

Frank Martin Mass for Double Choir
Spire Chamber Ensemble
Ben A. Spalding, Founder/Artistic Director
Texts and Translations

Alleluia

Jake Runestad (b. 1986)

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Song for Athene

Sir John Tavener (1944-2013)

Alleluia. May flights of angels sing thee to thy rest.

Alleluia. Remember me, o Lord, when you come into your kingdom.

Alleluia. Give rest, o Lord, to your handmaid who has fallen asleep.

Alleluia. The Choir of Saints have found the well-spring of life and door of paradise.

Alleluia. Life: a shadow and a dream.

Alleluia. Weeping at the grave creates the song: Alleluia.

Alleluia. Come, enjoy the rewards and crowns I have prepared for you.

Ave Maris Stella

Ben A. Spalding (b. 1983)

*Ave maris stella. Dei Mater alma,
Atque semper virgo, felix coeli porta.
Solve vincla reis, profer lumen caecis:
Mala nostra pelle bona cuncta posce.*

*Vitam praesta puram, iter para tutum:
Ut videntes Iesum semper collaetemur.
Sit laus Deo Patri summo Christo decus,
Spiritui Sancto, tribus honor unus. Amen.*

Hail star of the sea. God's cherishing mother,
And, though still a virgin, the blessed entrance-way of heaven.
Bound by Satan's fetters, health and vision needing.
God will aid and light us at thy gentle pleading.

So, as now we journey, aid our weak endeavour,
Till we gaze on Jesus and rejoice for ever.
Father, Son and Spirit. Three in one confessing,
Give us equal glory, equal praise and blessing. Amen.

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The Road Home

Stephen Paulus (1949-2014)

Tell me, where is the road I can call my own,
That I left, that I lost So long ago?
All these years I have wandered,
Oh when will I know
There's a way, there's a road
That will lead me home?

After wind, after rain,
When the dark is done,
As I wake from a dream
In the gold of day,
Through the air there's a calling
From far away,
There's a voice I can hear That will lead me home.

Rise up, follow me,
Come away, is the call,
With the love in your heart
As the only song;
There is no such beauty
As where you belong;
Rise up, follow me,
I will lead you home.

Mass for Double Choir

Frank Martin (1890-1974)

- I. Kyrie
- II. Gloria
- III. Credo
- IV. Sanctus
- V. Agnus Dei

Kyrie:

Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us. Lord have mercy on us.

Gloria:

Glory to God in the highest. And on earth peace to men of good will. We praise Thee. We bless Thee. We adore Thee. We glorify Thee. We give Thee thanks for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father almighty.

O Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son. Lord God, Lamb of God. Son of the Father. Who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Who takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.

Who sittest at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.
For Thou alone art holy. Thou alone art Lord. Thou alone, O Jesus Christ, art most high. Together with the Holy Ghost, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Credo:

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God. Born of the Father before all ages. God of God, light of light, true God of true God. Begotten, not made; of one being with the Father: by whom all things were made. Who for us men, and for our salvation came down from heaven. And was made flesh by the Holy Ghost, of the Virgin Mary: and was made man. He was also crucified for us, suffered under Pontius Pilate, and was buried. And on the third day He arose again, according to the scriptures. And ascending into heaven, He sitteth at the right hand of the Father. And He shall come again with glory to judge the living and the dead: and of His kingdom there shall be no end. And in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son. Who together with the Father and the Son is no less adored and glorified: who spoke by the prophets. And in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead. And the life of the world to come. Amen.

Sanctus:

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts! Heaven and earth are filled with Thy glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Agnus Dei:

Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, grant us peace.