

**In Quires & Places  
Where They Do Sing  
Music for Westminster Abbey**



**Presented by:  
The Grand Rapids Choir of Men & Boys**

**Friday, May 29, 7:00 P.M.  
Central Avenue Christian Reformed Church ~ Holland**

**Saturday, May 30, 7:00 P.M.  
Cathedral Church of St. Andrew ~ Grand Rapids**

**Sunday, May 31, 7:00 P.M.  
First Congregational Church ~ Fremont**

## ~ CONCERNING THIS SACRED CONCERT~

The music sung tonight by the choir has a long history in the story of Christian worship. The Psalms were the hymns of the Jewish temple. Other texts come from Scripture and from the past centuries of the Christian church. All these texts have been refined throughout the ages to express the profound mysteries of God.

For some it is music, not words alone, that carries them into the presence of God; for others it is silent meditation. For most people, however, it takes all three – words, music, and silent meditation – to lead them into the true spirit of worship. Tonight's program is part of our Christian heritage with its offering of a liturgical, architectural, and musical space into which we may bring our daily anxieties and preoccupations, and hold them together with a recollection of the God whose saving acts we celebrate.

One may feel that there is little opportunity for the congregation to take an active part, but the wisdom of the ages tells us that most find that through their own silent attention, while the choir sings in their name, they make the words and music their own. They are then able, with an uncluttered mind, to offer to God the best of who they are and what they hope to become. The experience allows us, with all our senses, to express our hopes and thanksgivings to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

## ~ Processional Prelude ~

**Variations on “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation” David N. Johnson**  
(Tune: Westminster Abbey by Henry Purcell) (1922-1987)

### ~ Part I ~

**Thou Knowest Lord the Secrets of Our Hearts**

**Henry Purcell**  
(1659-1695)

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts;  
shut not thy merciful ears unto our pray'rs;  
but spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty.

O holy and most merciful Saviour,  
thou most worthy Judge eternal,  
suffer us not, at our last hour,  
for any pains of death, to fall from thee. Amen.

**Rejoice In the Lord Alway (The Bell Anthem)**

**Henry Purcell**  
(1659-1695)

Rejoice in the Lord alway, and again I say rejoice.  
Let your moderation be known unto all men.  
The Lord is at hand.  
Be careful for nothing; but in every thing  
By prayer and supplication with thanksgiving,  
Let your requests be made known unto God.  
And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding,  
Shall keep your hearts and minds through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **Lord, I Trust Thee**

**G. F. Handel**  
(1685-1759)

Lord, I trust thee, I adore thee.  
Ah! thou friend of man, restore me!

On thy loving grace relying,  
For the bread of life I'm sighing.

Quench my thirst and let my hunger cease,  
Fill my heart with joy and endless peace.

When the breath of life has left me,  
May my soul be blended with thee.

## **O, Sing Unto the Lord**

**Henry Purcell**  
(1659-1695)

*Sinfonia*

O sing unto the Lord a new song.  
Alleluia.

Sing unto the Lord, all the whole earth.  
Alleluia.

*Sinfonia*

Sing unto the Lord,  
Sing unto the Lord and praise his name:  
Be telling of his salvation from day to day

Solo Bass: Declare his honour unto the heathen:  
and his wonders unto all people.

Glory and worship are before him :  
power and honour are in his sanctuary.

The Lord is great, and cannot worthily be praised:  
he is more to be feared than all gods.  
As for the gods of the heathen, they are but idols:  
but it is the Lord that made the heavens.

*Ritornelli*

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:  
let the whole earth stand in awe of him.

Tell it out among the heathen that the Lord is King:  
The Lord is King, The Lord is King, is King, the Lord is King  
And that t'is He who hath made the round world  
so sure that it cannot be moved;  
'Tis He, 'tis He, 'tis He who hath made the round world  
so sure that it cannot be moved;

And how that he shall judge the people righteously.  
And how that he shall judge the people righteously.

Alleluia.  
Alleluia. Amen.

**~ Offertory ~**

**Voluntary on the Doxology**

**Henry Purcell**  
(1659-1695)

**~ Part II ~**

## ~ Hymn with Congregation ~

(Congregation sings on verses 1 & 4)

Concertato on “Westminster Abbey”

Henry Purcell/Larry Visser

(b.1962)

**Christ is made the sure Foundation,  
Christ our Head and Cornerstone;  
Chosen of the Lord, and precious,  
Binding all the Church in one,  
Holy Zion’s Help forever,  
And our confidence alone.**

To this temple, where we call You,  
Come, O Lord of Hosts, and stay;  
Come with all Your loving kindness  
Hear Your people as they pray.  
And Your fullest benediction  
Shed within these walls today.

Grant we pray to all Your faithful  
All the gifts they ask to gain  
What they gain from You forever  
With the blessed to retain,  
And here after in Your glory  
Evermore with You to reign.

**Praise and honor to the Father,  
Praise and honor to the Son,  
Praise and honor to the Spirit,  
Ever three and ever One;  
One in might and one in glory,  
While unending ages run.**

**Coronation Anthem: Zadok the Priest**

**G.F. Handel**

(1685-1759)

Zadok, the Priest and Nathan, the Prophet anointed Solomon King.  
And all the people rejoic'd, and said:  
“God save The King. Long live The King.  
May The King live forever! Amen, Hallelujah!”

**Hallelujah Chorus from “Messiah”**

**G.F. Handel**

(1685-1759)

Hallelujah.  
For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.  
The kingdom of this world is become  
The kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ.  
And he shall reign forever and ever.  
King of Kings. And Lord of Lords. Hallelujah!

**~ Final Responses ~**

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**E. W. Naylor**

(1867-1934)

*Precentor:* The Lord be with you.

*Choir:* And with thy spirit.

*Precentor:* Let us bless the Lord.

*Choir:* Thanks be to God.

**~ Recessional Postlude ~**

**Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation**

**Henry Purcell/David Cherwien**

(b.1957)

LET HIS SPIRIT SOAR



We hope you have enjoyed tonight's program by the Choir. Won't you please help us continue our mission to train boys in West Michigan musically and spiritually and to offer the communities here the fruits of their efforts. Make a contribution today. Thank-you!

All proceeds from this concert will go to music scholarships for our boys, many of whom rely upon this assistance to be able to sing in the choir. Your continued support at this Benefit Evensong is both appreciated and vital to our mission to *promote and enrich Christian Worship here in West Michigan*. All financial giving at this service beyond the suggested ticket price will be noted as tax deductible donations to the choir. The Grand Rapids Choir of Men & Boys is a registered 501(c) 3 non-profit organization acknowledged by the State of Michigan.

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## Roster Winter 2009

### ~ Trebles ~

#### *Cantoris*

Noah Becker  
Sam Doenier  
Jordan Malone  
Nathanael Olander  
Schuyler Pruis  
Mwenda Righa  
Benjamin Riley

#### *Decani*

Danny Becker  
Judah Guerra  
Linus Guerra  
Joey Hildalgo  
Joseph Riley  
Tom Ryskamp



### ~ Counter Tenors ~

#### *Cantoris*

John Mark Becker  
Chad Dykema  
John Hibma

#### *Decani*

Mark Becker  
Keith Fredlund  
Brandon Harris

### ~ Tenors ~

#### *Cantoris*

Bry sien Beer  
Henry Mulder

#### *Decani*

Steve Johnson  
Nathan Meek

### ~ Basses ~

#### *Cantoris*

David Diephouse  
Daniel Weinrick  
Charles Witteveen

#### *Decani*

Dave Boersma  
Jerry Kruyf  
Norm Sneller

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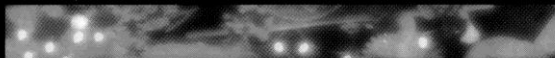
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