

# **SPRING CONCERT**

presented by the

***Muhlenberg College Choir  
and  
Chamber Singers***

**Jeremy A. Slavin, Director**

**Stephen Williams, Accompanist**

**Sunday, April 6, 2003  
Egner Memorial Chapel  
4:00 P.M.**

## **Jesu, Joy of man's desiring**

*Johann Sebastian Bach  
(1685-1750)*

Jesu, joy of man's desiring, Holy wisdom, Love most bright, drawn by Thee our souls aspiring, soar to uncreated light. Word of God our flesh that fashioned with the fire of life impassioned, striving still to truth unknown, soaring, dying round Thy throne.

## **Laudate Dominum (Psalm 117) (VESPERAE SOLENNES DE CONFESSORE)**

*Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart  
(1756-1791)*

Sing praise to God above all ye nations, Praise Him ye people, all ye souls on earth. For He hath shown kindness toward us, His love and merciful kindness and the truth of God lasts forever. Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

*Soprano soloist: Kaitlin O'Shaughnessy*

## **The Heavens are Telling (CREATION)**

*Franz Joseph Haydn  
(1732-1809)*

The heavens are telling the glory of God. The wonder of His work displays the firmament. The day that is coming speaks to the day. The night that is gone to following night. In all the world resounds the word, never unperceived, ever understood.

*Soprano soloist: Elizabeth Colpo*

*Tenor soloist: Rafael Bish*

*Bass soloist: Zach Einstein*

## **Ave Verum**

*Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart  
(1756-1791)*

All hail, O true Body of the blessed Virgin born, which in anguish to redeem us did suffer upon the cross; From whose side, when pierced by spear, came forth both water and blood: Be to us at our last hour the source of consolation. O loving, o holy, O Jesu, Son of Mary, have mercy on me, Amen.

## **Ave Verum**

*William Byrd  
(1543-1623)*

*Sung by the Chamber Singers*

## **Ave Verum**

*Camille Saint-Saëns  
(1835-1921)*

*Sung by the Chamber Singers*

## **Hallelujah (MOUNT OF OLIVES)**

*Ludwig Van Beethoven*  
(1770-1827)

Hallelujah unto God's Almighty Son. Praise the Lord ye bright angelic  
choirs in holy songs of joy. Man proclaims His grace and glory.

## **Psalm 23**

*Franz Schubert*  
(1797-1828)

God tends me well, I shall lack nothing. He pastures me in verdant  
meadows, He guides me to quiet waters. He comforts me when I faint,  
He leads me in the ways of justice because of His great glory. And  
though I walk in death's great darkened valley, there I shall fear no evil,  
for Thou upholdest me. Thy rod and Thy supporting hand shall always  
be my help. Thou hast prepared a feast for me in the presence of my  
enemies. My head Thou hast anointed and given me fullness of wine.  
Thy blessedness shall follow me for all my days on earth. Then I  
forever shall dwell in God's own house.

**Sung by the Women**

## **The Lord is my Shepherd (REQUIEM)**

*John Rutter*  
(1945- )

The Lord is my shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing. He shall feed me  
in green pastures, and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort. He  
shall convert my soul and bring me forth in paths of righteousness, for  
His Name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow  
of death, I will fear no evil; For Thou art with me. Thy rod and Thy staff  
comfort me. Thou shalt prepare a table for me against them that trouble  
me. Thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full. Thy  
loving kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I  
will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

## **Requiem Aeternam**

*Peter Cornelius*  
(1824-1874)

Grant them eternal rest Lord our God, and light perpetual shine upon them.

**Sung by the Men**

## **As truly as God is our Father**

*William Mathias*  
(1934-1992)

As truly as God is our Father, so just as truly is He our Mother. In our  
Father, God Almighty, we have our being: in our merciful Mother we are  
remade and restored. Our fragmented lives are knit together, and by  
giving and yielding ourselves, through grace, to the Holy Spirit, we are  
made whole. It is I, the strength and goodness of Fatherhood. It is I, the

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wisdom of Motherhood. It is I, the light and grace of holy love. It is I, the Trinity. It is I, the unity. I am the sovereign goodness in all things. It is I who teach you to love. It is I who teach you to desire. It is I who am the reward of all true desiring. All shall be well, and all manner of thing shall be well.

## **Greater love hath no man**

*John Ireland*  
(1879-1962)

Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it. Love is strong as death. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Who His own Self bare our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sin, should live unto righteousness. Ye are washed, ye are sanctified, ye are justified, in the name of the Lord Jesus, Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation. That ye should show forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. I beseech you, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

*Soprano solo: Theresa Olin*

*Baritone solo: Jeff Williams*

## **Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace**

*Samuel Sebastian Wesley*  
(1810-1876)

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee, The darkness is no darkness with Thee, but the night is as clear as the day, The darkness and light to Thee are both alike. God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. O let my soul live, and it shall praise Thee. For Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever.

**Sung by the Chamber Singers**

## **Pater Noster**

*Giuseppe Verdi*  
(1813-1901)

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever. Amen

**Sung by the Chamber Singers**

## **Shehechyanu**

*Ben Steinberg*

Praise be our God, ruler of the universe. Praise be our God for giving us life, sustaining us, and enabling us to reach this day.

Out of what we are, and out of what we give today, Make, o God, some greater thing. Take small gifts, take small voices, fill them with your Spirit. Make of them the thunderous voice of your omnipotent Word, echoing to the ends of the earth. Naming every daughter, naming every son: Calling every orphan home.

**Amazing Grace**

arranged by John Rutter

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found; Was blind, but now I see. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fear relieved; How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed. Though many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come. 'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home. The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures. He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures. Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mortal life shall cease, I shall possess within the veil, a life of joy and peace. When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise, than when we'd first begun.

**Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit**

arranged by William Dawson

Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray. Upon the mountain my Lord spoke, out of His mouth came fire and smoke; Looked all around me, it looked so fine, 'til I asked my Lord if all was mine. Jordan river is chilly and cold, it chills the body but not the soul. There ain't but one train upon this track, it runs to heaven and right back.

*Baritone solo: George Psomas*

**The Lord bless you and keep you**

John Rutter

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon you and give you peace. Amen.