

St. Martin's Chamber Choir TIMOTHY J. KRUEGER, ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

DE TEMPORIS NATURA

Saturday, May 24, 2025 7:30 pm St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Sunday, May 25, 3:00 pm Lord of Life Lutheran Church

ST. MARTIN'S CHAMBER CHOIR

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TIMOTHY J. KRUEGER

Timothy J. Krueger studied musicology at the Wheaton Conservatory of Music, the University of Colorado, Boulder, the Universität Hamburg, Germany, and the University of London's Royal Holloway College, where his doctoral dissertation was on the sacred music of Charles Villiers Stanford. He has studied conducting with Dr. Paul Wiens, and privately with Dennis Keene of the Voices of Ascension. He has sung professionally with the Santa Fe Opera, the Santa Fe Desert Chorale, Chicago A Cappella, the Vox Early Music Ensemble, the Ars Nova Singers, as well as several Episcopal cathedral choirs. In addition to being the founding Artistic Director of St. Martin's Chamber Choir, Krueger has served as Chorus Director for the Boulder Bach Festival, the Colorado Music Festival, and the Boulder Philharmonic. He is an Affiliate Faculty member in the Music Department of Metropolitan State University of Denver. He is Choirmaster of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, overseeing one of Denver's finest classical church music programs.



ANTHONY WIRTZ

Anthony is currently a dual-master's student at The Lamont School of Music at The University of Denver studying both vocal performance and conducting. His choral musicexperience is extensive at almost 30 years - starting all the way back to grade school in Belmond, Iowa. His interest in vocal arts started when he was very young as he comes from a musical family who would often gather around the piano to sing and harmonize in four-parts. He has been a member of SPEBSQSA (the Barbershop Harmony Society) as well as the Norsemen and Nordic choirs at Luther College, is active in the Lamont Opera program and the Opera Colorado chorus, sings with The Lamont Chorale and Voces Fortes, and has participated in countless choral recitals and honors choral programs interspersed throughout his career. He currently sings with Denver's St. John's Cathedral with the Vicars Choir. Along with all his choral experience, he is also an active multiinstrumentalist, composer, and music history/theory enthusiast. Anthony is forever grateful to Timothy Krueger and the St. Martin's Chamber Choir for this incredible intern opportunity.

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. Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

Dreams all too brief, Dreams without grief, Once they are broken, come not again.

Serenade .

Full Fathom Five

Across the sky the dark clouds sweep, And all is dark and drear above; The bare trees toss their arms and weep, Rest on, and do not wake, dear Love. Since glad dreams haunt your slumbers deep, Why should you scatter them in vain? Happy is he, when Autumn falls, Who feels the dream-kiss of the Spring; And happy he in prison walls Who dreams of freedom's rescuing; But woe to him who vainly calls

Through sleepless nights for ease from pain!

Text: Rosa Newmarch (1857-1940), adapted from Nikolai Minsky (1855-1937)

Quick! we have but a second.

Directed by Anthony Wirtz, Mark Sheldon conducting intern

Quick! We have but a second, Fill round the cup while you may; For Time, the churl, hath beckoned, And we must away, away! Grasp the pleasure that's flying,

For Oh! not Orpheus' strain Could keep sweet hours from dying, Or charm them to life again.

Then, quick! We have but a second, etc.

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

See the glass, how it flushes Like some young Hebe's lip, And half meets thine, and blushes That thou shouldst delay to sip

Shame, oh, shame unto thee If e'er thou seest that day When a cup or a lip shall woo thee, And turn untouch'd away.

Then, quick! We have but a second, etc.

Text: Thomas Moore (1779-1852)

. Robert Baksa (1938-2023)

. Robert S. Cohen (b. 1945)

Into something rich and strange. Sea-nymphs hourly ring his knell: Hark! now I hear them -- ding-dong bell. *Text: William Shakespeare (1564-1616)*

Full fathom five thy father lies;

Those are pearls that were his eyes; Nothing of him that doth fade,

Of his bones are coral made;

But doth suffer a sea-change

Their heads grown weary under the weight of Time. These few hours on the hither side of silence. The lilac sprigs bend on the bough to perish.

Directed by Anthony Wirtz, Mark Sheldon conducting intern

Though each for its own sake is beautiful, In each is the greater, the remembered beauty. Each is exemplar of its ancestors.

Within the flower of the present, uneasy in the wind, Are the forms of those of the years behind the door. Their faint aroma touches the edge of the mind. And the living and the past give to one another. There is no door between them. They pass freely Out of themselves; becoming one another.

I see the lilac sprigs bending and withering. Each year like Adonis they pass through the dumbshow of death, Waxing and waning on the tree in the brain of a man.

Text: Hyam Plutzik (1911-1962)

Such Splendor .

Soloist: Allie Tyler, soprano

Such a brilliant ball of fire. It glowed with rainbow colors as it plumaged to the earth in the dime blue sky Cecilia McDowall (b. 1951)

It appeared significantly inspiring as if to give my life meaning. Wondrous and mysterious, for I have never witnessed such a splendor. *Text: Andreas Vrenios (1968-1988)*

Miserere mei, Deus: secundum magnam misericordiam tuam. Et secundum multitudinem miserationum tuarum, dele iniquitatem meam. Amplius lava me ab iniquitate mea: et a peccato meo munda me. Quoniam iniquitatem meam ego cognosco: et peccatum meum contra me est semper. Tibi soli peccavi, et malum coram te feci: ut justificeris in sermonibus tuis, et vincas cum judicaris. Ecce enim in iniquitatibus conceptus sum: et in peccatis concepit me mater mea. Ecce enim veritatem dilexisti: incerta et occulta sapientiae tuae manifestasti mihi. Asperges me hysopo, et mundabor: lavabis me, et super nivem dealbabor. Auditui meo dabis gaudium et laetitiam: et exsultabunt ossa humiliata. Averte faciem tuam a peccatis meis: et omnes iniquitates meas dele. Cor mundum crea in me, Deus: et spiritum rectum innova in visceribus meis. Ne proiicias me a facie tua: et spiritum sanctum tuum ne auferas a me. Redde mihi laetitiam salutaris tui: et spiritu principali confirma me. Docebo iniquos vias tuas: et impii ad te convertentur. Libera me de sanguinibus, Deus, Deus salutis meae: et exsultabit lingua mea justitiam tuam.Domine, labia mea aperies: et os meum annuntiabit laudem tuam. Quoniam si voluisses sacrificium, dedissem utique: holocaustis non delectaberis. Sacrificium Deo spiritus contribulatus: cor contritum, et humiliatum, Deus, non despicies. Benigne fac, Domine, in bona voluntate tua Sion: ut aedificentur muri Ierusalem. Tunc acceptabis sacrificium justitiae, oblationes, et holocausta: tunc imponent super altare tuum vitulos. Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto: Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculorum. Amen.

Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions. Wash me throughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me. Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight: that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, and be clear when thou judgest. Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me. Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Make me to hear joy and gladness; that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice. Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit. Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee. Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, thou God of my salvation: and my tongue shall sing aloud of thy righteousness. O Lord, open thou my lips; and my mouth shall shew forth thy praise. For thou desirest not sacrifice; else would I give it: thou delightest not in burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise. Do good in thy good pleasure unto Zion: build thou the walls of Jerusalem. Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness, with burnt offering and whole burnt offering: then shall they offer bullocks upon thine altar. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.



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The Canonical Hours

. . John White (b. 1931)

I. Nocte Surgentes, Office Hymn for Matins - midnight office

Nocte surgentes vigilemus omnes, Semper in psalmis meditemur atque voce concordi Domini canamus dulciter hymnos.

Ut, pio regi pariter canentes cum suis sanctis mereamur aulam ingredi caeli, simul perennem ducere vitam.

Praestet hoc nobis Deitas beata Patris ac Nati, pariterque Sancti Spiritus, cujus resonat per omnem gloria mundum. Amen.

Text attr. Alcuin (735-c.804)

II. Ales diei nuntius, Office Hymn for Lauds – night office

Ales diei nuntius lucem propinquam praecinit: Nos excitator mentium jam Christus ad vitam vocat.

"Auferte, clamat, lectulos, Egros, soporos, desides; Castique, recti ac sobrii vigilate; iam sum proximus."

Ut, cum coruscis flatibu aurora caelum sparserit, Omnes labore exercitos confirmet ad spem luminis

Jesum ciamus vocibus flentes, precantes, sobrii; Intenta supplicatio dormire cor mundum vetat.

Tu, Christe, somnum discute, Tu rumpe noctis vincula, tu solve peccatum vetus novumque lumen ingere

Sit, Christe, rex piissime, Tibi Patrique gloria cum Spiritu Paraclito, In sempiterna saecula. Amen.

Text: Prudentius (348-413)

Father, we praise thee, now the night is over; Active and watchful, stand we all before thee; Singing we offer prayer and meditation: Thus we adore thee.

So may it be that we as a group, In union with His saints and singing to the loving King, May be counted worthy to enter heaven's court, There to live forever.

May the blessed God, Whose glory resounds through all creation, Father, Song and likewise the Holy Spirit, Grant us this. Amen.

Trans. Percy Dearmer (1867-1936)

The bird announcing the day crows to warn that dawn is near: Now Christ the great inspirer calls us to life.

"Away," he shouts, "With your beds, You lazy slaves of sluggish sleep.

Be pure, upright, Sober and alert, For now I am near." Repentant, sincere and coherent,

Let us call Jesus to our aid. Earnest supplication keeps our heart from sleeping.

Lord Christ dispel our drowsiness; break the bonds of night; Loosend the bonds of sleep; and even direct new light upon us.

All laud to God the Father be; all praise, eternal Son, to Thee; all glory as is ever meet, to God the holy Paraclete. Amen.

Last stanza Trans. J.M. Neale (1818-1866)

Except where otherwise credited, translations are by John White using the translations of the Reverend Joseph Connelly as a guide.

III. Jan Lucis orto sidere, Office Hymn for Prime – office at dawn

Jam lucis orto sidere, Deum precemur supplices, Ut in diurnis actibus nos servet a nocentibus.

Linguam refrenans temperet, Ne litis horror insonet, Visum fovendo contegat, Ne vanitates hauriat.

Sint pura cordis intima, Absistat et vecordia: Carnis terat superbiam potus cibique parcitas.

Ut cum dies abscesserit, Noctemque sors reduxerit, Mundi per abstinentiam ipsi canamus gloriam.

Deo Patri sit gloria, eiusque soli Filio, cum Spiritu Paraclito, nunc et per omne saeculum. Amen. Text: An unknown monk, 7th-9th century Now that the sun has risen, Let us supplicants ask God to preserve us From all that may hurt us during our acts of today.

May he temper and restrain our tongue so that we avoid rough speech and strife. May He screen and protect our eyes so that they absorb no vanities.

May our inner soul be pure and the folly of impurity find no place in us; May moderation in food and drink diminish our body's pride

So that in God's plan when day has passed and night has returned we may be free from sin through our self restraint and thus sing His praises.

All laud to God the Father be, all praise, Eternal Son, to Thee; all glory, as is ever meet, to God the Holy Paraclete. Amen.

Last stanza trans. Alan G. McDougall (1895-1964)

IV. Nunc Sancte Nobis Spiritus, Office Hymn for Terce – morning office

Nunc, Sancte, nobis Spiritus, Unum Patri cum Filio, Dignare promptus ingeri nostro refusus pectori.

Os, lingua, mens, sensus, vigor confessionem personent, Flammescat igne caritas, Accendat ardor proximos.

Praesta, Pater piissime, Patrique compar Unice, Cum Spiritu Paraclito regnans per omne saeculum. Amen. Text: attrib. to St. Ambrose (c. 340-397)

V. Rector potens, Office Hymn for Sext – noonday office

Rector potens, verax Deus, Qui temperas rerum vices, splendore mane illuminas et ignibus meridiem,

Extingue flammas litium, Aufer calorem noxium, Confer salutem corporum veramque pacem cordium.

Praesta, Pater piissime, Patrique compar Unice, Cum Spiritu Paraclito regnans per omne saeculum. Amen.

Text: attrib. to St. Ambrose (c. 340-397)

Holy Spirit, one with the Father and Son, Deign at this hour to come down to us without delay and direct your graces upon our soul.

Let mouth, tongue, thought, sense and strength proclaim Your praise. Let our love be set aflame by the fire of Your love, And its ardor in turn kindle love in those who are near.

Almighty Father, hear our cry through Jesus Christ, Our Lord most High Who, with the Holy Ghost and Thee, Doth live and reign eternally. Amen.

Last stanza Trans. J.M. Neale

Powerful ruler, truthful God, Who orders natural changes, Giving splendor to the morning sun and fiery heat at noon.

Extinguish the fires of strife and hurtful heat; Grant us health of body and truly peaceful hearts.

Almighty Father, hear our cry through Jesus Christ, Our Lord most High Who, with the Holy Ghost and Thee, Doth live and reign eternally. Amen.

Last stanza trans. J.M. Neale

VI. Rerum, Deus, tenax vigor, Office Hymn for None -- afternoon office

Rerum, Deus, tenax vigor, immotus in te permanens, Lucis diurnae tempora, Successibus determinans.

Largire clarum vespere, Quo vita numquam decidat, Sed praemium mortis sacrae perennis instet gloria.

Praesta, Pater piissime, Patrique compar Unice, Cum Spiritu Paraclito regnans per omne saeculum. Amen. Text: attrib. to St. Ambrose (c. 340-397) Lord God, the strength which holds fast, Unchanging in Your permanence, And yet determining the succession of the changing light of day;

Grant us evening light so that life may not decay at any point, But the reward for holy death be everlasting glory.

Almighty Father, hear our cry through Jesus Christ, Our Lord most High Who, with the Holy Ghost and Thee, Doth live and reign eternally. Amen.)

Last stanza Trans. J.M. Neale

VII. Lucis Creator optime, Office Hymn for Vespers – office at sundown

Lucis Creator optime lucem dierum proferens, Primordiis lucis novae, Mundi parans originem:

Qui manem junctum vesperi Diem vocari praecipis: Illabitur tetrum chaos, Audi preces cum fletibus.

Ne mens gravata crimine, Vitae sit exsul munere, Dum nil perenne cogitat, Seseque culpis illigat.

Caeleste pulset ostium: Vitale tollat praemium: Vitemus omne noxium, Purgemus omne pessimum.

Praesta, Pater piissime, Patrique compar Unice, Cum Spiritu Paraclito regnans per omne saeculum. Amen. Text attrib. to St. Gregory (540-604) Matchless creator of the light, You brought forth the light of day and provided light at the beginning of the world,

Connecting morning to night to create the daytime. The chaos of night is now bearing down upon us; Hear our repentant plea

that our soul is not burdened with sin. And deprived of the grace of life without thinking of things eternal and confounded with sin after sin.

Grant the the soul knock on heaven's gate and win the prize of life. May we all avoid sin and atone for the evil we have done.

O Father, that we ask be done, through Jesus Christ, Thine only Son; Who, with the Holy Ghost and Thee, Doth live and reign eternally. Amen.

Last stanza Trans. J.M. Neale

VIII. Salve Regina, Office Hymn for Compline – evening office

Salve, Regina, mater misericordiae, Vita, dulcedo, et spes nostra, salve. Ad te clamamus exsules filii Hevae. Ad te suspiramus, gementes et flentes in hac lacrimarum valle.

Eia, ergo, advocata nostra, Illos tuos misericordes oculos ad nos converte. Et Iesum, benedictum fructum ventris tui, Nobis post hoc exsilium ostende.

O clemens, O pia, O dulcis Virgo Maria. Amen. Text: attrib. Hermannus Contractus (1013-1054) Hail, queen and mother of mercy. Our life, comfort and hope we hail. We, exiled sons of Eve, cry out to you. We sigh and long for your help as we journey in sorrow and lament through this valley of tears.

Come then, our advocate, And turn those eyes of pity towards us now. When this time of exile is past, show us Jesus, The blessed fruit of thy womb,

Gentle, loving and kind virgin Mary. Amen.



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