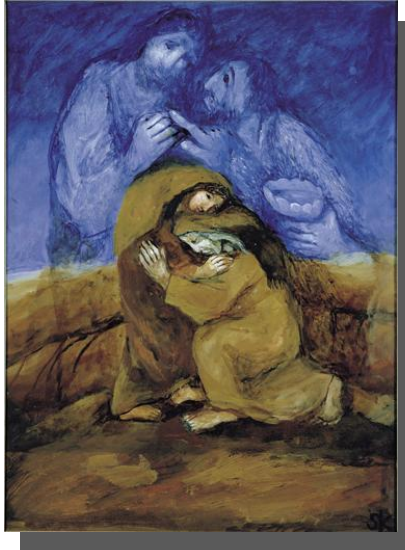


A Benefit
Choral Evensong
to assist the
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Magnificat by Sieger Koder

Presented by:
The Grand Rapids Choir of Men & Boys

Sunday, May 3, 7:00 P.M.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church ~ Muskegon

Sunday, May 17, 7:00 P.M.

All Saints' Episcopal Church ~ Saugatuck

Tuesday, May 19, 7:00 P.M.

Trinity Lutheran Church ~ Grand Rapids
~ Special Guest Director - Dr. Martin Neary ~

~ CONCERNING THIS SERVICE OF EVENSONG ~

The form of this service is little altered from that of the 1662 Book of Common Prayer, but the content has a much longer history. The Psalms were the hymns of the Jewish temple; the Canticles, the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis, are from the New Testament; other prayers and hymns come 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. This service of Evensong is a unique 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 in the worship, but the wisdom of the ages tells us that most find that through their own silent attention, while ministers and choir speak and sing 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. It is then that this service of Evensong, which has been called the jewel in the crown of Anglicanism, can be experienced for what it is; a worship experience that allows us, with all our senses, to express our hopes and thanksgivings to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

~ Introit 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.

~ Organ Prelude & Procession ~

Voluntary in D Minor

John Stanley
(1712-1786)

~ Introit II ~

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.

~ Hymn ~

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

John Goss
(1800-1880)

(Choir & Congregation)

**Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven;
To His feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Evermore His praises sing:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King.**

**Praise Him for His grace and favor
To our fathers in distress.
Praise Him still the same as ever,
Slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Glorious in His faithfulness.**

(Boys Only)

Father like He tends and spares us;
Well our feeble frame He knows.
In His hands He gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Widely yet His mercy flows.

**Angels, help us to adore Him;
Ye behold Him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before Him,
Dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace.**

~ The Preces & Responses ~

Set I

William Smith

(1603-1645)

Precentor: Oh Lord, open thou our lips

Choir: And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise

Precentor: O God, make speed to save us

Choir: O Lord, make haste to help us.

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. Praise ye the Lord.

~ The Psalm ~

Psalm 143

Herbert Howells

(1892-1983)

1. Hear my prayer O Lord, and consider my desire:
hearken unto me for Thy truth and righteousness' sake.
2. And enter not into judgement with Thy servant:
for in Thy sight shall no man living be justified.
3. For the enemy hath persecuted my soul; he hath smitten my life down to the
ground:
he hath laid me in the darkness, as the men that have been long dead.
4. Therefore is my spirit vex'd within me:
and my heart within me is desolate.
5. Yet do I remember the time past: I muse upon all Thy works:
yea, I exercise myself in the works of Thy hands.
6. I stretch forth my hands unto Thee:
my soul gaspeth unto Thee as a thirsty land.
7. Hear me O Lord and that soon, for my spirit waxeth faint:
hide not Thy face from me, lest I be like unto them that go down
into the pit.

8. O let me hear Thy loving-kindness betimes in the morning, for in Thee is my trust.

Shew Thou me the way that I should walk in, for I lift up my soul unto Thee.

9. Deliver me O Lord from mine enemies: for I flee unto Thee to hide me.

10. Teach me to do the thing that pleaseth Thee for Thou art my God:

Let Thy loving Spirit lead me forth into the land of righteousness.

11. Quicken me O Lord for Thy Name's sake:

and for Thy righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble.

12. And of Thy goodness slay mine enemies:

and destroy all them that vex my soul for I am Thy servant.

Gloria: 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.

~ Old Testament Lesson ~

Isaiah 6:1-8 (Isaiah's Cleansing and Call)

~ Evening Cantic I ~

Magnificat (Service in G) Song of Mary Charles Villiers Stanford
(1852-1924)

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.

For He hath regarded the lowliness of His hand maiden.

For behold, from hence forth 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 shewed strength with His arm:

He hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put the mighty from their seat and hath exalted the humble and the 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, forever.

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.

~ **New Testament Lesson** ~

Revelation 21:1-7 (The New Jerusalem)

~ **Evening Canticle II** ~

Nunc Dimittis (Service in G) Song of Simeon Charles Villiers Stanford
(1852-1924)

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace: according to Thy word.
For mine eyes have seen: Thy salvation
Which Thou hast prepared before the faces of all people,
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles: and to be the glory of Thy people Israel.
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 Creed**~

Precentor: I believe in God...

All: ...**the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried: he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen**

~ The Preces & Responses ~

Set II

William Smith
(1603-1645)

Precentor: The Lord be with you.

Choir: And with thy spirit.

Precentor: Let us pray.

Choir: Lord, have mercy upon us, Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Lord's Prayer

Robert Stone
(1516-1613)

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. Amen

Precentor: O Lord, shew Thy mercy upon us.

Choir: And grant us Thy salvation.

Precentor: O Lord, save the Nation.

Choir: And mercifully hear us when we call upon Thee.

Precentor: Endue Thy mercies with righteousness.

Choir: And make Thy chosen people joyful.

Precentor: O Lord, save Thy people.

Choir: And bless Thine inheritance.

Precentor: Give peace in our time, O Lord.

Choir: Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only Thou, O God.

Precentor: O God, make clean our hearts within us.

Choir: And take not Thy Holy Spirit from us.

~ The Collects ~

Precentor: (Prayers)

Choir: Amen.

~ The Anthem ~

While little is known in the details of **Henry Purcell's** life (1685-1695), it is known that Purcell had been a chorister as a child and then became the court composer for three kings: Charles, James and William. Before his death at age 37, Purcell composed a great deal of music for the church. One British commentator aptly wrote: *"I dare the claim that Purcell was and is the eternal master of the achingly, painfully and gloriously beautiful. Gather then, ye people, Anglophiles and friends of the core to humanity. Settle into your favourite chair and surrender to the sound-kept peak of aching beauty."*

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.

~ **Intercessions** ~

~ **Offertory** ~

Partita on “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Robert Hobby
(b. 1962)

~ Closing Hymn ~

You Holy Angels Bright

John Darwall

(1731-1789)

(Choir & Congregation)

**You holy angels bright, who wait at God's right hand,
Or through the realms of light fly at your Lord's command,
Assist our song, or else the theme too high doth seem for mortal tongue.**

**You faithful souls at rest, who ran this earthly race,
And now from sin released behold your Savior's face,
His praises sound as all unite in sweet delight to see Him crowned.**

**You saints who toil below, adore your heavenly King,
And as you onward go your joyful anthems sing;
Take what He gives and praise Him still through good and ill, who ever
lives!**

**So take, my soul, your part; triumph in God above,
And with a well-tuned heart sing out your songs of love!
With joy proclaim through all your days in ceaseless praise His glorious
name!**

~ Choral Blessing ~

May the Grace of Christ My Saviour

Martin Neary
(b. 1940)

May the grace of Christ our Savior
And the Father's boundless love
With the Holy Spirit's favor,
Rest upon us from above.

Thus may we abide in union
With each other and the Lord,
And possess, in sweet communion,
Joys which earth cannot afford.

~ Final Responses ~

Final Responses

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 ~

Finale Jubilante

Healey Willan
(1880-1968)

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 Benefit Evensong 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
Christian Wojcik

Decani

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



~ Counter Tenors ~

Cantoris

John Mark Becker
Chad Dykema
John Hibma

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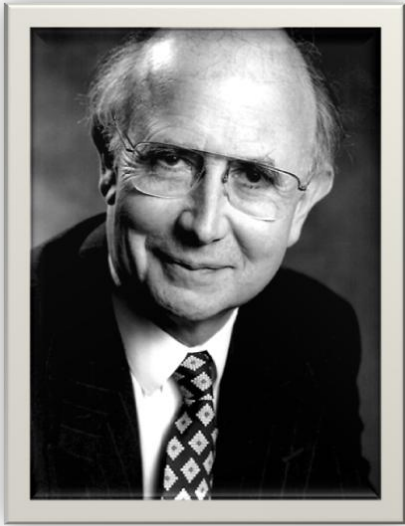
~ Basses ~

Cantoris

David Diephouse
Daniel Weinrick
Charles Witteveen

Decani

Dave Boersma
Jerry Kruyf
Norm Sneller



Martin Neary...to direct the *Grand Rapids Choir of Men & Boys* in a **Benefit Evensong** in support of the Choristers' Scholarship Fund.

When: Tuesday, May 19, 7:00

Where: Trinity Lutheran Church
Grand Rapids
2700 Fulton at Robinson Road

Tickets: \$15 Adults - \$30 Family
\$13 Students & Seniors
(Additional Giving Encouraged)

It is a great privilege and joy to announce that Dr. Neary will be spending several days in May working with the Grand Rapids Choir of Men & Boys. In appreciation of the West Michigan Community's support of our return this year, the GRCMB board is making these rehearsals open to the public for those who would like to share with

us in this rare opportunity to see this master choir trainer work. Please phone Scott Bosscher (616 460-0598) for details.

British organist and conductor **Martin Neary**, who was Organist and Master of the Choristers at **Winchester Cathedral** (1972–87) and **Westminster Abbey** (1988–98), is especially noted for championing contemporary church music, and for his groundbreaking performances of music by Bach and Purcell.

In 1978 Neary directed the first complete performance in England of Bach's *St. Matthew Passion* with period instruments, and in 1995, conducted two televised programs marking the tercentenary of the death of Henry Purcell. His CD with the Westminster Abbey Choir and the New London Consort, *Music for Queen Mary*, was nominated for a Grammy.

Martin Neary is particularly associated with contemporary British composers Jonathan Harvey and John Tavener, with over thirty commissions and premieres. As organist, Martin Neary has also programmed many new works, not least in his recitals at the Royal Festival Hall in London. He is the only second person to have been elected twice as president of the Royal College of Organists.

Martin Neary, who read theology and music at Cambridge University and later studied conducting at Tanglewood under Erich Leinsdorf, and with André Marchal in Paris, has received numerous awards. Among them his appointment as Lieutenant of the Royal Victorian Order by the Queen, in recognition of his services for choosing and directing the music at the funeral of Princess Diana.

Upcoming Services & Concerts

Festive Evensong To Benefit the Chorister's Scholarship Fund

Sunday, May 3, 7:00 P.M.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church ~ Muskegon (1006 3rd Street)
~ Free Will Offering ~

Sunday, May 17, 7:00 P.M.

All Saints' Episcopal Church ~ Saugatuck (252 Church St.)
~ Free Will Offering ~

Tuesday, May 19, 7:00 P.M.

Trinity Lutheran Church ~ Grand Rapids (2700 Fulton at Robinson Road)
Dr. Martin Neary Directing
~ \$15 Adults ~ \$30 Family ~ \$13 Seniors & Students ~

Music of Westminster Abbey II *(Featuring the music of Handel, Purcell, & Battishill)*

Friday, May 29 7:00 P.M.

Central Ave. Christian Reformed Church ~ Holland (259 Central Ave.)

Saturday, May 30 7:00 P.M.

The Cathedral Church of St. Andrew ~ Grand Rapids (301 Sheldon)

Sunday, May 31 7:00 P.M.

First Congregational Church, Fremont (714 Hillcrest)

We thank you for your support and look forward to seeing you again for our **20th Anniversary Season** beginning next fall. Big plans are underway to celebrate 20 years of serving the worship and arts communities of West Michigan. You won't want to miss any of it. Check our website for details as they develop. www.grcmb.org

~ Free Summer Camp for Boys ~

Our **Free Summer Camp for Boys** begins **Monday, July 6** and runs **every Monday for all of July & August**... a morning of singing and an afternoon of swimming and games.

Do you know of a boy who would like to sing with us?

Our summer camp is the perfect time to give it a try.

Call Scott Bosscher at 616 460-0598 for more information.



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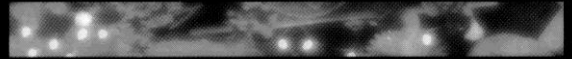
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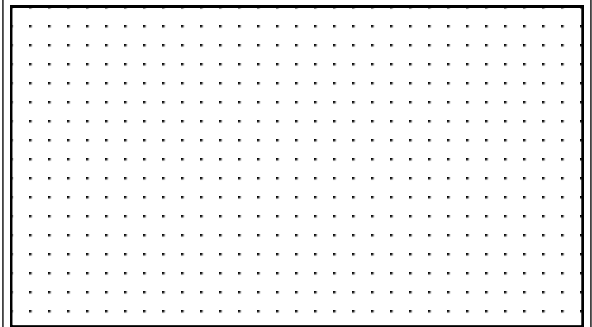
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