

The Annual Spring Concert

The Choirs of
Grace Church in New York
The Reverend J. Donald Waring, Rector

Friday, 24 April 2015

7:00 o'clock

PSALM 24. *Domini est terra.*

Anglican Chant (*Barnby*)

The earth is the Lord's and all that therein is; the compass of the world, and they that dwell therein.

For he hath founded it upon the seas, and stablished it upon the floods.

Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? or who shall rise up in his holy place?

Even he that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; and that hath not lift up his mind unto vanity, nor sworn to deceive his neighbour.

He shall receive a blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

This is the generation of them that seek him; even of them that seek thy face, O God of Jacob.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates: and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

Who is the King of glory? It is the Lord strong and mighty, even the Lord mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

Who is the King of glory? Even the Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

Gloria patri.

REJOICE IN THE LORD

Anonymous (16th Century)

Rejoice in the Lord alway; and again I say, Rejoice. Let your softness be known unto all men: the Lord is e'en at hand. Be careful for nothing; but in all prayer and supplication, let your petitions be manifest unto God with giving of thanks. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesu. Amen

Philippians 4: 4-7

UBI CARITAS

Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
Exsulemus, et in ipso jucundemur.
Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum.
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero. Amen.

*Where charity and love are, there is God.
The love of Christ hath joined us in one.
Let us rejoice and be glad in him.
Let us fear and love the living God.
And love one another in sincerity of heart. Amen.*

The Antiphony

IF YE LOVE ME

Thomas Tallis (c.1505-1585)

If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; even the Spirit of truth.

John 14: 15-17

THE HEAVENS ARE TELLING, OPUS 48/4

Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)

The heavens are telling the Lord's endless glory,
Through all the earth his praise is found.
The seas re-echo the marvelous story:
O man, repeat that glorious sound!

The stary hosts He doth order and number,
He fills the morning's golden springs,
He wakes the sun from his night curtained slumber;
O man, adore the King of kings!

Paraphrase of Psalm 19, arranged by *Virgil Thomson (1896-1989)*

(sung in German by the Choir)

JUSTORUM ANIMÆ

C. Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

Justorum animæ in manu Dei sunt, et non tanget illos tormentum malitiæ. Visi sunt oculis insipientium mori, illi autem sunt in pace.

The souls of the just are in the hand of God, and the torment of malice shall not touch them : in the sight of the unwise they seemed to die, but they are in peace.

Wisdom : 3

ORGAN SOLO,

Benedetto Marcello (1686-1739)

Psalm 19, The Heaven's Declare the Glory of God

George Fergus, Organ Scholar

AVE VERUM

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)

Ave verum Corpus, natum
Ex Maria Virgine,
Vere passum, immolatum
In cruce pro homine:
Cuius latus perforatum
Unda fluxit et sanguine,
Esto nobis praegustatum
In mortis examine.
14th century.

*Hail, true Body, born of Mary,
Spotless Virgin's virgin birth;
Thou who truly hangedst weary
On the cross for sons of earth;
Thou whose sacred side was riven,
Whence the water flowed and blood,
O may'st thou, dear Lord, be given
At death's hour to be my food.*

Tr. H.N. Oxenham

GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD

John Stainer (1840-1901)

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.
For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.
John 3: 16, 17

LOVE'S ENDEAVOUR, LOVE'S EXPENSE

Barry Rose (b.1934)

Morning glory, starlit sky,
Soaring music, scholars' truth,
Flight of swallows, autumn leaves,
Memory's treasure, grace of youth:

Drained is Love, in making full,
Bound in setting others free,
Poor in making many rich,
Weak in giving power to be.

Open are the gifts of God,
Gifts of love to mind and sense;
Hidden in loves agony,
Love's endeavor, Love's expense.

Therefore He who shows us God,
Helpless hangs upon the Tree;
And the nails and crown of thorns
Tell of what God's Love must be.

Love that gives, gives evermore,
Gives with zeal, with eager hands,
Spares not, keeps not, all outpours,
Ventures all, its all expends.

Here is God, no monarch He,
Throned in easy state to reign;
Here is God, whose arms of Love
Aching spent, the world sustain.

W. H. Vanstone

HAEC DIES

William Byrd (c.1543-1623)

Haec dies quam fecit Dominus; exsultemus et laetemur in ea. Alleluia.

Easter Antiphon ; Psalm 118 : 24

This is the day which the Lord hath made ; we will rejoice and be glad in it. Alleluia.

STEAL AWAY

African-American Spiritual

Harmonized and Arranged by *H.T. Burleigh (1866-1949)*

Steal away to Jesus.

Steal away, steal away home, I ain't got long to stay here.

My Lord He calls me, He calls me by the thunder ;

The trumpet sounds within my soul ;

I ain't got long to stay here.

Green trees are bending, Poor sinner stands a-trembling ;

The trumpet sounds within-a my soul !

ORGAN SOLO, Rigaudon

André Campra (1660-1744)

EGO SUM PANIS VIVUS

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (c.1525-1594)

Ego sum panis vivus. Patres vestri manducaverunt manna in deserto et mortui sunt. Hic est panis de caelo descendens: si quis ex ipso manducaverit non morietur.

I am the bread of life. Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead. This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die.

John 6 :48

SICUT CERVUS

Sicut cervus desiderat ad fontes aquarum : ita desiderat anima mea ad te, Deus.

Like as the hart desireth the water-brooks, so longeth my soul after thee, O God.

Psalm 42: 1

SUPER FLUMINA

Super flumina Babylonis illic sedimus et flevimus dum recordaremur tui, Sion.
In salicibus in medio eius suspendimus organa nostra.

*By the waters of Babylon we sat down and wept, when we remembered thee, O Sion.
As for our harps, we hanged them up upon the trees that are therein.*

Psalm 136: 1-2

THE VIRGIN MARY HAD A BABY BOY

arr. *Robert De Cormier* (b.1922)

The Virgin Mary had a baby Boy, The Wise men saw where the Baby was born,
An' they said that his name was Jesus. An'they said that his name was Jesus.

*He come down from the glory,
He come from the glorious kingdom.
Oh yes, believer.*

The angels sang so sweet that night,
The angels sang awwhen the baby was born
An' they said that his name was Jesus.

West Indian Spiritual

A Special Benefit Reception will take place following the concert in Tuttle Hall.

Tickets are available at the door for \$25.00 per Adult and \$10.00 per child.

The proceeds go to develop the Choir Special Projects Fund that supports many activities for the choristers including this summer's concert tour to France.

The Choir will be offering the repertoire you are hearing tonight along with other selections in Normandy and at Notre-Dame-de-Bayeux, Notre-Dame-de-Rouen, Notre-Dame-de-Paris, La Madéleine-Paris, Notre-Dame de Chartres, The American Cathedral-Paris, and St. Sulpice-Paris.

Grace Church is about to launch a new outreach! LIVE STREAMING of events from the Church. This includes all musical offerings! Stage one is complete. Now we are raising funds to build the audio/visual studio and purchase the microphones and other equipment necessary to bring this outreach on line! To help accomplish this goal, CLICK GIVE on the church website and make your dedicated gift through the Music Program Button, or talk with Patrick Allen.

Senior Choristers of The Choir of Men and Boys

Stephen Carr	Julius Dunn	Ian Rotheroe
Ralph "Rafe" DiDomenico	Nicholas Hurley, Optimus	Luke Waring
	Miles McCain	

Senior Choristers of The Girls' Choir

Lila Carr	Constance Laranja Gooding	Cadence Plenge
Maya Carrigan	Nina Houston	Eden Sherrod
Taylor Cave	Camilla McGarry	Emma Slibeck
Catherine Cheung, Optima	Katherine Overmyer	Katharine Sorensen
Imogene Dunn		Samantha Zaccaro

The Adult Choir

Amy Bartram	Biraj Barkakaty	Bob Lukomski	A. Joshua Parrillo
Brittany Palmer	Tami Petty	Daniel Neer	Jay Rollins
	Suzanne Schwing		

A HISTORY OF THE CHOIRS OF GRACE CHURCH IN NEW YORK

The Choir of Men and Boys is made up of some 30 boys and a professional ensemble of 6 to 12 adult altos, tenors and basses. The foundation is based on the Anglican Cathedral model of Choir where the boys do the work of professional soprano vocalists. The Grace Church Choir of Men and Boys was established in 1894, and in the fall of that same year the Church established a Choir School for the academic and musical training of the boys.

James M. Helfenstein served both as Organist and Choirmaster and as Headmaster of the School. He was succeeded as Organist and Choirmaster in 1922 by Ernest Mitchell, who was brought to New York from Trinity Church, Copley Square in Boston. Mr. Mitchell served Grace Church with great distinction for thirty-eight years. Upon his retirement in 1960, Frank Cedric Smith, then organist at Grace Church in Newark, New Jersey, and himself a former choirboy at Grace Church, became Organist and Choirmaster. Mr. Smith retired in 1992 and was succeeded by Bruce G. McInnes, Organist and Choirmaster, who came from Christ Church Cathedral in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. Mr. McInnes retired in the fall of 1999 and Patrick Allen became Organist and Master of Choristers in March of 2000.

Thus, in its One Hundred Twenty year history The Choir of Men and Boys at Grace Church has had only five directors. It is the oldest resident Boy Choir in continuous service in New York City, and its school served as a model for the Choir Schools at the Cathedral of Saint John the Divine on Morningside Heights and at Saint Thomas Church Fifth Avenue. The Choir School

which began with sixteen boys has evolved into Grace Church School which today comprises some seven hundred boys and girls spanning grades pre-kindergarten through eleven.

During its distinguished history this Choir was the first to have its Christmas Eve Service of Lessons and Carols televised nationally. The Choir has sung on many occasions at the major concert halls in New York City including participation in performances of Mahler's Eighth Symphony and Massenet's *Hérodiade* at Carnegie Hall. New anthems are commissioned regularly for the Grace Church Choirs including most recently works by Malcolm Archer, René Clausen, Gerre Hancock, Fenno Heath and Barry Rose.

As part of the celebrations surrounding the Centennial of The Choir of Men and Boys in 1994, and with the support of the Rector, Wardens, Vestry and People of Grace Church, The Girls' Choir for young ladies was established. Five young choristers came forward to become the charter class. The Girls' Choir has taken its place alongside The Choir of Men and Boys, The Adult Choir and Parish Choir in the musical leadership of the worship of Grace Church. The Girls' Choir is made up of some 42 girls and a professional ensemble of 6 to 12 adult altos, tenors and basses. It is based, like the Choir of Men and Boys on the Anglican Cathedral model of Choir where the girls do the work of professional soprano vocalists.

With the establishment of the High School Division of Grace Church School, a new High School Chorister program was begun in the Choir. High School Students study the appropriate vocal part and work alongside the Adult singers to support the soprano part sung by the Girls' Choir.

The Adult Choir of Grace Church is made up of nine professional singers. The lower six members of this choir provide the alto, tenor and bass parts to the treble parts sung by the boy and girl choristers. The sopranos of the choir originally sang on occasions when the choristers were on holiday during the academic season and in the summer months. In recent years they have distinguished themselves by special offerings and take their place as an integral part of the musical fabric of Grace Church. For special liturgies and musical offerings the number in the choir is adjusted to a size appropriate for the occasion.

In the Fall of 2006 the Parish Choir was established. This ensemble is open to any teen or adult with a wish to enjoy the fellowship of the community through the offering of great choral music. This choir sings weekly at the 9 o'clock a.m. Sunday service on the first Sunday of October through Memorial Day weekend. Rehearsals take place prior to that service at 8:15 a.m. on Sunday mornings and on other occasions as arranged. Members of the Parish, alumni, faculty and parents of Grace Church School, and our neighbors in the community and NYU are all invited to come enjoy one another's company offering great sacred music repertoire!

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Please No Photographs or Recording during the Concert

If Music be the food of Love, Play on.....

William Shakespeare

We invite you to bring a dry food good or toiletry with you
so we might give aid to all in need.

All donations will go directly to local food closets
and collection sites for those in need.

Weekend Organ Meditations. These programs take place during the
season each weekend on Saturday and Sunday at 4:00 p.m.

Bach at Noon takes place Tuesday through Friday afternoons
from 12:20 to 12:50 p.m.

Free Admission

To check current schedules as programs are subject to special liturgies and programs
offered in the church go to the home page of the Music area of the website for the weekly
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