

Choral Notes!

Fall 2010

Dear Choristers Guild Members,

Welcome to the Fall 2010 choral packet! Inside you will find new anthems for the Fall season, from Advent to Epiphany, as well as general anthems for any time of the year.

This packet will introduce you to exciting new composers and will feature anthems from some of your most-loved Choristers Guild composers.

Whether you direct children's choirs, youth choirs, or even adult choirs, Choristers Guild will always be your resource for finding music and materials that will inspire and nurture the spiritual and musical growth of your singers!

Best wishes for a blessed Fall 2010!

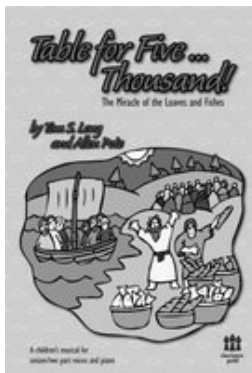
NEW MUSICAL!

TABLE FOR FIVE...THOUSAND!
The Miracle of the Loaves and Fishes

by Allen Pote and Tom Long

A perfect musical for your summer music camp, Vacation Bible School, or any worship setting.

CGC52 • Unison/two-part & piano • \$8.95



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PACKET HIGHLIGHTS

New anthems for
Advent, Christmas,
Epiphany and
general use

Choral Demo CD



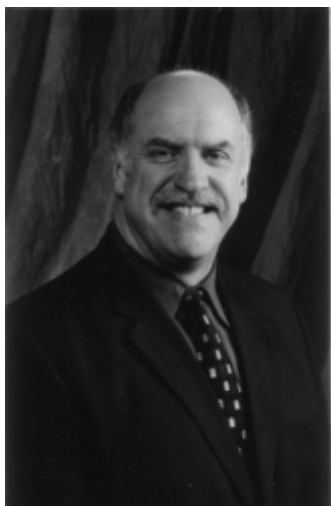
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Summer 2010 Directors' Enrichment Conferences



Michael Bedford

"Energizing Your Children's Choir:
Keep Them Going...and Going...and Going..."

June 18-19, 2010
Asheville, North Carolina

July 16-17, 2010
Detroit, Michigan

Terry Taylor

"This is Your Faith (and Brain) on Music!
Children's Choir Advocacy for a New Era"

July 9-10, 2010
Washington, D.C.

July 23-24, 2010
Northfield, Minnesota

August 20-21, 2010
Dallas, Texas



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Anthem Descriptions

Advent

Unison/Two-part

COME, MESSIAH, COME - CGA1189 - \$1.95 -  CD track 6

- Lynn Shaw Bailey & Becki Slagle Mayo
- Unison/Two-part with piano and optional flute or other C treble instrument

This poignant Advent anthem, based on texts from Isaiah 2: 1-5 and 9:1-7, reveals the deep spiritual longing of God's people as they await the coming of the Messiah.

*O Promised One, O Prince of Peace, Emmanuel, Messiah, come.
Lord, reveal your mercy. Guide us Lord, we pray.
May we see your Light and walk your way. Alleluia.*

SATB

COMFORT YE MY PEOPLE - CGA1201 - \$1.95 -  CD track 16

- Taylor Davis
- SATB with piano

This gospel setting of the 17th century hymn text, *Comfort Ye My People* by Johannes Olearius (translated by Catherine Winkworth), is ideal for Advent services and features a spirited soprano solo. (Bass and drums included on the recording.)

*Comfort ye my people, speak ye peace, saith our God.
Comfort those who sit in darkness mourning 'neath their sorrow's load.
Speak ye to Jerusalem of the peace that waits for them.
Tell her that her sins I cover and that her warfare is over...
Comfort ye my people.*

Christmas

Unison/Two-part

I WOULD HAVE BEEN SURPRISED, TOO - CGA1193 - \$1.85 -  CD track 18

- Don Schlosser
- Unison with piano

This unique Christmas anthem gives younger elementary singers a chance to express what they might have felt had they been in Bethlehem when Jesus was born.

*I would have been surprised, too.
If I were a shepherd late at night and I saw an angel shining bright,
If somebody said a baby lay asleep in a barn on a bed of hay
I would have been surprised, too.*

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JESUS CHRIST IS BORN - CGA1192 - \$1.95 -  CD track 12

- Mark Patterson
- Unison/Two-part with piano, optional organ, optional congregation and optional three-octave handbells

Hymn-like in its design, this celebratory Christmas anthem provides an opportunity for congregations to join in singing.

*Sound aloud your praises on this day of joy,
Singing forth a glorious song, Jesus Christ is born!
Come and worship Christ the King who reigns forevermore.
Come, rejoice this day and sing, Jesus Christ is born!*

WHAT SHALL I GIVE? - CGA1188 - \$1.85 -  CD track 20

- Becki Slagle Mayo
 - Unison/Two-part with piano and optional flute or other C treble instrument
- Beautifully adapted from the traditional text by Christina Rossetti, this anthem incorporates both Christmas and Epiphany images.

*What shall I give, give to the King? Frankincense, myrrh, and gold shall I bring?
What shall I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb.
If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part. What shall I give him? Give him my heart.*

SAB/SATB

WINDS THROUGH THE OLIVE TREES - CGA1194 - \$1.85 -  CD track 10

- Timothy Shaw
 - SAB with piano and optional C treble instrument
- This stirring anthem depicts images from the first Christmas night with grace and charm and proclaims the familiar song of the angels, "Gloria in excelsis deo!"

*Winds through the olive trees softly did blow 'round little Bethlehem, long, long ago.
Sheep on the hillside lay whiter than snow. Shepherds were watching them, long, long ago.
Then from the happy skies angels bent low, singing their songs of joy, long, long ago.
Gloria, Gloria in excelsis deo!*

General

Unison/Two-part

COME CELEBRATE GOD'S GIFT OF MUSIC - CGA1199 - \$1.95 -  CD track 2

- Mark Patterson
 - Unison with piano, optional flute, optional finger cymbals and optional claves
- Syncopated rhythms and an upbeat tempo add energy to this piece. The inclusion of the doxology text provides a fresh opportunity for singers to put words of tradition to heart.

*Come celebrate God's gift of music. Come sing a song of gladness to the Lord this day.
One by one we join together singing a mighty chorus of praise.
Praise God with singing. Praise God with a dance.
Bring every instrument to praise God's holy name.*

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FOR THE COLORS OF THE RAINBOW/ - CGA1198 - \$1.85 -  CD track 22

- Nancy Raabe
- Unison with piano

This anthem offers praise and thanksgiving for God's gift of creation, friendship, music, and the love of Jesus Christ, and can be used in any general service or service with Thanksgiving themes.

*For the colors of the rainbow, for the creatures of the land,
All things swimming, gliding, growing, all things made by your wondrous hand.
For these gifts, O God, we thank you. Lord, we lift our hands in praise!
Endless beauties of creation, never ceasing to amaze.*

GOD IS HERE! - CGA1191 - \$1.95 -  CD track 28

- Helen Kemp
- Unison with piano, optional organ and optional congregation

This joyful setting of Fred Pratt Green's hymn text, *God is Here!*, is an ideal selection for church dedication services and Holy Communion, and teaches children about worship and liturgy.

*God is here! As we your children meet to offer praise and prayer,
May we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts
Wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts...God is here!*

GRACIOUS SPIRIT, DWELL WITH ME - CGA1197 - \$1.85 -  CD track 14

- Mary Kay Parrish
 - Unison/Two-part with piano and optional two-octave handbells/handchimes
- This 19th century prayer text by Thomas T. Lynch is beautifully set to the familiar 17th century French melody, *Adoro Te Devote*, in a spirit of meditation.

*Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would gracious be.
Help me now thy grace to see, I would be like thee.
And with words that help and heal, thy life in mine reveal,
And with actions bold and meek, for Christ, my Savior, speak.*

REJOICE AND SING! - CGA1195 - \$1.95 -  CD track 8

- Craig Curry
- Unison/Two-part with piano and optional flute

Based on Psalm 118: 24, this joyful, upbeat anthem is ideal for any Sunday, proclaiming "This is the day the Lord our God has made!"

*Rejoice and sing! It's time to celebrate!
For this is the day the Lord our God has made!
Ev'rybody gather 'round, come and make a joyful sound!
Ev'rybody dance and sing. Give thanks to God who brings us all good things!
This is the day the Lord our God has made! Rejoice!*

THE WISE AND FOOLISH BUILDERS - CGA1200 - \$2.25 -  CD track 24
REPRODUCIBLE INSTRUMENTAL PARTS - CGRP21 - \$9.95

- Craig Curry
 - Unison/Two-part with piano, optional claves, guiro, bongos and shaker
- This anthem is playfully written in a lilting, calypso style and is based on the parable of the wise and foolish builders found in Matthew 7: 24-27.

*Ev'ryone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice
Is like a wise man, a really wise man, who built his house upon the rock.
The rain came down, the streams arose, and the strong winds blew and beat against that house.
But it did not fall, for it was build on the rock.*

SAB/SATB

EVERY TIME I FEEL THE SPIRIT - CGA1196 - \$1.85 -  CD track 26

- Greg Gilpin
- SAT(B) with piano

This dynamic arrangement of the popular spiritual uses a rhythmic piano accompaniment, tight vocal harmonies, and a melodic interchange between the women's and men's voices in the verses.

*Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray
Upon the mountain when my God spoke, out of God's mouth came fire and smoke.
All around me it looked so shine. I asked the Lord if all was mine...
Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.*

Intergenerational/Combined Choirs

ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING - CGA1187 - \$2.25 -  CD track 4

- Margaret Tucker
- Unison, Two-part, Three-part, SATB, or combined choirs with organ, congregation, optional flute or violin and optional two-octave handbells

Suitable for choirs of any voicing, including combined choir occasions, this majestic arrangement is ideal for dedication services, Earth Day, or any general service.

*All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing, Alleluia!
O burning sun with golden beam, and silver moon with softer gleam, O praise him, Alleluia!*

SING A NEW SONG! - CGA1190 - \$1.95 -  CD track 30

- Allen Pote
- Intergenerational choirs with piano and optional two-octave handbells or handchimes

Based on Psalms 81 and 92, this anthem, combining children's, youth, and adult choirs, highlights the Psalmist's message "sing to the Lord a new song."

*Sing to the Lord, oh, sing to the Lord a new song!
Sing and rejoice for God is our strength and our salvation.
Lift up your voice and sing unto God with joy!
Sing to the Lord, oh, sing to the Lord a new song!*

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Other Anthems for the Season

In addition to the anthems included in this packet, consider these popular CG selections for use this fall.

(A) - Advent

(C) - Christmas

(Ep) - Ephiphany

Early Childhood (ages 4-6)

(A) **Come, Come, Emmanuel** • Bailey/Mayo • Unison, piano and 3 optional handbells or chimes • CGA1031 • \$1.75

(C) **Today, a Savior is Born** • Bailey • Unison with piano • CGA1161 • \$1.85

(Ep) **A Christmas Lullaby** • Linder • Unison, piano and opt. flute • CGA857 • \$1.40

Younger Elementary Choirs

(A) **One Simple Candle** • Burdette/Butler • Unison, piano, opt. flute and opt. congregation • CGA1130 • \$1.85

(C) **Welcome, Lord Jesus** • Berry • Unison with piano • CGA1157 • \$1.85

(Ep) **Arise and Shine!** • Paradowski • Unison/two-part, piano and opt. handbells • CGA1039 • \$1.85

Older Elementary Choirs

(A) **Advent Celebration** • Patterson • Unison/two-part, piano, opt. finger cymbals, claves and shaker • CGA1159 • \$1.95

(C) **Silent Night, Holy Night** • Fielding • Unison/two-part, organ, congregation and opt. C treble instrument • CGA1095 • \$1.95

(Ep) **Walk in the Light** • Thomas • Unison/two-part and piano • CGA1062 • \$1.85

Middle School Choirs

(A) **You Are the Light** • Helgen • SAB with piano • CGA1164 • \$1.95

(C) **The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy** • Rentz • SAT(B), piano, opt. bongos, castinets, claves, maracas and cowbell • CGA1036 • \$1.95

(Ep) **Shepherds' Gloria** • Patterson • SAT(B) with piano • CGA966 • \$1.50

High School Choirs

(A) **Children, Let's Wait for the Baby** • Keesecker • SAT(B) with piano • CGA1105 • \$1.85

(C) **Mary, Mary, Rock Your Child** • Page • SATB, piano and opt. flute • CGA1069 • \$1.85

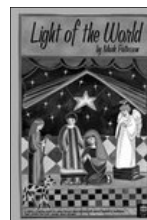
(Ep) **Walk in the Light** • Thomas • SATB with piano • CGA1063 • \$1.95

Christmas Musicals

Radio J-O-Y! (Where the Best Songs Are About Christmas) • Wright/York • Unison/two-part, piano, opt. congregation and opt. percussion • CGC51 • \$8.95

Light of the World • Patterson • Unison/two-part, piano, opt. handbells or chimes, and opt. percussion • CGC47 • \$8.95

Calling All Angels • Kemp • Unison, soloists, piano, and opt. congregation • CGC38 • \$6.95



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