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by Pastor Bruce Benson, host

By the time you read this newsletter, *Sing For Joy* Executive Producer, Jeff O’Donnell and I will have recorded the Easter programs. We’ve pushed the recording schedule ahead just a bit in order to accommodate a request from stations in Africa where *Sing For Joy* is heard by many. That means that the music of Easter, and specifically the music on our Easter season programs, is running through my head. I think you’ll like what you hear.

The way music moves from outside to inside — that is, the way it moves from being out there somewhere, in a room or hall or church, to doing its good work within a listener — is influenced by what is going on in a listener’s life. The music of Easter isn’t received in exactly the same way by all listeners. Has there been a recent death in the family? Or perhaps you have received good news? Have the winter blues finally eroded and spring is springing in your heart? Or is weariness still stronger than hope? All these things affect what music does when it moves from outside to inside during the Easter season.

But music has power beyond merely expressing a mood or state of being. It has power to alter moods and outlooks and attitudes. I think you will hear that in the music on *Sing For Joy* this Eastertide. Of course, my positive feelings about that music could simply be a reflection of my mood while I recorded these programs, but I don’t think so. Jeff and I worked on the programs, but I think the programs worked on us too! If you sing in a choir or play an instrument — for that matter, if you sing while doing chores or driving the car — you know that

music does its good work in those making the music as much as in those hearing it. As one who has overheard hundreds of choir practices, I know that music works even during rehearsal.

And as one who has recorded hundreds of episodes of *Sing For Joy*, I know that it works also through headphones in a recording studio. Just before we recorded the last set of programs, Jeff changed one of the recordings and sent me a message to note the change. I listened to the new recording and immediately loved the change. There was a fresh, vibrant feel to it; very “Easter-y.”

That new selection, along with so many of the old favorites of Eastertide, did good work in me right there in the recording studio. I hope the Easter season finds you in a frame of mind, or a state of being, that will let you be open to the good work of Easter and Easter music.

As one Easter hymn says,
*“... raise your joys and triumphs high:
Sing, oh heavens! and earth reply!”*

Peace be with you,



APRIL 5, 2015

RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD – EASTER DAY (YEAR B)

- (1R) Acts 10:34–43 or Isaiah 25:6–9
(PS) Psalm 118:1–2, 14–24
(2R) 1 Corinthians 15:1–11 or Acts 10:34–43
(G) John 20:1–18 or Mark 16:1–8

Jesus Christ is Risen Today (EASTER HYMN) – Lyra Davidica / Latin Carol, lyricist / John Ferguson, arranger (1R, 2R, G)
Sing For Joy Hymn Festival Congregation / John Ferguson, organ
(CD) *A Time for Singing: 2011 ACDA National Convention Worship* / ST. OLAF COLLEGE / Not For Resale
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When Mary Through the Garden Went – Charles Villiers Stanford / Mary E. Coleridge, lyricist (G)
Atlanta Master Chorale: Atlanta, GA / Eric Nelson
(CD) *Awake the Dawn* / ATLANTA MASTER CHORALE / DCSR 119
© 2011 Atlanta Master Chorale atlantamasterchorale.org

Low in the Grave He Lay (CHRIST AROSE) – Robert Lowry / Robert Lowry, lyricist / Catherine M. Palmer, arranger (G)
Choir of Yorkminster Park Baptist Church / Ronald S. Jordan, accompanist / Catherine M. Palmer
(CD) *The Joy of God* / MARQUIS CLASSICS / ERAD 175
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This Joyful Eastertide (VRUECHTEN) – Dutch Carol / George Woodward, lyricist / Charles Wood, arranger (G)
The Choir of King's College / Philip Ledger
(CD) *Music for Holy Week* / EMI (ANGEL, EMI CLASSICS, EMI RECORDS, LTD) / 7243 5 651032 6
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Christ Has Arisen (MFURAHINI, HALELUYA) – Tanzanian Traditional / Bernard Kyamanywa, lyricist / Howard S. Olson, translator (G)
St. Olaf Cantorei: Northfield, MN / The St. Olaf Choir: Northfield, MN / Sing For Joy Hymn Festival Congregation / Anton Armstrong
(CD) *Songs of Grateful Praise* / ST. OLAF RECORDS / E-2880
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Messiah: Hallelujah – George Frideric Handel (G)
The English Concert Choir / The English Concert / Trevor Pinnock
(CD) *Messiah* / ARCHIV / 423 630-2
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universalclassics.com

We are happy to share a special treat with listeners this week. "O Sons and Daughters," the third piece on the program for April 12, is hot off the press! A new arrangement and recording of one of our Eastertide favorites!

APRIL 12, 2015

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR B)

- (1R) Acts 4:32–35
(PS) Psalm 133
(2R) 1 John 1:1–2:2
(G) John 20:19–31

Easter Anthem – William Billings / American Traditional, lyricist (G)
Bella Voce: Chicago, IL / Paul Hillier
(CD) *A Land of Pure Delight* / HARMONIA MUNDI / HMU 907048
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O Sons and Daughters (O FILII ET FILIAE) – French Traditional / Jean Tisserand, lyricist / Henry Walford Davies, arranger / John Mason Neale, translator (G)
The Choir of King's College / Stephen Cleobury
(CD) *English Hymn Anthems* / THE CHOIR OF KING'S COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE / KGS0004
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Easter Morning – Paul J. Christiansen (G)
The St. Olaf Choir: Northfield, MN / Kenneth Jennings
(CD) *Beautiful Savior* / ST. OLAF RECORDS / E-1260
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Surge Jesus (Jesus Rising Again) – Peter Philips (G)
The Cambridge Singers / John Rutter
(CD) *Images of Christ* / COLLEGIUM RECORDS / COLCD 124
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Although the Doors Were Closed – James E. Clemens (G)
The Schola Cantorum of St. Peter the Apostle: Chicago, IL / J. Michael Thompson
(CD) *Music for Easter II* / THE LITURGICAL PRESS / 7918-8
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Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain (GAUDEAMUS PARITER) – Jan Roh / John of Damascus, lyricist / John Mason Neale, translator (G)
The Choir of Grace Cathedral: San Francisco, CA / Benjamin Bachmann
(CD) *Joy to the Heart* / PRO ORGANO / CD 7249
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Walk in the Light – African American Spiritual / Charles Wesley, lyricist / George Elderkin, lyricist / André Thomas, arranger (G)
St. Olaf Cantorei: Northfield, MN / Anton Armstrong
(CD) *Songs of Grateful Praise* / ST. OLAF RECORDS / E-2880
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"The idea of Easter as a whole season is probably easier to understand and observe in those cultures that have longer parties than most Americans do. Wedding celebrations last for days in some parts of the world. Easter wants to be like that too, going on for weeks, basking in the glow of the good news of Easter Sunday."

- Pastor Bruce Benson

APRIL 19, 2015

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR B)

- (1R) Acts 3:12–19
(PS) Psalm 4
(2R) 1 John 3:1–7
(G) Luke 24:36b–48

Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises (HALELUYA! PELO TSA RONA) – South African Traditional / South African Traditional, lyricist (G)
The St. Olaf Choir: Northfield, MN / Anton Armstrong
(CD) *Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises!* / ST. OLAF RECORDS / E-1941
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Good Christians, All Rejoice and Sing (GELOBT SEI GOTT) –

Melchior Vulpus / Cyril A. Alington, lyricist (G)
Compline Choir of St. Mark's Cathedral: Seattle, WA /
St. Mark's Cathedral Choir: Seattle, WA / J. Melvin Butler
(CD) *Great Music of Holy Week & Easter* / CHURCH PUBLISHING
COMPANY / ISBN: 0-89869-282-2
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In Thee is Gladness (IN DIR IST FREUDE) – Giovanni Giacomo Gastoldi /
Johann Lindemann, lyricist / Daniel Kallman, arranger /
Catherine Winkworth, translator (G)
The Capella of Calvin College: Grand Rapids, MI /
Larry Visser, accompanist / Merle Mustert
(CD) *2003 Spring Tour & The Music of Handel and Duruflé* /
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Loaves and Fishes & Alleluia, Hearts and Voices Heavenward Raise
(LUX EO1) – Arthur Sullivan / Paul Spicer / Christopher Wordsworth,
lyricist / Tom Wright, lyricist (G)
Choirs and Congregation of Grace Episcopal Church: Charleston, SC /
J. Scott Bennett
(CD) *O For a Thousand Tongues* / PRO ORGANO / CD 7148
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Christ Is Arisen (CHRIST IST ERSTANDEN) – German Traditional /
Charles Wesley, lyricist / Crawford Thoburn, arranger (G)
Eastern Mennonite High School Touring Choir: Harrisonburg, VA /
Jay E. Hartzler
(CD) *I Know the Lord* / EMHS / EMHS 00098
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Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (HYFRYDOL) – Rowland Hugh Prichard /
Charles Wesley, lyricist / John Ferguson, arranger (2R)
Hymn Festival Congregation: Northfield, MN / John Ferguson, organ
(CD) *Celebration! Boe Memorial Chapel* / ST. OLAF RECORDS /
E-2939/70
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*“It is amazing to think of the influence one little
poem has had. Its influence is visible in the art of
centuries, in the literature of numerous languages, in
the ordinary speech of ordinary citizens.
People of many faiths have been influenced by one
ancient little poem; a poem without a name,
known simply by a number: 23. Psalm 23.”*
- Pastor Bruce Benson

APRIL 26, 2015

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR B)

(1R) Acts 4:5–12
(PS) Psalm 23
(2R) 1 John 3:16–24
(G) John 10:11–18

The Lord's My Shepherd (CRIMOND) – Jesse Seymour Irvine (PS)
Scottish Philharmonic Singers / John Langdon, accompanist / Ian McCrorie
(CD) *Psalms of Scotland* / ABBEY / SCS MUSIC / SCSCD 2830
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The Lord's My Shepherd (BROTHER JAMES' AIR) – J. L. Macbeth Bain /
Malcolm Archer, arranger (PS)
Saint Ignatius Loyola Children's Choir: New York, NY / Mary Huff
(CD) *Angel* / MSR CLASSICS / MS 1399
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My Shepherd Will Supply My Need (RESIGNATION) –

American Folk Tune / Issac Watts, lyricist / Virgil Thomson, arranger (PS)
Calvin College Alumni Choir: Grand Rapids, MI / Pearl Shangkuan
(CD) *Many Colors Paint the Rainbow* / CALVIN COLLEGE / CD 4
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The Lord is My Shepherd – Howard Goodall (PS)
The Choir of Wells Cathedral / Matthew Owens
(CD) *Songs of Sunshine* / REGENT RECORDS / REGCD343
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The King of Love My Shepherd Is (ST. COLUMBA) – Irish Traditional /
Henry W. Baker, lyricist / Sir Edward C. Bairstow, arranger (PS)
Saint Clement's Choir: Philadelphia, PA / Matthew Glandorf, accompanist /
Peter Richard Conte
(CD) *Hymns of Heaven and Earth* / SONO LUMUS (FORMERLY
DORIAN RECORDS) / DOR-90259
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NEWS

Sing For Joy Executive Producer, Jeff O'Donnell attended the American Choral Directors Association (ACDA) Conference in Salt Lake City this past February. “We enjoyed meeting many friends of the program and hopefully made some new ones too!”

The *Sing For Joy* and St. Olaf Choir booths had many visitors. Thanks to everyone who stopped by!



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Thanks to our generous listeners who fuel us with gifts and praise.
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*“I appreciate the quality of musical selections and liturgical
creativity that brings God's word to life!”*
Bethesda, Maryland

*“A friend shared his [newsletter] and I found it very
enlightening. I'm an organist-choir director at my church
and we will enjoy having this resource as our team plans
music for our worship services.”*
Rome, Georgia

“Always an inspiration to listen to the lessons, hymns and songs.”
Lone Oak, Kentucky

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my father, James R. Carroll Jr., killed in WWII 1943

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Newell "Bud" Nelson Jr.

Darryl Patten

Martha Brooks Whitworth

In Honor Of:

Bruce, John and Jeff

Randolph Minter

*The St. Olaf Choir, on hearing them sing in Fort Wayne, IN
recently, a very inspirational evening*

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