Messiah

presented by

Milwaukee Area Messiah Community Chorus & Orchestra

for the benefit of

Milwaukee Rescue Mission



for more information about today's concert please scan this QR code or visit www.mamcco.org/program

MAMCCO Thanks . . .

Faith Lutheran Church in Germantown for providing time and space for choral rehearsals.

Grace Lutheran Church in Thiensville for providing time and space for orchestra and soloists rehearsals.

Crossroads Presbyterian Church in Mequon and **St. Robert Catholic Parish** in Shorewood for providing beautiful venues for the presentation of this work.

We are grateful for the musical gifts

God has given each of us.

We are grateful for this sacred music,

and we pray that hearing it will be a

blessed, meaningful experience for each of you.



Announcing 2024 concert dates!



December 1, 2024

3 pm

Crossroads Presbyterian Church 6031 W. Chapel Hill Road, Mequon, WI

We are planning a second *Messiah* concert for late November 2024! Details to be announced.

Messiah

Under the direction of Brian Dearing, presented by chorus and orchestra along with soloists:

Erica Breitbarth—Soprano

Tzytle Steinman—Mezzo-soprano

Robert Stuart Mitchell—Tenor

Robert Stuart Mitchell—Tenor
Timothy W Schmidt—Baritone

Prophecy and Promise of the Redeeming Messiah Part One **Overture**

+ + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + +

God's Comforting Promise

Scene One

Comfort Ye My People

Isaiah 40:1-3

Comfort ye, my people, saith your God; Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, And cry unto her that her warfare is accomplished, That her iniquity is pardoned. The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, "Prepare ye the way of the Lord, Make straight in the desert a highway for our God."

Every Valley Shall Be Exalted

Isaiah 40:4

Every valley shall be exalted And every mountain and hill made low; The crooked straight, and the rough places plain.

And the Glory of the Lord

Isaiah 40:5

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, And all flesh shall see it together. For the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

The Purifying Messiah is Prophesied

Scene Two

But Who May Abide the Day of His Coming?

Malachi 3:2

But who may abide the day of His coming? And who shall stand when he appeareth? For He is like a refiner's fire.

And He Shall Purify

Malachi 3:3

And He shall purify the sons of Levi, That they may offer unto the Lord An offering in righteousness.

God's Glory Comes Through a Virgin

Scene Three

Behold, a Virgin Shall Conceive

Isaiah 7:14: Matthew 1:23

Behold! A virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, And shall call his name Emmanuel: God with us.

O Thou That Tellest Good Tidings to Zion

Isaiah 40:9

O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion,
Get thee up into the high mountain!
O thou that tellest good tidings to Jerusalem,
Lift up thy voice with strength,
Lift it up, be not afraid!
Say unto the cities of Judah,
"Behold your God!
Arise, shine, for Thy light has come,
And the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee."

From Darkness Comes the Light of the World

Scene Four

For Behold, Darkness Shall Cover the Earth

Isaiah 60:2-3

For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, And gross darkness the people, But the Lord shall arise upon thee, And His glory shall be seen upon thee. And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, And kings to the brightness of thy rising.

The People That Walked in Darkness

Isaiah 9:2

The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light. And they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, Upon them hath the light shined.

For Unto Us a Child Is Born

Isaiah 9:6

For unto us a child is born, Unto us a son is given And the government shall be upon His shoulder; And His Name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

The Christmas Story

Scene Five

Pastoral Symphony

There Were Shepherds Abiding in the Field

Luke 2:8

There were shepherds abiding in the field, Keeping watch over their flocks by night.

And Lo! The Angel of the Lord Came upon Them

Luke 2:9

And lo! The angel of the Lord came upon them, And the glory of the Lord shone round about them, And they were sore afraid.

And the Angel Said unto Them

Luke 2:10-11

And the angel said unto them,
"Fear not: for behold,
I bring you good tidings of great joy,
Which shall be to all people.
For unto you is born this day in the city of David

A Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

And Suddenly There Was with the Angel

Luke 2:13

And suddenly there was with the angel A multitude of the heavenly host Praising God, and saying:

Glory to God

Luke 2:14

"Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth, Goodwill towards men."

The Suffering Lamb Who Redeems

Part Two

The Sacrificial Lamb Heals His Wayward Flock Behold the Lamb of God

Scene One

John 1:29

Behold the Lamb of God, that taketh away the sin of the world.

He Was Despised

Isaiah 53:3; 50:6

He was despised, despised and rejected of men, A man of sorrows and acquainted with grief.

Surely He Hath Borne Our Griefs

Isaiah 53:4-5

Surely, He hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows. He was wounded for our transgressions,

He was bruised for our iniquities,

The chastisement of our peace was upon Him.

And with His Stripes We Are Healed

Isaiah 53:5

And with His stripes we are healed.

All We, Like Sheep, Have Gone Astray

Isaiah 53:6

All we, like sheep, have gone astray; We have turned every one to his own way.

And the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

Intermission

15 Minutes

The Abandoned Messiah Suffers Scorn

Scene Two

All They That See Him, Laugh Him to Scorn

Psalm 22:7

All they that see Him laugh Him to scorn.

They shoot out their lips, and shake their heads, saying:

He Trusted in God That He Would Deliver Him

Psalm 22:8

He trusted in God that He would deliver Him; Let Him deliver Him, if He delight in Him.

Thy Rebuke Hath Broken His Heart

Psalm 69:20

Thy rebuke hath broken His heart; He is full of heaviness, He looked for some to have pity on Him, but there was no man, neither found He any to comfort Him.

Behold, and See if there be any Sorrow

Lamentations 1:12

Behold, and see if there be any sorrow like unto His sorrow.

He Was Cut off out of the Land of the Living

Isaiah 53:8

He was cut off out of the land of the living, For the transgression of Thy people was He stricken.

Christ's Resurrection and Ascension

Scene Three

But Thou Didst Not Leave His Soul in Hell

Psalm 16:10

But Thou didst not leave His soul in hell, Nor didst Thou suffer Thy Holy One to see corruption.

Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates

Psalm 24:7-10

Lift up your heads, O ye gates,
And be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors,
And the King of glory shall come in.
Who is this King of glory?
The Lord strong and mighty,
The Lord mighty in battle.
Lift up your heads, O ye gates,
And be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors,
And the King of glory shall come in.
Who is this King of glory?
The Lord of Hosts, He is the King of glory.

Thou Art Gone Up on High

Psalm 68:18

Thou art gone up on high,
Thou hast led captivity captive,
And received gifts for men,
Yea, even for Thine enemies,
That the Lord God might dwell among them.

Spreading the Gospel

Scene Four

How Beautiful Are the Feet of Him

Isaiah 52:7

How beautiful are the feet of him, That bringeth glad tidings of salvation. That saith unto Sion, thy God reigneth.

Break Forth into Joy

Isaiah 52:7, 9

Break forth into joy! Glad tidings! Thy God reigneth! How beautiful are the feet of him, That bringeth good tidings of salvation. That saith unto Sion, thy God reigneth!

The Heathen Rebel Against God's Gospel

Scene Five

He That Dwelleth in Heaven

Psalm 2:4

He that dwelleth in heaven shall laugh them to scorn; The Lord shall have them in derision.

Thou Shalt Break Them

Psalm 2:9

Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; Thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.

Hallelujah

Revelation 19:6; 11:15; 19:16

We invite you to join the chorus! Sheet music to share is available in each row.

Hallelujah! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth.

Hallelujah! The kingdom of this world,

Is become the Kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ;

And He shall reign for ever and ever!

King of Kings, and Lord of Lords. Hallelujah!

Thanksgiving for the Defeat of Death

Part Three

The Redeemer Lives

Prologue

I Know That My Redeemer Liveth

Job 19:25-26; 1 Corinthians 15:20

I know that my Redeemer liveth,

And that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth.

And though worms destroy this body,

Yet in my flesh shall I see God.

For now is Christ risen from the dead,

The first fruits of them that sleep.

The Expectation of Our Own Resurrection

Scene One

Since by Man Came Death

1 Corinthians 15:21-22

Since by man came death,

By man came also the resurrection of the dead.

For as in Adam all die,

Even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

Behold, I Tell You a Mystery

1 Corinthians 15:51-52a

Behold, I tell you a mystery;

We shall not all sleep,

But we shall all be changed in a moment,

In the twinkling of an eye,

At the last trumpet.

The Trumpet Shall Sound

1 Corinthians 15:52b-53

The trumpet shall sound,

And the dead shall be raised incorruptible;

And we shall be changed.

For this corruptible must put on incorruption,

And this mortal must put on immortality.

The Final Judgement by the Lamb

Scene Three

If God is for Us, Who Can Be Against Us?

Romans 8: 31, 33, 34

If God is for us, who can be against us?

Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect?

It is God that justifieth.

Who is he that condemneth?

It is Christ that died, yea, rather that is risen again,

Who is at the right hand of God, who makes intercession for us.

Worthy Is the Lamb That Was Slain

Revelation 5:12-13

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain,
And hath redeemed us to God by His blood,
To receive power, and riches, and wisdom,
And strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing.
Blessing and honor, glory and power,
Be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne and unto the Lamb,
Forever and ever! Amen!

Where we are from!

Chorus and orchestra members attend these area churches:

Bread of Life CEC Church-Dousman Brew City Church-Milwaukee Brookside Baptist Church-Milwaukee

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints-Milwaukee

Crossway Church-Germantown Eastbrook Church-Milwaukee Elmbrook Church-Brookfield Faith Lutheran Church-Cedarburg

Falls Orthodox Presbyterian Church-

Menomonee Falls First Congregational Church-Port Washington

Friedens Church-Port Washington Good Shepherd Lutheran Church-West Bend

Grace Lutheran Church-Thiensville Immanuel UCC-West Bend

Kettlebrook Church-West Bend Northbrook Church-Richfield Our Lady of Good Hope-Milwaukee

Our Saviour's UCC-Germantown
Pilgrim UCC-Grafton
St. Frances Cabrini West Rond

St. Frances Cabrini-West Bend

St. John XXIII Parish-Port
Washington

St. John's Lutheran Church-Jackson

St. Joseph Catholic Church-Grafton

St. Robert Catholic Parish-Shorewood

St. Gabriel Catholic Parish-Richfield

Wauwatosa Ave United
Methodist-Wauwatosa

MANCCO Board

Linda Aguado Rick Bates Larry Berning Brian Dearing Tracy Greymont Beth Mittermaier

Orchestra

Heidi Brann – 1st Oboe Michael Britz – Double Bass Adam Fisher – 1st Trumpet Paul Gronquist – Cello Eric Heitkemper – Bassoon Amanda Koch – Viola James Norden – Keyboard Continuo Lyda Osinga – 2nd Violin

Brek Renzelman – Viola Karla Siegler – 1st Violin Pamela Simmons – 2nd Violin Terry Smirl – Timpani Brandon Viliunas – 2nd Trumpet Rachel Vohnoutka – 2nd Oboe Ellen Willman – 1st Violin Braden Zitoun – Cello

Chorus

Sopranos

Amy Campbell Marilyn Dearth Terri Lynn Doucette

Kelly Fleming *

Karen Gervais
Tracy Greymont
Katie Hamman
Connie Hendrix
Jeanette Koch
Gina Maria Lococo
Christine Partin
Catherine Regner
Sarah Riemer
Laurie Stretz

Altos

Linda Aguado Holly Blaubach Barbara Dickmann Kathryn Doering Nancy Holley Laura Johnson Terri Lakich

Cheryl Melzer *

Linda Menzel
Beth Mittermaier
Pamela Mylotta
Joy Powers
Melanie Radliff
Lisa Sinclair
Jessica Sosnoski

Tenors

Larry Berning Gene Braaksma Adam Bratrsovsky Jefferson Davis Michael Hamman Fric Hobbs

Chris Larsen *

Tom Maurer James Stockton David A. Walther

Basses

Joshua Ackland Kent Baker Scott Blaubach * Nathan Gabor Jared Hoenigman Tom Holley Mike Isbell Richard Krueger Tom Krueger Paul Melius Philip Post

Max Sommerfeld

Philip Starr Ken Stenfors Larry Sween

With sorrow, we remember Jennifer Mattson (1955-2023), a devoted and beloved member of the chorus for many years.

^{*} Section Leaders

Milwaukee Rescue Mission

If you feel so led, MAMCCO invites you to respond to this work with a free-will donation for the Milwaukee Rescue Mission (MRM). Donation baskets will be set up outside the sanctuary at intermission and following

the presentation. Checks should be made payable to "Milwaukee Rescue Mission."

MRM has been serving Milwaukee's poor and homeless since 1893 when a group of local businessmen and community leaders founded the organization. The MRM mission statement reads, "In response to the command of Jesus, we compassionately



For more information, visit www.milmission.org

serve to help make whole the hungry, homeless and poor in body, mind and spirit for the glory of God."

MIR M
Milwaukee Rescue Mission

'... to share your
food with the hungry and to
provide the poor wanderer
with shelter ... ' Isaiah 58:7

Through the generosity of local individuals, businesses, and congregations, MRM provides Safe Harbor (a program for men), Joy House (programs for women and children), and Crosstrainer's Academy (education for at-risk youth).

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.



Milwaukee Area Messiah Community Chorus & Orchestra

is a community ecumenical choir and orchestra formed for the purpose of enriching the lives of the residents of the Greater Milwaukee area by spreading God's Word through music, including Handel's Messiah.

We are a 501(c)(3) charitable organization in Wisconsin. If you share our mission, we invite you to support us both prayerfully and financially. One hundred percent of the offerings collected at presentations goes to the Milwaukee Rescue Mission, but we do have considerable expenses. Donations can be sent to:

MAMCCO, 4120 W. Gazebo Hill Blvd., Mequon, WI 53092



Follow us on Facebook to find out about upcoming presentations: www.facebook.com/mamcco/



Contact us about joining the chorus or making a charitable contribution to support our mission: milwaukeemessiah@gmail.com