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,
ever 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  

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  

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  

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

Shehecheyanu  

Praise be our God, ruler of the universe. Praise be our God for giving is life, sustaining us, and enabling us to reach this day.
Make, O God, Some Greater Thing

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.

* World Premiere