



by Pastor Bruce Benson, host

Jennifer: in memoriam

What you sow, you shall also reap.
The Bible's wisdom is not wrong,
And yet . . . its calculus does not
Include the early death of one
Whose open heart, more freely than
Spring-fevered farmer could
In parable or life,
Spread seeds of welcome, friendship, love.
"And now?" our sullen grief protests,
"Now who shall reap what has been sown?"
The answer is not fair. But true:
I shall. And you. The children too.
And everyone who knew
This sower of good seed.



I wrote those lines — 14 of them — as Jennifer Koenig, my pastoral colleague for 14 years, was in her last month of life. She died on September 20th, her life ruthlessly stolen at age 47 by a glioblastoma brain tumor. It is Jennifer's voice you have heard for several years introducing and concluding weekly *Sing For Joy* programs. She was never a colleague in the meager sense of that word, as in "a mere colleague." She was a colleague in the deepest, richest sense; that is, one who stands with you, working alongside you, bringing out the best in you, and offering her best as well. I miss her.

During the final months of her life, when excursions from home became increasingly difficult, a local broadcast of *Sing For Joy* was her regular Sunday morning companion. She came to think of other listeners as her worship community. And in the spirit of a true colleague, she continued to give support and ask thoughtful and helpful questions about musical selections and commentary. Jennifer's presence will remain a part of *Sing For Joy* as her cheerful voice continues to introduce the show each week.

Her mother, a church musician, died when Jennifer was just an elementary school student. If that experience coupled with her own diagnosis had left her bitter about life, everyone would have understood. But Jennifer was the opposite of bitter. She was able, through all her chemotherapy, radiation, pain medication, and gradual descent into death to sing for joy. Even in her final weeks when her singing could not be literal singing, it never lacked joy. Jennifer believed that as long as there is love — and God is love — there is reason to sing for joy. Thanks be to God for her life, and blessed be her memory.

Peace be with you,



November 3, 2013

Time after Pentecost — Lectionary 31, Year C

(1R) Isaiah 1:10–8
(PS) Psalm 32:1–7
(2R) 2 Thessalonians 1:1–4, 11–12
(G) Luke 19:1–10
(AS) Feast of All Saints

For All The Saints (SINE NOMINE) – Ralph Vaughan Williams, arr. John Ferguson (AS)
Combined Lutheran Choirs: Minneapolis, Minn. / Anton Armstrong
(CD) *When in Our Music: A Hymn Festival* / ALCM / CS-1
© 1994 Association of Lutheran Church Musicians alcm.org

Jesu, The Very Thought of Thee (ST. BOTOLPH) – Gordon Slater, arr. Paul Halley (AS)
Choir of St. John's Church: Elora, Canada / Noel Edison
(CD) *Faire is the Heaven: Hymns and Anthems* / NAXOS / 8.557037
© 2003 Naxos of America, Inc. naxos.com

Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior – William H. Doane (G)
Leontyne Price, soprano; The St. Thomas Choir of Men and Boys: New York, N.Y. / William Self
(CD) *The Essential Leontyne Price* / RCA VICTOR / 09026-68157-2
© 1997 BMG Entertainment sonymasterworks.com

In Our Day of Thanksgiving (ST. CATHERINE'S COURT) – Richard Strutt (AS)
Saint Clement's Choir: Philadelphia, Pa. / Peter Richard Conte
(CD) *Hymns of Heaven and Earth* / DORIAN / DOR-90259
© 1998 Dorian Recordings sonoluminus.com

Faire is the Heaven – Sir William H. Harris (AS)
The Choir of Clare College: Cambridge, England / Timothy Brown
(CD) *Blessed Spirit* / COLLEGIUM / COLCD 127
© 1988 Collegium Records USA collegiumusa.com

Hark, I Hear The Harps Eternal (INVITATION) – American Traditional, arr. Robert Shaw & Alice Parker (AS)
West Coast Mennonite Chamber Choir: Vancouver, B.C., Canada / Tony Funk
(CD) *As Evening Shadows Fall* / MCC SCS / IKR 010 CD
© 2000 MCCSCS mccscs.com



November 10, 2013

Time after Pentecost — Lectionary 32, Year C

(1R) Job 9:23–27a
(PS) Psalm 17:1–9
(2R) 2 Thessalonians 2:1–5, 13–17
(G) Luke 20:27–38

Fare Ye Well – African American Spiritual, arr. Brazeal Dennard (G)
Chapel Choir of Capital University: Columbus, Ohio / Lynda R. Hasseler
(CD) *Sound Over All Waters* / CAPITAL UNIVERSITY / CUCC04
© 1997 Capital University capital.edu

Come We that Love the Lord (VINEYARD HAVEN) – Richard Dirksen (1R, G)
Choir of All Saints' Episcopal Church: Beverly Hills, Calif. / Thomas Foster
(CD) *Hymns Through the Ages* / GOTHIC / G 49074
© 1995 Gothic Records gothicrecords.com

Jerusalem, My Happy Home (LAND OF REST) – American Folk Hymn, arr. Annabel Buchanan and Peter Richard Conte (1R, G)
Saint Clement's Choir: Philadelphia, Pa. / Peter Richard Conte
(CD) *Hymns of Heaven and Earth* / DORIAN RECORDINGS / DOR-90259
© 1998 Dorian Recordings sonoluminus.com

Jerusalem the Golden (EWING) – Alexander Ewing (1R, G)
Choir of Wells Cathedral: England / Malcolm Archer
(CD) *Jerusalem the Golden* / HYPERION / CDP12102
© 2001 Hyperion Records Limited hyperion-records.co.uk

I Know that My Redeemer Lives (DUKE STREET) – John Hatton (G)
The Children's Choirs of St. Paul's Lutheran Church: Fort Wayne, Ind. / Barbara Resch
(CD) *And My Mouth Will Declare Your Praise* / ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH / 971005CD
© 1997 St. Paul's Lutheran Church stpaulsfw.org

I Know That My Redeemer Lives – Johann M. Bach (1R)
National Lutheran Choir: Minneapolis, Minn. / Larry L. Fleming
(CD) *Jesu, Come* / NATIONAL LUTHERAN CHOIR RECORDINGS / NLCA-62
© National Lutheran Choir nlca.com

Saint Teresa's Bookmark – Edward Tyler (2R)
St. Olaf Cantorei / John Ferguson
(CD) *A Thousand Ages: A Celebration of Hope* / GIA / CD-474
© 2000 GIA Publications, Inc. giamusic.com

November 17, 2013

Time after Pentecost — Lectionary 33, Year C

(1R) Malachi 4:1–2a
(PS) Psalm 98
(2R) 2 Thessalonians 3:6–13
(G) Luke 21:5–19

My Lord, What a Mornin' – African American Spiritual, arr. Harry T. Burleigh (1R, G)
The Dale Warland Singers: Minneapolis, Minn. / Dale Warland
(CD) *Blue Wheat* / ACC / ACC 122

© 1996 American Choral Catalog, Ltd. dalewarlandsingers.org

Come, Healing Light – Robert Scholz (1R)
The St. Olaf Viking Chorus / Robert Scholz
(CD) *Ris'n With Healing in His Wings* / ST. OLAF RECORDS /
E-2564
© 2002 St. Olaf Records stolafrecords.com

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies – Gerald Knight (1R)
St. Bartholomew's Senior Choristers: New York, N.Y. /
Vincent H. Edwards
(CD) *"Sing in Exultation!"* / PRO ORGANO / CD 7150
© 2001 The Zarex Corporation proorgano.com

"O salutaris hostia" from *Quatre Motets, Op. 9* –
Marcel Dupré (G)
The Choir of Westminster Cathedral: London, England /
James O'Donnell
(CD) *Vierne, Widor, Dupré: Masses and Motets* / HYPERION /
CDA66898
© 1997 Hyperion Records Limited hyperion-records.co.uk

Psalm 98 – J. Marcus Ritchie (PS)
Parish Choirs of St. Paul's Parish, K Street: Washington, D.C. /
Jeffrey Smith
(CD) *Show Yourselves Joyful* / PRO ORGANO / CD 7068
© 1997 Zarex Corporation proorgano.com

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (MENDELSSOHN) –
Felix Mendelssohn, arr. David Willcocks (1R)
Choir of Saint Thomas Church: New York, N.Y. / John Scott
(CD) *Christmas on Fifth Avenue* / PRO ORGANO / CD 7200
© 2005 Zarex Corporation proorgano.com

*"As long as there is love — and God is love — there
is reason to sing for joy."*

-Pastor Bruce Benson

November 24, 2013

Time after Pentecost — Lectionary 34, Year C

(1R) Jeremiah 23:1–6
(PS) Psalm 46
(2R) Colossians 1:11–20
(G) Luke 23:33–43
(T) Thanksgiving

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (MILES LANE) –
William Shrubsole, arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams (2R)
Massed Choirs of St. Olaf College, The St. Olaf Orchestra /
Steven Amundson
(CD) *For God So Loves the World* / ST. OLAF RECORDS /
E-2939-40
© 2006 St. Olaf Records stolafrecords.com

Christus Paradox (PICARDY) – French Processional,
arr. Alfred V. Fedak (T)
Massed Choirs of St. Olaf College, The St. Olaf Orchestra /
John Ferguson
(CD) *For God So Loves the World* / ST. OLAF RECORDS /
E-2939-40

© 2006 St. Olaf Records stolafrecords.com

Rejoice, the Lord is King (DARWALL'S 148) – John Darwall,
anthem by Bryan Kelly (2R)
South Church Chancel Choir: New Britain, Conn. /
Richard Coffey
(CD) *Choral Settings of Great Hymns* / ARKAY RECORDS /
AR6156
© 1996 South Church southchurch.org

To Jesus Christ, Our Sovereign King (ICH GLAUB AN GOTT) –
Mainz Gesangbuch (G)
GIA Publications Choir
(CD) *Catholic Classics, Volume 2* / GIA PUBLICATIONS /
GIA CD-376
© 1996 GIA Publications giamusic.com

For the Beauty of the Earth (LUCERNA LAUDONIAE) –
David Evans (PS, G, T)
The Choir of Wells Cathedral / Malcolm Archer
(CD) *Hills of the North, Rejoice: The English Hymn Vol. 3* /
HYPERION / CDP12103
© 2002 Hyperion Records Limited hyperion-records.co.uk

For the Beauty of the Earth – John Rutter (PS, G, T)
Choirs of St. John's Episcopal Cathedral: Denver, Colo. /
Donald Pearson
(CD) *Sing We Merrily* / DELOS / DE 3125
© 1991 Delos International, Inc. delosmusic.com

LISTENERS' CORNER

Your Facebook comments these last few weeks have
been a blessing:

"May she add her voice to the heavenly chorus!"

*"My deepest sympathies to everyone who knew and
loved her. I'm glad that I'll still be able to hear her
voice on Sing For Joy."*

"She always had such a cheerful voice."

*"Sing For Joy feeds me every Sunday as I drive to my
church ... I am so saddened by this news. May angels
lead her."*

*"I so loved hearing her say her name. She said it with
such peace and pride sounding happy with who she
was and where she was."*

**Join in the *Sing For Joy* conversation
on Facebook and Twitter (@SingForJoyRadio) and
stream the show online at singforjoy.org.**



**Sing For Joy®
is sponsored by:**



Sukup Manufacturing Co.
641-892-4222
sukup.com



St. Olaf College
507-786-8596
stolaf.edu

*and faithful listeners
like you.*

Visit singforjoy.org
to find out where you
can hear *Sing For Joy*
in your area. You can
also listen to complete
programs online.



Thank you for your gifts!

In Honor Of:

Paul Christenson, on his 80th birthday

Keith & Mary Ingbritsen, on their 60th wedding anniversary

Ruth Schoeller, Eastern Star State Organist

In Memory Of:

Melvin Abel, my husband

The Reverend Thomas A. Herbon

Julia and Noel Holm

Frances McNulty Lewis

Lois McQuaid

Micheline & Ray Nichols

NOVEMBER 2013 / YEAR C

**Sing For Joy® is a
production of
St. Olaf College.**



Sing For Joy staff:
W. Bruce Benson
Host
John Ferguson
Music Adviser
Jeffrey O'Donnell
Producer and Music Director
Joshua Wyatt
Associate Producer
Carolyn Pierson
Communications Coordinator

Website: singforjoy.org
Email: singforjoy@stolaf.edu
Phone: 507-786-8596

Sing For Joy
St. Olaf College
1520 St. Olaf Avenue
Northfield, MN 55057



ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Non-profit Org.
U.S. Postage
PAID
St. Olaf College