
THE ST. OLAF CHAMBER SINGERS

Therees Tkach Hibbard, *conductor*

joined by

James E. Bobb, *harpsichord*

Bach Ensemble

SING JOYFULLY!

Sunday, November 12, 2023 | 7:30 P.M.

BOE MEMORIAL CHAPEL

Welcome to our fall concert filled with songs of joy and celebration! We gather together music from both ancient and modern eras to share messages of praise and gratitude both human and divine, to lift your hearts and bring peace to your spirits. We offer to each of you and all of you these reflections of joy through faith, justice through mercy, and praise through every living thing in this season of hope. May it give us all a few moments of calm and delight in these chaotic times to SING JOYFULLY!

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Sing Joyfully

William Byrd (1543–1623)

Sing joyfully to God our strength; sing loud unto the God of Jacob!
Take the song, bring forth the timbrel, the pleasant harp, and the viol.
Blow the trumpet in the new moon,
Even in the time appointed, and at our feast day.
For this is a statute for Israel, and a law of the God of Jacob.

The Unexpected Early Hour (Lauds – Raag Ahir Bhairav) from *Winter Breviary*

Reena Esmail (b. 1983)

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Gott der Herr ist Sonn und Schild, BWV 79 [sung in German]

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

1. Chorus

God the Lord is sun and shield,
the Lord gives mercy and honour,
he will allow no good thing to be lacking to the righteous.

2. Aria

Emma Silvestri, *soloist*

God is our sun and shield!
Therefore our grateful spirit
praises the kindness
with which he cares for his little flock.
For he wants to continue to protect us
although our enemies sharpen their arrows
and a blasphemous dog now barks.

3. Chorale

Now all thank God
with heart, mouth and hands;
He does great things
for us and all our purposes;
He for us from our mother's womb
and childish steps
countless great good
has done and still continues to do.

Salve Regina

Cesar Alejandro Carillo (b. 1957)

Hail Holy Queen, mother of mercy:
our life, sweetness, and hope, hail.
To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve.
To you we sigh, mourning and weeping
in this valley of tears.
Turn then, our advocate,
those merciful eyes toward us.
And Jesus, the blessed fruit of thy womb,
after our exile, show us.
O merciful, O pious, O sweet Virgin Mary.

4. Recitative

Leo Libet, *soloist*

God be praised, we know
the right way to blessedness;
for, Jesus, you have shown it to us through your word,
therefore your name forever remains praised.
But since many still
at this time
must bear a foreign yoke through blindness,
ah! have pity
on them graciously
so that they come to know the right way
and name you as their only mediator.

5. Duet

Caroline Geer and Leo Libet, *soloists*

God, ah God, forsake your people
never again!
Let your word shine clearly for us;
although our enemies rage very greatly against us,
our mouth will then praise you.

6. Chorale

Keep us in the truth,
give us eternal freedom
to praise your name
through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prayer for Peace

Kurt Knecht

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So I'll Sing With My Voice

Dominic Argento (1927–2019)

from *Spirituals and Swedish Chorales*

Rachel Dumont and Will Fecko, *soloists*

If I had a harp
Like David had a harp
I'd play on that harp 'till the glorious day!
But I got no harp
So I'll sing with my voice, Hallelujah!
If I had a horn
Like Gabriel had a horn
I'd blow on that horn 'till the judgement day!
But I got no horn, so I'll sing with my voice, Hallelujah!
If I had a lyre
Like Jubal had a lyre
I'd strum on that lyre 'till that beautiful day!
I got no lyre so I'll sing with my voice Hallelujah!
If I had a harp
Like David had a harp
I'd play on that harp 'till that glorious day!
O Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

Underneath the Stars

Kate Rusby (b. 1974)

arr. by Jim Clements

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PERSONNEL

Bach Ensemble

James Bobb, *harpsichord*

Violin I

Eli Schrubbe
Sam Meyer
Josh Villanoy

Violin II

Rachel Christiansen
Claire Hughes

Viola

Akseli Mendes
Ian Snider

Cello/continuo

Alice Ryan

Bass/continuo

Henry Specker

Flute

Carter Allen-Weyenberg
Leylah Boulos

Oboe

Lily Mitzel
Joseph Becker

Bassoon and Continuo

Maggie Walker

Trumpet

Ian DiMundo
Lexi Cucchiaro

Timpani

Morgan Ely

The Chamber Singers

Therees Tkach Hibbard, *conductor*

Catherine Rodland, *collaborative pianist*

Emma Silvestri '24, *student assistant* • Aidan Kocian '24, *student manager*

Soprano

Elsie Covert
Rachel DuFour
Rachel Dumont
Caroline Geer
Emily Hagel
Ruth Hailey
Grace Herning

Alto

Laila Franklin
Giada Parigi
Elyssa Post
Natalie Robuck
Alexys Sayegh
Lauren Schilling
Emma Silvestri

Tenor

Will Fecko
Nathaniel Johnson
Aidan Kocur
Aaron Looney
David Reed
Zane Ross
Asher Schreiber

Bass

Noah Carlson
Elijah Culp
Tyler Hansen
Aiden Kocian
Leo Libet
Jack Schabert
Henry Vermeer

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