.  
 For behold, from henceforth  
 all generations shall call me blessed.  
 For he that is mighty hath magnified me,  
 and holy is his Name.  
 And his mercy is on them that fear him  
 throughout all generations.  
 He hath showed strength with his arm;  
 he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.  
 He hath put down the mighty from their seat,  
 and hath exalted the humble and meek.  
 He hath filled the hungry with good things,  
 and the rich he hath sent empty away.  
 He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel,  
 as he promised to our forefathers,  
 Abraham and his seed, for ever.  
 Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
 and to the Holy Ghost;  
 As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
 world without end. Amen.

*The Book of Common Prayer*

## OLD AMERICAN SONGS

arr. Aaron Copland (1900-1990)

## Simple Gifts (Set One, No. Four)

'Tis the gift to be simple 'tis the gift to be free  
 'Tis the gift to come down where you ought to be  
 And when we find ourselves in the place just right  
 'Twill be in the valley of love and delight.

When true simplicity is gained  
 To bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed  
 To turn, turn will be our delight  
 'Till by turning, turning we come round right.

*Shaker Song*

## I got me a cat (Set One, No. Five)

I got me a cat my cat pleased me  
 I fed my cat under yonder tree  
 My cat says fiddle eye fee

I got me a duck my duck pleased me  
 I fed my duck under yonder tree  
 My duck says "Quack, quack"

I got me a goose my goose pleased me  
 I fed my goose under yonder tree  
 My goose says "Quaw quaw"

I got me a hen my hen pleased me  
 I fed my hen under yonder tree  
 My hen says "Shimmy shack, shimmy shack"

I got me a pig my pig pleased me  
 I fed my pig under yonder tree  
 My pig says "Griffey, griffey"

I got me a cow my cow pleased me  
 I fed my cow under yonder tree  
 My cow says "Baw, baw"

I got me a horse my horse pleased me  
I fed my horse under yonder tree  
My horse says "Neigh, neigh"

I got me a .....  
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*Old American Folk Song*

FOR THE FRUIT OF ALL CREATION

*Francis Jackson (1917-2022)*

For the fruits of all creation,  
thanks be to God;  
for rich gifts to every nation,  
thanks be to God;  
for the ploughing, sowing, reaping,  
silent growth while we are sleeping,  
future needs in earth's safe keeping,  
thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labour  
God's will is done;  
in the help we give our neighbor,  
God's will is done;  
in our world-wide task of caring  
for the hungry and despairing,  
in the harvests we are sharing,  
God's will be done.

For the harvest of The Spirit,  
thanks be to God;  
for the good all we inherit,  
thanks be to God;  
for the wonders that astound us,  
for the truths that still confound us,  
most of all, that love has found us,  
thanks be to God.

*F. Pratt Green*

SONGS FOR GRACE

*Barry Rose (b.1934)*

A SONG-CYCLE TO TEXTS FROM THE HYMNALS 1940 & 1982  
WRITTEN FOR AND DEDICATED TO PATRICK ALLEN AND  
THE 2013 NOVICE AND JUNIOR CHORISTERS AT  
GRACE CHURCH IN NEW YORK

I. GOD OF MERCY, GOD OF GRACE

God of mercy, God of grace,  
show the brightness of thy face.  
Shine upon us, Savior, shine,  
fill thy Church with light divine,  
and thy saving health extend  
unto earth's remotest end.

*Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847)*

II. FAIREST LORD JESUS

Fairest Lord Jesus,  
Lord of all creation,  
O thou of God and man the Son;  
Thee will I cherish,  
Thee will I honor,  
Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows,  
Fairer still the woodlands,  
Robed in the color and bloom of spring:  
Jesus is fairer,  
Jesus is purer,  
He makes the saddest heart to sing.

*Münster, 1677, Leipzig, 1842*

III. JESUS, GOOD ABOVE ALL OTHER

Jesus, good above all other,  
Gentle child of gentle mother,  
In a stable born our brother,  
Give us grace to persevere.

Jesus, cradled in a manger,  
For us facing every danger,  
Living as a homeless stranger,  
Make we thee our King most dear.

Lord, in all our doings guide us;  
Pride and hate shall ne'er divide us;  
We'll go on with thee beside us,  
And with joy we'll persevere!  
*Percy Dearmer, (1867-1936)*

IV. GOD BE IN MY HEAD

God be in my head,  
And in my understanding;  
God be in my eyes,  
And in my looking;  
God be in my mouth,  
And in my speaking;  
God be in my heart,  
And in my thinking;  
God be at mine end,  
And at my departing.

*Sarum Primer, 1514*

V. ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL

*Refrain:*  
*All things bright and beautiful,*  
*All creatures great and small,*  
*All things wise and wonderful,*  
*The Lord God made them all.*

Each little flower that opens,  
Each little bird that sings,  
He made their glowing colors,  
He made their tiny wings.

*Refrain*

He gave us eyes to see them,  
And lips that we might tell  
How great is God Almighty,  
Who has made all things well.

*Refrain*

*Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-95)*

VI. GOD, MY FATHER, LOVING ME

God my Father, loving me,  
Gave his Son, my friend to be;  
Gave his Son, my form to take,  
Bearing all things for my sake.

How can I repay thy love,  
Lord of all the hosts above?  
What have I, a child, to bring  
Unto thee, thou heavenly King?

I have but myself to give:  
Let me to thy glory live;  
Let me follow, day by day,  
Where thou showest me the way.  
*G. W. Briggs (1875-1959)*

VII. GOD OF MERCY, GOD OF GRACE

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show the brightness of thy face.  
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fill thy Church with light divine,  
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unto earth's remotest end.

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WORLD PREMIER, A NEW SETTING WRITTEN FOR DR. PATRICK ALLEN AND THE NOVICE & JUNIOR CHORISTERS  
BY DR. ROSE (EASTER DAY, 2021)

A PRAYER OF SAINT IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA (1491-1556)

Teach us good Lord, to serve Thee as Thou deservest, to give, and not to count the cost; To fight, and not to heed the wounds; To toil, and not to seek for rest; To labour and not ask for any reward save that of knowing that we do Thy will. Amen.

MAY THE ROAD RISE UP TO MEET YOU

*Barry Rose*

Written for the Choristers of Grace Church in New York (2019)

May the road rise up to meet you.  
May the wind be always at your back.  
May the sun shine warm upon your face;  
the rains fall soft upon your fields  
and until we meet again,  
may God hold you in the palm of His hand. Amen.

*Traditional Gaelic blessing*

## **Grace Church in New York 2021-2022**

### **The Choir of Men and Boys**

#### **Seniors**

Theo Cannon, *Lead*  
Christopher Divéki, *Optimus*  
Cole Fader  
Oscar Fitzharding

Tanner Gola  
Kadin Hussein  
Leo Lewis  
Philip Molina

Sander Olinick  
Arthur Root  
Thomas Seirer  
Lachlan Whelan

#### **Juniors**

Pablo Bordes  
Aditya Chanmugam  
James Gomez

Declan Gorman  
Eamonn Hynes  
James Kaden  
Thatcher Olinick

Luka Tanjga  
Luca Viola  
James West

### **Novice Boys**

Thibault Antonio  
Teddy Armer  
Jack Avlon

Niall Harrington  
William Naples  
Theodore Nichols  
Luca McGee

Luis Muniz  
Luca Schiff  
Landon Vincent

### **The Girls' Choir**

#### **Seniors**

Eva Dixon  
Pia Erwine, *Optima*  
Abby Gomez

Ciara Gorman, *Lead*  
Eva Gorman  
Bordley Gushee

Amelia Kaden, *Lead*  
Grace Majoros  
Hailey Popov

#### **Juniors**

Cassie Chinn  
Mila Coats  
Kiera Cryan

Amalya Dhirmalani  
Claire Min  
Phebe Phojanakong

Kaia Salvador-Bryers  
Bellamy Stapleton  
Cece Whelan

#### **Novices**

Annalise Arena  
Delphina Bragen  
Emi Cortes  
Quinn Cryan  
Beatrice Delaney  
Carolina Paredes-Goldfarb

Esme Hynes  
Niwako Inoue  
Chloe Kim  
Bridger King  
Victoria Lee

Josephine Lewis  
Eloise McGrath  
Isla Popov  
Claire Pederson  
Madeleine Polanski  
Wilhelmina Schuchard

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The Reverend J. Donald Waring, Rector  
The Reverend Julia Offinger, Associate Rector  
The Reverend Thomas Szczerba, Assistant Rector  
Patrick Allen, Organist and Master of Choristers

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