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JUNE 2023

A Look Back, A Look Ahead

Dear Friends of Music at CtK,

What is the hymn line--"Time like an ever-rolling stream?" This sums up my experience of this past season and how quickly the days have turned to weeks and months.

It has been a very full season here, full of lots of good times and great music. I am very excited for the coming season, including **Chorister Camp** which will conclude with a choral masterclass with two of the area's very best singers and vocal pedagogues, and our first ever performance of Part 1 of **Handel's Messiah** on December 3. In the meantime, I'll continue to keep you all posted about great music opportunities, especially those that include our Friends.

As we continue to grow at the church and as a ministry, please be assured that your tax deductible gifts are appreciated and put to good use: choir robes (we have at least 18 RSCM Choristers signed up for the fall!); instrument goals; additions to the Supplemental Hymnal; special events like the recording of the world premier of *In the Garden of Gethsemane* by Dr. Salvatore Ferrantelli by our Adult Mixed Choir; and our full resumption of our Concert Series, beginning with *Handel's Messiah*.

I pray the summer will prove to be restful and rejuvenating for all. I am grateful for all of you!

Warmly,

Ann

Ann Lee, M.M.
Director of Music
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Looking Ahead...



Looking for something to do this weekend?

Support our Friend of Music, *soprano Erica Ferguson* in her direction of Victorian Lyric Opera's production of *H.M.S. Pinafore* this weekend!



Save the Date!

Mark your calendars and bring your friends to
CtK on December 3, 2023 for Handel's
Messiah, Part 1! CtK Adult Mixed Choir and
guests.



Looking Back...



In February, we hosted the **Alexandria City High School Choir** led by **Mr. Theodore Thorpe, III**. I am continually astounded by this award-winning choir and **it's superb director who was invited to sing with Coldplay for SNL earlier this year!**

On Wednesday evenings in Lent, we continued our Lent Series. Programs were followed by a wine and cheese reception. This year's theme was "Musical Settings of Seasonal Prayers." What you might have missed:

Dan Marotta spoke on his newest book, **Liturgy**

in the Wilderness: How the Lord's Prayer Shapes the Imagination of the Church in a Secular Age, followed by a gorgeous performance of Albert Hay Malotte's musical setting of this famous prayer by David Szabo.



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John Palafoutas spoke on Psalm 51, followed by a performance of Gregorio Allegri's poignant setting of the same in his famous *Miserere*. The chamber choir was composed of members of the CtK and

Friends. Click on the title to hear the performance in a beautiful video produced by Greg Hammond.

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Ann Lee presented a lecture recital on themes in *Dante Alighieri's Divine Comedy* and demonstrated their musical expressions in Liszt's dramatic and daunting "*Dante Sonata*."



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The Rev'd. Dr. David Glade spoke on the beauty and depth of seasonal prayers from The Book of Common Prayer. *Danielle Talamantes* and *Kerry Wilkerson* provided a stunning grand finale with a concert of

prayers set to music by Fauré, Gounod, and more.

CtK Choir and Friends performed the World Premier of "In the Garden of Gethsemane" by *Dr. Salvatore Ferrantelli*. The piece was composed for and dedicated to the Choir of Christ the King. On Thursday, May 11, we reconvened and recorded the piece for Sal. Listen to our dear friend's stunning work

on our website under "Good Friday."



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