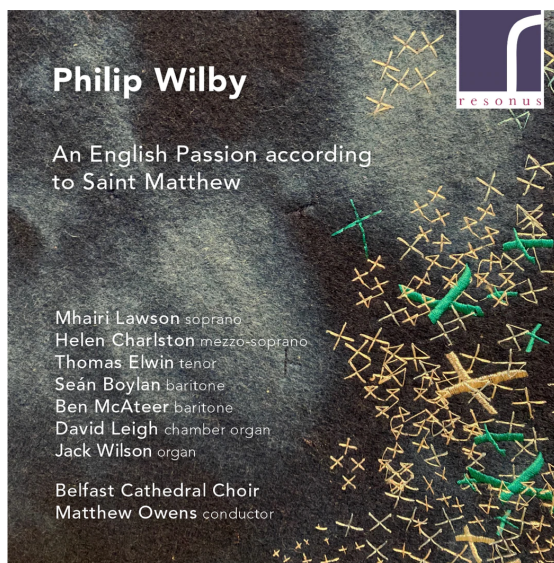




Services and Music List

June 2022

NEW RELEASE FROM BELFAST CATHEDRAL CHOIR



Following Belfast Cathedral Choir's highly acclaimed debut release on Resonus Classics, the choir is proud to present its second release for the label, the world premiere recording of Philip Wilby's powerful and accessible setting of the *St Matthew Passion* alongside two other first recordings of recent works by the composer.

"A truly important release" in which the "colour and theatrical power are provided by the superb 16-strong cathedral choir." Gramophone

"Philip Wilby's Passion setting is a fine achievement. I admired it and found it moving. I can't imagine that it could have received a better debut recording than this one, directed with evident understanding and authority – and a sure sense of dramatic pacing – by Matthew Owens. [...] The performances are consistently excellent." MusicWeb International

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WELCOME TO BELFAST CATHEDRAL

Belfast Cathedral, (the Cathedral Church of St Anne) is a Cathedral of the Church of Ireland, and part of the worldwide Anglican Communion (Episcopalian). It is unusual in serving two separate dioceses, the Diocese of Connor, and the Diocese of Down and Dromore; it therefore has not one but two Bishops' Seats.

The Cathedral has stood for 120 years as a place of Christian worship in the heart of the City of Belfast. Featuring the 56-metre stainless steel *Spire of Hope* (added in 2007), detailed mosaics by the sisters Gertrude and Margaret Martin, elaborately carved stonework by sculptors Rosamond Praeger, Morris Harding, and Esmond Burton, and beautiful stained-glass windows, this Hiberno-Romanesque building is one of the ecclesiastical and architectural highlights of Northern Ireland.

The splendid acoustic of the Cathedral is the setting for the 4-manual Harrison & Harrison organ, a Wells-Kennedy chamber organ, and a 2-manual organ by the renowned Dutch firm, Klop. The fully adult, professional Cathedral Choir sings for Sunday Services as well as large diocesan and civic occasions. There is also Belfast Cathedral Children's Choir, giving musical opportunities to children across Belfast and beyond, as choristers who sing regularly in cathedral services, normally once a fortnight on a Sunday morning.

Belfast Cathedral sits at the heart of The Cathedral Quarter, which is known for its unique and artisan shops, wide variety of restaurants, and buzzing nightlife, close to the Titanic Quarter, and the city centre itself.

The clergy, staff, congregation, and volunteers of Belfast Cathedral look forward to offering you a warm welcome.

INFORMATION

BIBLE TRANSLATION

Belfast Cathedral uses the New Revised Standard Version translation of the bible for all services. Reading selections are taken from the Church of Ireland Lectionary.

BELFAST CATHEDRAL CHOIR

Unless otherwise specified, all choral services are sung by Belfast Cathedral Choir, a fully adult, professional choir. It has very recently received much acclaim from the international and national musical press which have been full of praise for the choir's debut release on Resonus Classics, *A Belfast Christmas*:

The choir's tonal purity and impeccable tuning are a pleasure.

(BBC Music Magazine, five stars)

Matthew Owens, late of Wells Cathedral, has re-established the choir at St Anne's Cathedral as a professional adult ensemble and it could well be the finest all-adult standing choir of its kind anywhere, with near-perfect vowel harmony, blend, enunciation, nuanced awareness of phrase and an exceptional, bright and pure soprano group."
(Gramophone)

The clarity of the choir's singing is exceptional.

(Choir and Organ)

Conducted by Matthew Owens, the cathedral's professional, all-adult choir alternates between the suave and the boisterous, while Gráinne Meyer's harp accompaniments on three tracks are uniformly delightful.

(The Times)

First-class singing, conducted by Matthew Owens
(The Observer)

For further information about Belfast Cathedral Choir, please contact the Director of Music, Matthew Owens, via music@belfastcathedral.org

CHILDREN'S SINGING AT BELFAST CATHEDRAL

There are opportunities for boys and girls aged between 7 and 14 to sing in the Belfast Cathedral Children's Choir. The Cathedral's Director of Music, Matthew Owens, is always pleased to hear from parents of prospective choristers. In addition, there is a singing club for younger singers, the Songbirds, who meet each Wednesday afternoon in the cathedral hall. For further information, email music@belfastcathedral.org.

COMMUNION

If it is your custom to receive communion in your own church, you are welcome to receive here, whatever denomination you are.

PHOTOGRAPHY AND RECORDING

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WEEKDAY PRAYERS

Weekday Cathedral Prayers take place on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, from 1.00-1.15 p.m., in the Nave of the Cathedral; all are welcome. The Healing Service takes place in the Chapel of Unity (or alternatively, the Cathedral Hall) each Friday, from 1.00-1.45 p.m.

JUNE

5 SUNDAY: THE DAY OF PENTECOST

11.00 a.m. SUNG EUCHARIST

Buxtehude *Komm, Heiliger Geist, Herre Gott*,
BuxWV 199

Britten *Missa Brevis*

Psalm 104, vv 26-37 (Tone III)

Scheidt *Komm, Gott Schöpfer, Heiliger Geist*

Howells *Holy Spirit, ever dwelling*

de Grigny *Dialogue sur les grands jeux*

(Veni Creator, Premier Livre d'Orgue)

3.30 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG TO CELEBRATE THE
PLATINUM JUBILEE OF QUEEN ELIZABETH II

Walton, arr. Murrill *Crown Imperial*

Sir James MacMillan CBE *Allegro Vivace*

(St Andrew's Suite)

Humphrey Clucas *Preces and Responses*

Psalm 121 (chant by Walford Davies)

Wood *Evening Service, 'Collegium Regale'*

Stanford *Te Deum in B flat*

Walton, arr. Robert Gower *Orb and Sceptre*

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JUNE

12 SUNDAY: TRINITY SUNDAY

11.00 a.m. SUNG EUCHARIST

Rheinberger *Pastorale* (Sonata No. 3, Op. 88)

Rheinberger *Messe Es-dur*, J.W.V. 57

Psalm 8 (Tone VIII)

Gary Davison *The Lord's Prayer*

(sung by Belfast Cathedral Children's Choir)

Rheinberger *Intermezzo* (Sonata No. 3 Op. 88)

Schubert *Holy, Holy, Holy*

(sung by Belfast Cathedral Children's Choir
and Belfast Cathedral Choir)

J.S. Bach *Fuge Es dur* BWV 552, ii

3.30 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG

Calver *Prelude on 'Nicaea'*

Howard Skempton *Preces and Responses*

Psalm 73, vv 1-3, 16-27 (chants by Buck, Cooper)

Carson Cooman *Third Service* (UK premiere)

Matthew Owens *Holy Trinity Blessing*

Langlais *Hymne d'Actions de Grâce*

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JUNE

19 SUNDAY: The First Sunday after Trinity

11.00 a.m. SUNG EUCHARIST

Matthew Owens *Prelude on 'Wessex'*

Howard Skempton *Missa Sanctae Annae*

(world premiere)

Psalm 43 (Tone III)

Howard Skempton *Feuille d'album for organ*

Howard Skempton *Hoc corpus (world premiere)*

Grayston Ives *Intrada*

3.30 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG

Willan *Prelude on 'Nicaea'*

Morley *Preces and Responses*

(with Stone Lord's Prayer)

Psalm 100 (chant by Stanford)

Byrd *Fauxbourdon Service*

Victoria *O lux beata Trinitas*

J.S. Bach *Allegro Moderato (Sonata 1, BWV 525, i)*

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JUNE

26 SUNDAY: The Second Sunday after Trinity

11.00 a.m. SUNG EUCHARIST

Willan *Prelude on 'St Anne'*

Howells *Communion Service 'Collegium Regale'*

Psalm 77, vv 1-2, 17-20 (Tone II)

Gary Davison *The Lord's Prayer*

(sung by Belfast Cathedral Children's Choir)

Howells *Aria (Six Short Pieces)*

Richard Allain *A Prayer of Saint Richard*

*of Chichester (sung by Belfast Cathedral
Children's Choir)*

Widor *Toccata (5e Symphonie)*

3.30 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG

Thalben-Ball *Elegy*

Humphrey Clucas *Preces and Responses*

Psalm 119, vv 153-168 (chants by Wadeley, Knight)

Philip Wilby *The Knaresborough Service*

Vaughan Williams *Lord, thou hast been our refuge*

Francis Pott *Empyrean*

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The Very Reverend Stephen Forde, BSc, Dip. Theol
Dean of Belfast

The Reverend Janice Elsdon, BA
Non-Stipendiary Assistant Priest

The Reverend Dr Maithrie White
Non-Stipendiary Part Time Curate

Matthew Owens, MA (Oxon), MusM, FRCO, PPRNCM, HonFGCM, FRSA
Director of Music

Tristan Russcher, BA Hons (Oxon), FRCO
Associate Organist

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