

SING FOR JOY

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Pastor W. Bruce Benson, host of *Sing For Joy*



From the host

Every *Sing For Joy* program reminds me that music's power manifests itself in so many ways.

☐ Music seems to know just how to find the "on switch" for every emotion we have: sorrow, fear, delight, hope, contentment, anger, acceptance, love. Sometimes music expresses these emotions better than anything else can.

☐ It is a great "time machine," able to transport us, in memory, to times long ago and places far away.

☐ It can turn a collection of individuals into a community — using nothing but sing-a-long unison or four-part harmony, hand clapping and sighs of pleasure. Every choir director has witnessed this phenomenon.

☐ Music can reach the soul with healing and hope.

☐ And, at its best, music nourishes the intellect with insight and wisdom.

This is not to say that the other arts are second-class citizens — the world, the church, and our own lives would be much poorer without *all* the arts. It is rather to say that music's power ought not be underestimated or handled carelessly. Few forces in human life have more power than a good tune.

Some of Martin Luther's critics said that his hymns did more than any of his dissertations or sermons to bring the Reformation to the hearts and minds of 16th century Europe. There is an old saying: "Those who preach contrary to the architecture of the church building *lose*." It is even more true that those who preach contrary to the music *lose*. Music has power. Great power.

I'm both encouraged and discouraged that good tunes will entice people to sing nearly anything — all sorts of cheap, manipulative, arrogant or foolish words. Think of the dopey advertising jingles you can remember (and might like to forget!) just because they came with a catchy tune. Some of the foolishness is all in fun, of course; and then, why not sing along? But when cheapness and superficiality infuse the tunes to which we add serious words about the grace and glory of God... Well, you see the point.

Perhaps I should apologize for grumbling here. I don't mean to grumble, I want only to express to you some of my deep respect for music in general and for music of the church in particular. Being the host of *Sing For Joy* lets me share with you the wondrous power of good music, for which I am very grateful.

THANK YOU FOR THE GIFTS

IN MEMORY OF

Emil Symonik

Frances McNoilty Lewis

AND IN HONOR OF

William C.R. Sheridan

Soon it will have been one year since Dr. Alvin Rueter, *Sing For Joy*'s founder, announced that he was retiring. He handled music's power carefully, responsibly and joyfully. My colleagues and I try to do the same. Thanks for your partnership.

Listings

August 3

8 Pentecost Scriptures:

- (1R) Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15
(PS) Psalm 78:23-29
(2R) Ephesians 4:1-16
(G) John 6:24-35

Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer (CWM RHONDDA) – Arr. Richard Wienhorst (1R). Valparaiso University Concert Choir – Valparaiso, Ind./ Eldon Balko, (CD) *The Church Sings on* / VUCA MEDIA / VMCD1003 © 1998 VUCA Media, Valparaiso University Center for the Arts, Valparaiso, IN 46383

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship (HOLY MANNA) – Arr. Alice Parker (1R)
Musicians of Melodious Accord / Alice Parker. (CD) *Sweet Manna* / GIA PUBLICATIONS / CD-434 © 1999 GIA Publications, Inc, 7404 S Mason Ave, Chicago, IL 60638

I Received the Living God (LIVING GOD) – Arr. Richard Proulx (G)
The Schola Cantorum of St. Peter's in the Loop – Chicago, Ill. / J. Michael Thompson. (CD) *O Bread of Life* / THE LITURGICAL PRESS / 7897-1 © 1995 The Order of St. Benedict, Inc., Collegeville, MN 56321

Ego sum panis vivus (I Am the Bread of Life) – Giambattista Martini (G)
Cathedral Singers – Chicago, Ill. / Richard Proulx. (CD) *Alleluia, Song of Gladness, Ars Antiqua Choralis, Vol II* / GIA PUBLICATIONS / GIA CD-299 © 1993 GIA Publications, Inc, 7404 S Mason Ave, Chicago, IL 60638

Lord Enthroned in Heavenly Splendour (ST. HELEN) – Arr. Jeffrey Smith (1R, G)
Parish Choirs of St. Paul's Parish, K Street – Washington, DC / Jeffrey Smith. (CD) *Show Yourselves Joyful* / PRO ORGANO / CD 7068 © 1997 Zarex Corporation

Panis Angelicus (Bread of Angels) – César Franck (G)
Winchester Cathedral Choristers, Winchester College Quiristers / David Hill & Christopher Tolley. (CD) *I Sing of a Maiden* / HERALD / HAVPCD 211. © 1997 Herald AV Publications, The Studio, 29 Alfred Rd, Farnham, Surrey GU9 8ND, UK

August 10

9 Pentecost Scriptures:

- (1R) 1 Kings 19:4-8
(PS) Psalm 34:1-8
(2R) Ephesians 4:25-5:2
(G) John 6:35, 41-51

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence (PICARDY) – Arr. John Ferguson (G)
The St. Olaf Cantorei / John Ferguson. (CD) *He Comes to Us* / ST. OLAF RECORDS / E-2388-9 © 2000 St. Olaf Records, 1520 St. Olaf Avenue, Northfield, MN 55057

O Taste and See – J. Michael Thompson (PS, G)
The Schola Cantorum of St. Peter the Apostle / J. Michael Thompson. (CD) *Music for the Year of Mark* / THE

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“It Is Enough, O Lord” from Elijah, Op. 70 – Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy (1R) Thomas Hampson – baritone; The Atlanta Symphony Orchestra / Robert Shaw. (CD) *Mendelssohn: Elijah* / TELARC / CD-80389 © 1995 Telarc International Corporation, 23307 Commerce Park Road, Cleveland, OH 44122

O Bread of Life from Heaven (O WELT, ICH MUSS DICH LASSEN) – Arr. F. Melius Christiansen (G). Augsburg, Concordia, Gustavus, Luther, & St. Olaf choirs / Kenneth Jennings. (CD) *The F. Melius Christiansen 125th Anniversary Concert* / ST. OLAF RECORDS / ST OLAF E-2146-7 © 1996 American Choral Directors Association, 2305 Winfield Ave N, Golden Valley, MN 55422-3439.

Psalm 34:1-8 – Sydney Watson (PS)
Choir of Guildford Cathedral, England / Andrew Millington. (CD) *The Psalms of David, Vol 6* / PRIORY / PRCD 416, © 1992 Priory Records, Upper Wingbury Courtyard, Wingrave, NR. Aylesbury Bucks, HP22 4LW, UK

O Taste and See – Ralph Vaughan Williams (PS)
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August 17

10 Pentecost Scriptures:

- (1R) Proverbs 9:1-6
(PS) Psalm 34:9-14
(2R) Ephesians 5:15-20
(G) John 6:51-58

Jauchzet dem Herrn alle Welt, BWV Anh. 160 (Excerpt) – Johann Sebastian Bach (2R)
The St. Olaf Choir / Anton Armstrong. (CD) *Winter Tour 2001* / WESTMARK / WCD 101083 / Not for resale © 2001 St. Olaf College, 1520 St. Olaf Ave., Northfield, MN 55057

When in Our Music God Is Glorified (FREDERICKTOWN) – Arr. John Ferguson (2R)
Combined Lutheran choirs / Anton Armstrong. (CD) *When In Our Music* / Association of Lutheran Church Musicians / CS-1 © 1994 Association of Lutheran Church Musicians, PO Box 16575, Worcester, MA 01601

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Softly and Tenderly (THOMPSON) – Will Thompson, Arr. Ronn Huff (1R)
The American Boychoir, Princeton, NJ / James Litton. (CD) *Hymn* / ANGEL / 7243 5 55064 2 9 © 1995 Angel Records, 810 Seventh Ave, New York, NY 10019

I Am the Bread of Life (I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE) – Suzanne Toolan, Arr. Betty Pulkingham (G)
Choir, All Saints' Episcopal Church, Beverly Hills, Calif. /

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Thomas Foster. (CD) *Hymns Through the Ages* / GOTHIC / G 49074 © 1995 Gothic Records, PO Box 6406, Anaheim, CA 92806

Ain't Got Time to Die - Hall Johnson (2R)
West Coast Mennonite Chamber Choir / Tony Funk.
(CD) *Songs of Earth, Echoes of Heaven* / MCC SCS / IKR003CD © 1996 Mennonite Central Committee SCS 31414, Marshall Rd, Abbotsford, BC, Canada V2T 4X3

August 24

11 Pentecost Scriptures:

- (1R) Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18
(PS) Psalm 34:15-22
(2R) Ephesians 6:10-20
(G) John 6:56-69

Jubilate deo in C – Benjamin Britten (1R)
Holst Singers, England / Stephen Layton. (CD) *Christ's Nativity* / HYPERION / CDA66825 © 1995 Hyperion Records, Ltd., London, England

O Jesus, I Have Promised (WOLVERCOTE) (1R, G)
Saint Clement's Choir – Philadelphia, Penn. / Peter Richard Conte. (CD) *Hymns of Heaven and Earth* / DORIAN / DOR-90259 © 1998, 8 Brunswick Rd, Troy, NY 12180

Psalm 34:15-22 – Sydney Watson (PS)
Choir of Guildford Cathedral, England / Andrew Millington. (CD) *The Psalms of David, Vol 6* / PRIORY / PRCD 416, © 1992 Priory Records, Upper Wingbury Courtyard, Wingrave, NR. Aylesbury Bucks., HP22 4LW UK

A Mighty Fortress (EIN FESTE BURG) – Martin Luther (2R)
The Augustana Choir, Rock Island, Ill. / John Hurty. (CD) *Favorite Hymns from Augustana* / DELTA RECORDINGS / DRCD98-85454 © Augustana College, 639 38th St., Rock Island, IL 61201-2296

Come, All Christians, Be Committed (BEACHSPRING)(G)
The Riverton Singers – Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada / William Baerg. (CD) *These Our Hymns* / RIVERTON PRODUCTIONS / RP1200CD © Riverton Productions, 225 Riverton Ave, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada R2L 0N1

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing (SALZBURG) – Arr. JS Bach (1R,G)
Compline Choir of St Mark's Cathedral –Seattle, Wash. / J. Melvin Butler. (CD) *Great Music of Holy Week & Easter* / CHURCH HYMNAL CORPORATION / ISBN 0-89869-282-2 © 1997 Church Hymnal Corp, 445 Fifth Ave, New York, NY 10016

Give Me Jesus (GIVE ME JESUS) - Arr. Larry L. Fleming (G)
The Kansas City Chorale / Charles Bruffy. (CD) *Alleluia: An American Hymnal* / NIMBUS RECORDS / NI 5568 © 1998 Nimbus Records, Wyastone Leys, Monmouth, NP5 3SR, UK

August 31

12 Pentecost Scriptures:

- (1R) Deuteronomy 4: 1-2, 6-9
(PS) Psalm 15
(2R) James 1:17-27
(G) Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
(LD) Labor Day

God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens (HOLY MANNA)
– Southern Harmony, Arr. Robert L. Simpson (LD)
Choirs of the Cathedral of St. Philip – Atlanta, Ga. / Robert L. Simpson. (CD) *Great Hymns of the Church* / CHURCH HYMNAL CORPORATION / ISBN: 286-5 © 1996 Church Hymnal Corp, 445 Fifth Ave, Minneapolis, MN 55440

The All-Day Hymn ("Lord of All Hopefulness") (SLANE) – Irish Folk Tune, Arr. John Helgen (LD)
Voices of Praise, San Diego, Calif. / Bradley Ellingboe. (CD) *Music for the Church Year: Vol I* / KJOS / NN9609C © 1996 Neil A Kjos Music, 4380 Jutland Dr, San Diego, CA 92117-3698

We Plow the Fields (WIR PFLÜGEN) – Johann A. P. Schulz (LD, 2R)
The Choir of Wells Cathedral / Malcolm Archer. (CD) *Hills of the North, Rejoice: The English Hymn, Vol 3* / HYPERION / CDP12103 © 2002 Hyperion Records, Ltd., London, UK

Psalm 15: Lord, Who Shall Dwell? – Sir John Goss (PS)
The Choir of King's College, Cambridge / Sir David Willcocks. (CD) *The Psalms of David: Vol 1* / EMI RECORDS / CDM 7 63100 2 © 1969 EMI Records, Hayes Middlesex, UK

Come, Labor on (ORA LABORA) – Thomas Tertius Noble, Arr. Barry Rose & Peter Richard Conte (LD)
Saint Clement's Choir – Philadelphia, PA / Peter Richard Conte. (CD) *Hymns of Heaven and Earth* / DORIAN / DOR-90259 © 1998 Dorian Recordings, 8 Brunswick Road, Troy, NY 12180

Lord, Make Me an Instrument of Thy Peace – John Rutter (G)
The Turtle Creek Chorale / Timothy Seelig. (CD) *John Rutter: Requiem & Five Anthems* / REFERENCE RECORDINGS / RR-57CD © 1993 Reference Recordings, P.O. Box 77225X, San Francisco, CA 94107

Scandalize My Name – African American Spiritual, Arr. Sylvia Olden Lee (2R, G)
Kathleen Battle – soprano; Jessye Norman – soprano; Sylvia Olden Lee – piano. (CD) *Spirituals in Concert* / DEUTSCHE GRAMMOPHON / DGG 429 790-2 © 1991 Deutsche Grammophon GmbH, Hamburg, Germany

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