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FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT

NAVIGATING THE STORM OF LIFE

Guest performances by:

Angelica Cantanti Youth Choirs ~ **Cantanti Singers**

Totino Grace High School ~ **Concert Choir**

MAY 4 & 5, 2024 – 4:00 PM

First Lutheran Church
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Philip Brown, Collaborating Conductor

Philip Brown is the Director of Choral Activities at Totino-Grace High School and conductor of the high school choirs with Angelica Cantanti Youth Choirs. He graduated summa cum laude from Bethany College (KS), majoring in K-12 music education. He later received his M.M. degree in music education from Northern Arizona University.

Choirs under his conducting have collaborated with the Minnesota Oratorio Society, Minnesota Choral Artists - The Singers (Morten Lauridsen Festival), Great Northern Union, VocalEssence (!Cantare!), Northern Lights Chorale, Cantus, and the National Lutheran Choir. Philip was honored as the 2011 ACDA-MN Young Director of the Year. He was selected as the Director of Note for Minnesota by Choral Director Magazine in 2012. In 2013 he received the VocalEssence/ACDA-MN Creative Programming Award for his repertoire philosophy and programming. He conducted the Angelica Cantanti Youth Choirs - Treble Singers at the 2019 National ACDA in Kansas City, MO and the Cantanti Singers this past February at the 2024 ACDA Midwestern Regional Conference in Omaha, NE.

Philip is currently serving as the guest conductor of Singers in Accord, based in the Twin Cities. Philip is an active clinician and professionally affiliated with ACDA and NAFME. Recently he was named the ACDA Repertoire and Resource Chair for Senior High School choirs.



Jamie Schmidt, Collaborative Pianist

Jamie Schmidt is a freelance collaborative pianist in the Twin Cities. She has a BA in music and accounting from Briar Cliff University in Sioux City, IA and an MM in Collaborative Piano with Vocal Emphasis from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. She specializes in vocal coaching, including opera, art song, musical theater, and choral repertoire. She works with high school, collegiate, and professional vocalists and is currently the Collaborative Pianist for the Angelica Organization's Cantanti Singers, Treble Choir, and Encore ensemble in Bloomington, MN. Jamie is also the Director of Sacred Music at The Church of the Sacred Heart in Robbinsdale and does vocal & orchestral direction for various theater companies in the Twin Cities.

Concert Program

From Darkness to Light

Navigating the Storm of Life

Cantate Domino

Josu Elberdin

(Kanta Jaunari Kantu Berria) sung in Latin and Basque text

Sing to the Lord a new song.
Sing to the Lord,
sing all the earth praise his name.

Kanta Jaunari kantu berria,
kanta Jaunari lur guztia,
egin alaitsu haren nahia.

Sing to the Lord a new song,
Sing to the Lord all the earth,
joyfully fulfill his will.

Benedicite nomini eius.
Annuntiate diem de die salutare eius.
Cantate, exsultate et psalite in cithara,
Psallite voce psalmi.
Quia mirabilia fecit.

Let us come before him with thanks.
Let us shout songs of joy to him.
Sing and praise with the harp
Sing praises with a psalm.
For he has done wonders.

Underneath the Stars

Kate Rusby / arr. Jim Clements

Soloist: Maddie Smoot

O, go gently.
Underneath the stars I'll meet you,
underneath the stars I'll greet you,
and there beneath the stars I'll leave you
before you go of your own free will;
go gently.

Here beneath the stars I'm landing,
and here beneath the stars not ending
oh, why on earth am I pretending?
I'm here again, the stars befriending
they come and go of their own free will.
Go gently.

Underneath the stars you met me,
underneath the stars you left me;
I wonder if the stars regret me.
At least you'll go of your own free will;
go gently.

Underneath the stars you met me,
underneath the stars you left me;
I wonder if the stars regret me,
I'm sure they'd like me if they only met me.
They'll come and go of their own free will.
Go gently.

Holding the Light

B.E. Boykin

Poem by Stuart Ketenbaum, from *Only Now*

Gather up whatever is
glittering in the gutter
whatever has tumbled
in the waves of fallen
in flames out of the sky,

for it's not only our
hearts that are broken,
but the heart
of the world as well.
Stitch it back together.

Make a place where the day
speaks to the night
and the earth speaks to the sky.
Whether we created God
or God created us

it all comes down to this:
In our imperfect world
we are meant to repair
and stitch together
what beauty there is, stitch it

with compassion and wire.
See how everything
we have made gathers
the light inside itself
and overflows? A blessing.

Illuminare

Elaine Hagenberg

1. Splendor

Saint Ambrose (340-397)

Splendor paternae gloriae,
de luce lucem proferens,
lux lucis et fons luminis
diem dies illuminans.

*Splendor of God's glory,
brings forth light from light,
light of light, light's living spring,
All day illuminates.*

2. Caritas

Hildegard von Bingen (1098-1179)

Caritas abundat in omnia,
de imis excellentissima
super sidera,
atque amantissima in omnia,
Quia summo regi
osculum pacis dedit.

*Love abounds in all,
from the depths most excellent
to beyond the stars,
and loving toward all,
she has given the highest king
the kiss of peace.*

5. Illuminare his

Canticle of Zechariah (Luke 1:68-79)

Illuminare his qui in tenebris
et in umbra mortis sedent:
ad dirigendos pedes nostros in viam pacis

*Illuminate those in darkness
and in the shadow of death are seated
direct our footpath in the way of peace*

Selections from Guest Choirs

(see insert for song selections)

Saturday, May 4th - **Totino Grace High School ~ Concert Choir**

Sunday, May 5th - **Angelica Cantanti Youth Choirs ~ Cantanti Singers**

I've Been In The Storm So Long

Traditional American Spiritual

Soloist: Elizabeth Gust

arr. Jeffery L. Ames

in response to hurricane Katrina

I've been in the storm so long,
I've been in the storm so long children,
I've been in the storm so long.
Oh give me a little time to pray.

Oh when I get to heaven I'll walk all about,
give me little time to pray.
Dere'll be nobody dere to turn me out,
give me little time to pray.

Oh let me tell my mother how I come along,
Give me a little time to pray;
With a hung down head an' a achin' heart,
Oh give me little time to pray.

Nearer, My God, to Thee

Soloist: Jordan Boucher

arr. James L. Stevens

In articulo mortis Caelitus mihi vires
Deo adjuvante non timendum in perpetuum.
Dirige nos Domine ad augusta per angusta.
Sic itur ad astra excelsior.

*At the moment of death Heaven gave me strength.
God's help is not to be feared forever.
Lead us, O Lord, to the great through the narrow.
So he goes to the higher stars.*

Nearer my God, to Thee,
Nearer to Thee
E'en though it be a cross
That raiseth me.
There let the way appear,
Steps unto heav'n
All that Thou sendest me,
In mercy giv'n.
Still all my song shall be
Nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer, to Thee.

Though like a wonderer,
The sun gone down,
Darkness be over me,
My rest a stone,
Angels to beckon me
Nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer, to Thee.
Or if on joyful wing,
Cleaving the sky,
Sun, moon, and stars forgot,
Upward I fly.

1. Inside the Storm

If thoughts come like rain, and wind knocks you down,
You feel lost at sea, all alone;
Too tired to swim, afraid you might drown,
You don't have to fight on your own.

I'll ride the current beside you.
I've been there before.
An ocean of fear that goes on and on,
But trust me, there is shore.

When thoughts flood your mind, the tide pulls you in,
And waves break, but you can't break through,
I'll stay with you inside the storm,
I'll stay with you.

We don't have to smile and say there's sun.
We don't have to lie and say it's warm.
We'll find our way through fog and freezing rain;
We'll make it through the storm.

If you're overwhelmed by water and wind
And hope is a world out of view,
I'll stay with you inside the storm,
I'll stay with you.

2. A Thought Storm

You are -- "I'm not _____ enough."
[Singer exclaim fears of not being enough.]

You are -- "I'm a _____."
[Singers exclaim a word that has hurt them in the past.]

You are -- you are stong
"I'm weak", "I'm _____."

You are -- brave.
"I'm _____."

You are --
[More singers exclaim their words.]

You are --
I'm not good enough.

You are worthy.
I'm the only one.
I'm alone

You are not alone.
I never will.

You will --
[Singers sing a thought that has hurt them]

Let it go.
Breathe, just breathe.

*You are brave. You are worthy.
You are strong. You are loved.
You're okay.*

3. You Are Enough

You've carried words that aren't true so long:
The labels they put on you.
You've gotten lost in these storms of thoughts,
And forgotten the way to break through.
Erase them one by one you're not who they decide.

You are enough. You're so enough.
It's unbelievable how enough you are.

You've let them write who you are, so far,
They're wrong, you are up to you.
You've gone adrift in a sea of doubt
And forgotten the love that you knew.
Write your life in bold, there's no reason to hide.

You are enough. You're so enough.
It's unbelievable how enough you are.

Let the light come in and find a home in you.
Let the light multiply with everything you do.

You are enough. You're so enough.
It's unbelievable how enough you are,
You are,
You are!
You are enough!



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