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Spring Choral Concert

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PROGRAM NOTES

Praise the Lord, by Florence Price

Originally from Little Rock, Arkansas, Florence Price studied at the New England Conservatory of Music, earning degrees in organ performance and piano teaching. In 1932, her Symphony in E minor made history as the first work by a female composer to win the Wanamaker Prize. The Chicago Symphony Orchestra premiered the piece in 1933, marking the first time a major orchestra played a work by a black female composer. Price's Praise the Lord, written for SATB choir and organ, is one of her two sacred choral works and is set to the text from Psalm 117. The piece shows her lyrical, emotional choral writing through the use of rich harmonic textures.

Praise the Lord, all ye nations.
Praise the Lord, all ye people.
Praise the Lord for His merciful kindness is great towards us.
And the truth of the Lord endureth forever.
Praise the Lord, all ye nations.

Ave verum corpus, by William Byrd

Byrd, an English organist and composer from the Renaissance period, was known for his development of the English madrigal and organ music. He was a student of Thomas Tallis, and at one point was sharing duties with Tallis as a gentleman of the Chapel Royal. Byrd's setting of this text, often attributed to Pope Innocent VI, was written to celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi, which was outlawed at the time due to the Protestant Reformation. This feast was lavishly celebrated in Medieval times with floral displays and outdoor processions of the Blessed Sacrament. This piece is a mastery of text painting, especially in the "O dulcis" section, where the vocal parts plead, reflecting the begging for mercy.

Hail true body, Ave verum corpus, born of the Virgin Mary: natum de Maria Virgine who truly suffered, vere passum, immolatum, and were sacrificed, in cruce prohomine. on the cross for mankind. Cuius latus perforatum, From whose pierced side unda fluxit sanguine. water and blood flowed. Be a foretaste for us Esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine. in the trial of death. Oh sweet, Oh merciful, O dulcis, O pie, O lesu Fili Mariae, Oh Jesus, Son of Mary, miserere mei. have mercy on me. Amen Amen.

Tuttarana, by Reena Esmail

Indian-American composer Reena Esmail works between the worlds of Indian and Western classical music and brings communities together through the creation of equitable musical spaces. "Tuttarana" is the combination of the words tutti, the Italian word for "all", and tarana, which is solo work from the Hindustani Classical music tradition. Much like a scat solo in jazz music tradition, a tarana uses nonsense syllables to replicate the sounds of the tabla drum. This vibrant and energetic piece is a choral

arrangement of a tarana, which also features a drone and melodic theme that passes around between the voices.

La Rose Compléte, by Morten Lauridsen

A native of the Pacific Northwest, Lauridsen has been named an "American Choral Master" by the National Endowment for the Arts in addition to his decorated career as a professor of composition at the University of Southern California for over 40 years. In his note on German poet Rainer Maria Rilke and this collection, Lauridsen writes:

"His poems on roses struck me as especially charming, filled with gorgeous lyricism, deftly crafted and elegant in their imagery. These exquisite poems are primarily light, joyous, and playful, and the musical settings are designed to enhance these characteristics and capture their delicate beauty and sensuousness. Distinct melodic and harmonic material recur throughout the cycle, especially between Rilke's poignant Contre Qui, Rose (set as a wistful nocturne) and his moving La Rose Complète".

J'ai une telle conscience de ton / have such awareness of your

être, rose complète, being, perfect rose,

que mon consetement te confound that my will unties you

avec mon Coeur en fête. with my heart in celebration.

Je te respire comme sit étais, I breathe you in, perfect rose, as if you were

rose, toute la vie, all of life,

et je me sens l'ami parfait and l feel the perfect friend

d'une telle amie. of a perfect friend.

There Was a Time, by Elaine Hagenberg

While grieving the loss of their 9-year-old daughter, Lily-Kate, Tim and Jennifer Powell commissioned Hagenberg to write a piece in their daughter's memory. Set to the text by William Wordsworth, this piece acknowledges pain and grief while also celebrating the beautiful memories shared with Lily-Kate. Having witnessed a video of Lily-Kate singing "Over the Rainbow", Hagenberg incorporates this melody in short melodic quotes throughout the piece. Amid the soaring harmonies, this piece serves as a reminder that while we grieve the loss of those we loved, we must "find strength in what remains behind.

> There was a time when meadow, grove, and stream, The earth, and every common sight, To me did seem Apparell'd in celestial light, The glory of a dream.

> The rainbow comes and goes, And lovely is the rose; The moon doth with delight Look round her when the heavens are bare; Waters on a starry night Are beautiful and fair; The sunshine is a glorious birth; But yet I know, where'er I go, That there hath pass'd away a glory from the earth.

Though nothing can bring back the hour
Of splendour in the grass, of glory in the flower;
We will grieve not, rather find
Strength in what remains behind.

I was glad, by Sir C. Hubert H. Parry

English composer, writer, and teacher Charles Hubert Hastings Parry was most influential in the revival of English music at the end of the 19th century. In 1898, Parry was knighted and created a baronet later in 1903, though the baronetcy became extinct since Parry died having no sons. This masterpiece was written in 1902 for the Coronation of King Edward VII. It has been used for every Coronation since, even making appearances in royal weddings. Though it was originally written for choir and orchestra, the piece became so popular that Parry wrote an organ transcription so that the piece could be performed with just choir and organ. Opening with a triumphant fanfare, this piece features expansive choral writing, going between brilliance and tranquilness before reaching the final climax, an eruption of pure joy and celebration.

I was glad when they said unto me,
We will go into the house of the Lord.
Our feet shall stand in thy gates, O Jerusalem.
Jerusalem is builded as a city,
that is at unity in itself.
O pray for the peace of Jerusalem,
they shall prosper that love thee.
Peace be within thy walls,
and plenteousness within thy palaces.

Para los tin-tun-teros, by Daniel Afonso, Jr.

Brazilian composer Daniel Afonso, Jr. is the Director of Vocal and Choral Studies at California State University, Stanislaus. Dr. Afonso is an active conductor, composer, arranger, educator, and is known for his expertise in Brazilian choral music. Para los Tin-tun-teros is a setting of a poem by Mexican poet Brenda Cárdenas. The poem is an ode to percussionists and Afonso imitates percussion instruments with the rhythmic makeup of the vocal lines. This composition utilizes body percussion and an active, exciting piano part to create a festive and percussive texture.

Este para los timbaleros, los bateristas,

This for the timbaleros, percussionists,

los tin-tun-teros, Tin-tun-teros,

los que tocan con cucharas en sus estufas Those who tap with spoons on their stoves

con lápices en sus escritorios With pencils on their desks

con uñas y nudillos en mesas, muebles, With nails and knuckles on tables, beds,

sus propias cabezas Their own heads

With fists against walls

And fingers on the spines and curves

de sus amantes, danzantes. Of their lovers, dancers.

Esta para los congueros, los tamboristas,

Los bongoseros,

con puños contra paredes

y dedos en las espinas y curvas

Son alegres con sus tormentas de platillos, Sus juegos de palillos que vuelan como alas. This for the conga players, drummers,

Bongo players

They are happy with their cymbal storms Their games of sticks that fly like wings. Qué malas

Sus trampas que no nos permiten Trabajar ni dormir,

Solamenta bailar y cantar, canter y bailar, Y a veces mover la tierra un poquito. How scampish
Their tricks that won't let us

Work or sleep

Only dance and sing, sing and dance
And sometimes move the earth a little.

Komm, Jesu, komm, by J.S. Bach

Johann Sebastian Bach is one of the best known and most prolific composers in all of music history. He is known especially for his sacred music, famously composing a new multi-movement cantata for every week of his first 3 years as Thomaskantor (cantor at the St. Thomas School) in Leipzig. His time in Leipzig also produced his motets, a broad term for choral works which do not fit into any other category. Bach's 6 motets are among the virtuosic works ever composed for choir. Renaissance motets were traditionally unaccompanied, but by Bach's time, German Baroque motets frequently included instrumental parts. It is not entirely clear whether Bach intended these works to be accompanied, and if so, by what instrumentation. The works have been performed both a capella and with many different instrumental configurations.

Komm, Jesu, Komm was likely composed for a funeral, but exact details of its composition are scant. Most Bach motets use texts which come directly from the bible. Komm, Jesu, Komm is an exception because it uses hymn poetry by Paul Thymich (1656-1694), a German poet in Leipzig a generation before Bach. Thymich wrote the poetry for Komm, Jesu, Komm so that it could be set to music by Leipzig composer Johann Schelle (1648-1701). It is likely that Bach was familiar with Schelle's setting. The original poem was 11 verses long, but Bach only sets the first and the last. Bach spreads the first stanza out over the majority of the piece, taking time to elaborate on each line of text. This motet, scored for double choir, opens with each choir calling out, asking for Jesus's presence on Earth. The first few sections of the piece elaborate on themes of longing, suffering, and weariness, reaching their nadir with a slow statement of "the way is too difficult for me." At this point, the tone drastically changes and Bach breaks into his characteristically energetic polyphony, matching the newly faithful and hopeful text. The final verse of the hymn is set as an introspective and resolute chorale, welcoming death and gratefully accepting the promises of faith.

Komm, Jesu, komm, Mein Leib ist Müde, Die Kraft verschwindt je mehr und mehr, Ich sehne mich Nach deinem Friede; Der saure Weg wird mir zu schwer! Komm, ich will mich dir ergeben; Du bist der rechte Weg, Die Wahrheit und das Leben. Come, Jesus come, my body is weary,
My strength fails me more and more,
I am longing for your peace;
The bitter way is becoming too difficult for me!
Come, I shall give myself to you;
You are the right way,
The truth, and the life.

Drum schließ ich mich in deine Hände Und sage, Welt, zu gutter Nacht! Eilt gleich mein Lebenslauf zu Ende, Ist doch der Geist wohl angebracht. Er soll bei seinem Schöpfer schweben, Weil Jesus ist und bleibt Der wahre Weg zum Leben.

Therefore I put myself in your hands
And bid goodnight to the world!
If my life's course hastens on to the end,
My soul is then well-prepared.
It will rise up to be with its creator,
For Jesus is and remains
The true way to life.

Sonnet 43, by Laura Hawley

Laura Hawley is a Canadian composer, music theorist, conductor and educator. She is very active across Canada and has founded choirs in Edmonton and Ottawa. She currently serves as a piano professor at Carleton University in Ottawa and Director of Music at St. John's South March Anglican Church in Kanata. Sonnet 43 is a sonnet by William Shakespeare which explores themes of love and infatuation. He talks about seeing his love in his dreams, brightening his nights, but missing his love throughout the day, creating an ironic juxtaposition of brightness at night and darkness during the day. Hawley uses a variety of compositional styles in her setting of this text, at some points imitating contemporary a cappella music with intricate rhythmic counterpoint and at other times relaxing into smooth, warm homophonic figures.

When most I wink then do mine eyes best see, For all the day they view things unrespected, But when I sleep, in dreams they look on thee, And darkly bright, are bright in dark directed.

Then thou whose shadow shadows doth make bright How would thy shadow's form, form happy show, To the clear day with thy much clearer light, When to unseeing eyes thy shade shines so!

How would (I say) mine eyes be blessed made, By looking on thee in the living day, When in dead night thy fair imperfect shade, Through heavy sleep on sightless eyes doth stay!

All days are nights to see till I see thee, And nights bright days when dreams do show thee me.

Christus factus est, by Anton Bruckner

Anton Bruckner was born in rural Austria, but spent his later years in the larger cities of Linz and eventually Vienna. Bruckner had an immense compositional output, ranging from intimate choral motets to bombastic symphonies. As a devout catholic, Bruckner was particularly active as a composer of sacred music and was deeply influenced by the sacred music of the past. Bruckner worked as a church composer in Linz for nearly 30 years before taking a university teaching job in Vienna in 1868. Much of Bruckner's sacred output was from his period in Linz, so by the time he left he had already set many of his favorite sacred texts more than once. Christus factus est is one of these repeated texts, having been set by Bruckner 3 times. This third setting, written in 1884, reflects Bruckner's grandiose romantic style while also harkening back to his early music influences. Christus factus est features wide dynamic contrasts and a proto-typically Brucknerian harmonic language, but it also includes moments of Renaissance-like polyphony and counterpoint.

Christus factus est pro nobis obediens usque ad mortem, mortem autem crucis.

Christ became, for us,

Obedient to the point of death,

Even death on a cross.

Propter quod et Deus exaltavit illum: et dedit illi nomen

Because of this, God has exalted him: And given him a name That is above every other name.

quod est super omne nomen.

Miserere mei, Deus, by Raffaella Aleotti

Raffaella Aleotti was an Italian Augustinian nun who was very active musically, as both a composer and an organist. Music has been discovered attributed to both Vittoria Aleotti and Raffaella Aleotti. It is believed, though unconfirmed, that this is one individual. She was born Vittoria and became Raffaella when she devoted herself to the convent. As the maestra of the San Vito convent in Ferrara, Italy, she published several books of madrigals for as many as ten voices. She wrote masterfully in the polyphonic style of the Renaissance, using harmony and dissonance to amplify the meanings of sacred texts. Miserere mei, Deus, set for 5 voices, is a wonderful demonstration of these compositional abilities. She passes small melodic motifs around the ensemble and pairs voices with conversational musical lines within the larger polyphonic texture. The text asks for mercy, which is complemented by gentle dissonances before a satisfying and peaceful resolution to close the piece.

quoniam in te confidit anima mea:

Miserere mei Deus, Be merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me, for my soul trusteth in thee: et in umbra alarum tuarum and under the shadow of thy wings shall be my refuge, donec transeat iniquitas until this tyranny be over-past.

Cum sancto spiritu, by Hyo-Won Woo

South Korean composer Hyo-Won Woo is one of the leading voices in both Korean and 21st century choral music. She is well known for combining these two styles, including traditional Korean scales, rhythms, and ornaments in conjunction with contemporary aleatoric techniques. Cum sancto spiritu, the 3rd movement of Woo's Gloria, exemplifies her skill in combining Western and Korean compositional techniques. The piece is filled with rich harmonies built on Korean scales and a rhythmic pattern called Jangdan (long-short). These elements are intertwined with Western techniques like imitation, counterpoint, melisma, and antiphonal singing. This hyper-energetic blend of styles is one of the most groundbreaking choral works of the 21st century.

> Gloria in excelsis Deo Et in terra pax hominibus Bonæ voluntatis. Laudamus te, benedicimus te, Adoramus te, glorificamus te, Gratias agimus tibi Propter magnam gloriam tuam, Quoniam tu solus Sanctus, Tu solus Dominus,

Tu solus Altissimus, In Gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace To people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, We adore you, we glorify you, We give you thanks For your great glory, For you alone are the Holy one, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesu Christe, cum sancto spiritu: Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

In the glory of God the Father. Amen.

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