



Chancel Choir 2023 Spring Concert

Singing the Life of Christ: from Prophecy to Resurrection.

Featuring the First Church Chancel Choir
First Church Choristers and Celebration Singers

Sunday, April 23, 2023
5:00 p.m., Sanctuary



 **First Church**
1885

First Presbyterian Church of Tulsa

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Dr. Jim Miller

Prophecy: Isaiah 40:1-5

And the Glory of the Lord, from *Messiah*

G. F. Handel

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.

Mary's Song: Luke 1:39-55

Breath of Heaven

Chris Eaton and Amy Grant

I have traveled many moonless nights, cold and weary with a babe inside and I wonder what I've done. Holy Father, you have come and chosen me now to carry your Son. I am waiting in a silent prayer; I am frightened by the load I bear. In a world as cold as stone, must I walk this path alone? Be with me now. *Breath of Heaven, hold me together, be forever near me, Breath of Heaven. Breath of Heaven, lighten my darkness, pour over me your holiness, for you are holy, Breath of Heaven.* Do you wonder as you watch my face, if a wiser one should have had my place? But I offer all I am for the mercy of your plan. Help me be strong, help me. *Refrain.*

Incarnation: Luke 2:1-7

Christmas Lullaby

John Rutter

Clear in the darkness a light shines in Bethlehem: angels are singing, their sounds fill the air. Wise men have journeyed to greet their Messiah, but only a mother and baby lie there. *Ave Maria, hear the soft lullaby the angel hosts sing. Ave Maria, maiden, and mother of Jesus our King.* Where are his courtiers, and who are his people? Why does he bear neither scepter nor crown? Shepherds his courtiers, the poor for his people, with peace as his scepter and love for his crown. *Refrain.* What though your treasures are not gold or incense? Lay them before him with hearts full of love. Praise to the Christ child, and praise to his mother who bore us a Savior by grace from above. *Refrain.*

Luke 2:8-14

Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow

arr. Mark Patterson

Celebration Singers, First Church Choristers

Rise up, rise up, rise up, shepherd and follow. Rise up, rise up, rise up and follow that star. There's a star in the East on Christmas morn. Rise up, shepherd and follow. It will lead to the place where Christ was born. Rise up, shepherd and follow. *Follow, follow, rise up, shepherd and follow. Follow the star of Bethlehem. Rise up, shepherd and follow.* Leave your sheep and leave your lambs. Rise up, shepherd and follow. Leave your ewes and leave your rams. Rise up, shepherd and follow. *Refrain.* Rise up, rise up, rise up, follow that star!

Earthly Ministry: Luke 19:1-10

Zacchaeus

John Horman

First Church Choristers

When Jesus came to Jericho, a crowd was waiting there. The rabbi's miracles and deeds were now known everywhere. A tax collector climbed a tree to see above the crowd. The rabbi looked him in His gaze, then spoke his name aloud. *"Zacchaeus! Zacchaeus, so high up in the tree! Zacchaeus! Zacchaeus! Come down, believe in me!"* Zacchaeus hurried down the tree, amazed at this request. He had not earned the right to dine with such a holy guest. He said to Jesus, "I've done wrong and cheated all my friends; but when I heard you call my name, I vowed to make amends." *Refrain.*

Matthew 6:5-14

Our Father

Craig Courtney

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, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen. Our Father, amen, amen.

Triumphal Entry: Mark 11:1-10

Hosanna in the Highest

Craig Courtney

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Last Supper: Mark 14:17-25

Behold the Lamb

Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us, and we remember the promise made that all who come in faith find forgiveness at the Cross. *So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice as a sign of our bonds of peace around the table of the King.* The body of our Savior Jesus Christ, torn for you, eat and remember; the wounds that heal, the death that brings us life paid the price to make us one. *Refrain.* The blood that cleanses every stain of sin, shed for you, drink and remember he drained death's cup that all may enter in to receive the life of God. And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond, and to remember our call to follow in the steps of Christ as His body here on earth. As we share in suffering we proclaim Christ will come again! And we'll join in the feast of heaven around the table of the King, my sovereign King.

Crucifixion: Mark 15:33-39

In the Darkness of Night

Michael Haydn

In the darkness of night they crucified Lord Jesus, the Savior. And it was near the ninth hour, when with a loud voice Jesus cried out and said: My God, my God; why hast thou forsaken me? And bowing low his holy head, in anguish, he succumbed. Then cried out Jesus, once more loudly and he said: Father, Father! Into thy hands now do I commend my spirit. And bowing low his holy head, in anguish, Jesus died.

And Can It Be?

Dan Forrest

And can it be? Amazing love, how can it be? And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior's blood? Died He for me, who caused His pain? For me who Him to death pursued? Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me? He left His Father's throne above, so free, so infinite His grace; emptied Himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race; 'Tis mercy all, immense and free, for, O my God, it found out me. Refrain. No condemnation now I dread; Jesus and all in Him is mine! Alive in Him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine, bold I approach the eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ my own. Amazing love, how can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me? Amazing love!

Charles Wesley

Resurrection: Luke 24:1-5

Lord of the Dance

arr. John Rutter

Celebration Singers

I danced in the morning when the world was begun, and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun, and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth: at Bethlehem I had my birth. *Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.* I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee, but they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me; I danced for the fishermen, for James and John; they came with me and the dance went on. *Refrain.* I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame, the holy people said it was a shame; they whipped and they stripped and they hung me high, and they left me there on a cross to die. *Refrain.* I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black; it's hard to dance with the devil on your back; they buried my body and they thought I'd gone, but I am the dance and I still go on. *Refrain.* They cut me down and I leapt up high, I am the life that'll never, never die; I'll live in you if you'll live in me: I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. *Refrain.*

This Joyful Eastertide

arr. Alice Parker

This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow! My Love, the Crucified, hath sprung to life this morrow. Had Christ, that once was slain, ne'er burst His three day prison, our faith had been in vain: but now is Christ arisen.

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

Hallelujah, from Messiah

G. F. Handel

Hallelujah, for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. 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!

Readers: Dr. Jim Miller, Rev. Julia Metcalf, Dr. John Frame, Lucy Donohue, Jacob Hand

Chancel Choir

Andy Allen	Martha English	Judith Land	Debbi Spellman
Anita Anthony	Larry Ewing	Glenn Leslie	Sally Stewart
Shari Atkinson	John Frame	Randie Lewis	Laura Stockbridge
Eric Baird	Ellen Fuller	Randy Madsen	Lewis Taggart
Gretchen Bashforth	Kelley Gilmore	Betty Marshall	Suzanne Tips
Renee Bright	Flora Rena Grier	Gary Mathews	David Tomassi
Chris Burnham	Elaine Horkey	Jeffrey Metcalf	Mary Lee Torbert
Julia Campbell	Hannah Johnson	Tricia McDonald	Norma Wallace
Linda Campbell	Audrey Jones	Brad Morgan	Emily Willard
Jeremy Case	Karen Jones	Dalton Myatt	Mariesa Worman
Haley Dahl	Susan Keary	Emma Myatt	DIRECTOR
Abrianna DeLeon	Laura Krohn	Gary Sheets	Ron Pearson
Carol Elrod	Virgil Lampton	Ed Slier	

Celebration Singers Youth Choir

Jacob Case	Lucy Donohue	Ivy Kariuki	DIRECTORS
Kamryn Chaney	Samuel Donohue	Sky Kenneth	Breana McIntosh
Brooke Chisholm	James Doverspike	Imani Matee	Hannah Johnson
Elias Donohue	Jacob Hand	Justice McIntosh	
James Donohue			

First Church Choristers Children's Choir

Brady Barnhart	Athena John-Bowman	Ben Madsen	Cora Seibert
James Case	Sophia John-Bowman	Nora Marshall	Kaislee Snelson
Addisyn Chaney	Adrian Kamau	Will Marshall	Kynlee Wilberforce
Molly Dollahon	Brandon Kamau	Pendo Matee	DIRECTORS
Charlotte Foon	Abigail Kanyeki	Allie Olson	Gretchen Bashforth
Hank Foon	Allison Lewandowski	Campbell Seibert	Carol Tipton
Ephraim Garrett			

Orchestra

VIOLIN I	VIOLA	FLUTE	TRUMPET
Gina Davis	Jeff Cowen	John Rush-Willingham	Tim McFadden
Dominique Corbeil	Debra Morgan	OBOE	Steven Haefner
Nicholas Bashforth	CELLO	Lise Glaser	TIMPANI
VIOLIN II	Kari Caldwell	CLARINET	Jerry Scholl
Liza Villarreal	Kathy Rad	David Carter	ORGAN / PIANO
Eric Samuelson	BASS	HORN	Bruce Wilkin
Angelica Hilst	Jesus Villarreal	Derek Matthesen	Ron Pearson
		Josh East	

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