



**May 5, 2024**  
**9:00AM**

Saint Peter Lutheran Church  
9300 E. Belleview Ave  
Greenwood Village

The Castle Rock Chorale

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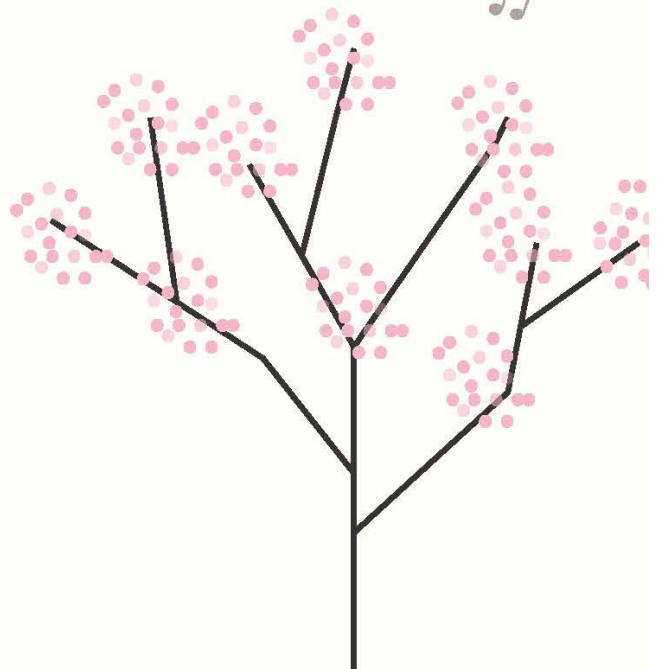
The StPLC Jubilate Choir present

# **Sacred Choral Sunday**

## **For the Beauty of the Earth**



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# Easter Season Sacred Choral Sunday

## Welcome to Worship

**Prelude:** *O Sifuni Mungu* by David Maddux

*Rick Hale; Leslie Lane Bennett; Erin Stefanski; Kelley Durrant ~ soloists*  
*Don Awalt, percussion*

## Invocation

*The congregation is invited to stand and face the baptismal font.*

**Pastor:** We gather this holy morning to celebrate Christ's victory over death and the grave. And we give God thanks for the power of the resurrection born in us through the waters of our Baptism. Christ is risen!

**People:** **Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

## Thanksgiving for Baptism

**Pastor:** We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

**Leader:** Through the waters of the flood, you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word, you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

**Pastor:** We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**People:** **Amen.**

## Opening Hymn: *Beneath the Tree of Life*

### Refrain

The image shows three staves of musical notation for the refrain of the hymn 'Beneath the Tree of Life'. The music is written in a treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a time signature of 2/2. The notes are as follows: Staff 1: C4, D4, E4, F4, G4, A4, B4, C5. Staff 2: C4, D4, E4, F4, G4, A4, B4, C5. Staff 3: C4, D4, E4, F4, G4, A4, B4, C5. The lyrics are: 'Come and gath-er be - neath the tree of life.' (Staff 1), 'Come and gath-er be - neath the tree of' (Staff 2), and 'life— root of wis - dom, branch of peace, fruit of' (Staff 3).

heal - ing and re - lease. Come and  
gath - er be - neath the tree of life.

**Verses**

1. Here we raise the sav - ing cross of  
3. Come and drink the wa - ters of sal -  
5. Root - ed in the rich earth of your

Je - sus, sing - ing praise to him who  
va - tion, come and die to sin, rise  
Gos - pel, may we bear the fruits your

*To Refrain*  
leads us on from death in - to new life.  
up to life with - in the Reign of God.  
Word has plant - ed deep with - in our hearts.

**The Apostolic Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**People: And also with you.**

*The congregation is invited to be seated.*

**Choir Anthem: Kyrie** by Liam Lawton

*Jenn Ewing, soprano soloist*

**Salutation and Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray...

**People: Amen.**

**First Lesson: Acts 10:44-48**

*After the lesson, the following response is spoken:*

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Second Lesson: 1 John 5:1-6**

*After the lesson, the following response is spoken:*

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Choral Response: Jesus Christ the Apple Tree** by Malcolm Archer

*Kelley Durrant; Jennifer Kaufman; Erin Stefanski; Carmella Talbot ~ small group*

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia**

*The congregation is invited to stand.*

Al - le - lu - ia,

Al - le - lu - ia, Lord, to whom shall we go? For

you have the words, you have the words, the words of e -

ter - nal life, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

**Holy Gospel: Saint John 15: 9-17**

Pastor: The Holy Gospel According to Saint John.

**People: Glory to you, O Lord.**

*After the lesson, the following response is spoken:*

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, O risen Christ.**

*The congregation is invited to be seated.*

**Choral Response: O Splendor of God's Glory Bright** arranged by Mack Wilberg

## Nicene Creed

Leader: We have been made God's people through our baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we profess our faith.

**People: We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**  
**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**  
**For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**  
**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**  
**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**  
**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**  
**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,\*  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**  
**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**  
**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**  
**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## Prayers of Intercession

### Peace

Pastor: The peace of the risen Christ be with you always.

**People: And also with you.**

*The Pastor and congregation greet one another in the name of God. Example: "The peace of the Lord be with you." or "God's peace to you." The congregation is invited to be seated.*

## Offertory

### Offering Special Music: *I Believe* by Mark A. Miller

*Stephanie O'Donnell, soprano*

*Vanessa Hoffman, Jenn Ewing, Erin Stafanski ~ small group*

### Offertory Hymn: *Come, Let Us Bring*

*The congregation is invited to stand.*



1. Come, let us bring the warm and fra - grant bread.  
2. Come, let us bring the sweet a - bun - dant wine.  
3. Praise be to you who set all peo - ple free.



Come, let us bring the warm and fra - grant bread.  
Come, let us bring the sweet a - bun - dant wine.  
Praise be to you who set all peo - ple free.



Bro - ken here so all God's peo - ple might be fed.  
In this cup we taste the joy of grace di - vine.  
Blest are they who share the feast of ju - bi - lee.



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### Offertory Prayer

Leader: Let us pray...Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit.  
May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love.  
Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

People: **Amen.**

## Communion in Special Circumstances

Pastor: The ELCA suggests that an ordained Pastor bless bread and wine to be shared by the people of God in worship. Today we are privileged to share the Eucharist with bread and wine that has been blessed for distribution. Gathered as a family of faith, we have heard the story of God's mighty acts and of the love shown us in the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

With thanksgiving we remember this evening that "in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: 'Take and eat; this is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.'"

And we recall that after supper, "he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink saying: 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.'"

In these words we are given the assurance of our Lord's presence through the gift of His Holy Spirit. Now we break this bread and drink this cup and feast at this table strengthened with all the Saints to live God's loving will for our lives.

### Lord's Prayer *(Pray in the language or translation of your choice.)*

Pastor: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**People: Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## Invitation to Communion

Pastor: The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread.  
Come and eat at God's table.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*The congregation is invited to be seated.*

## Distribution of the Sacrament

*We invite all worshippers to join us in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. The Leaders will distribute the body of Christ and the Communion Assistants will stand at either corner of the chancel holding trays of small glasses of the blood of Christ, either wine or grape juice. Gluten free wafers are available. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead of the bread and wine, please come forward with your arms crossed over your chest.*

**Hymn:** *Lamb of God*

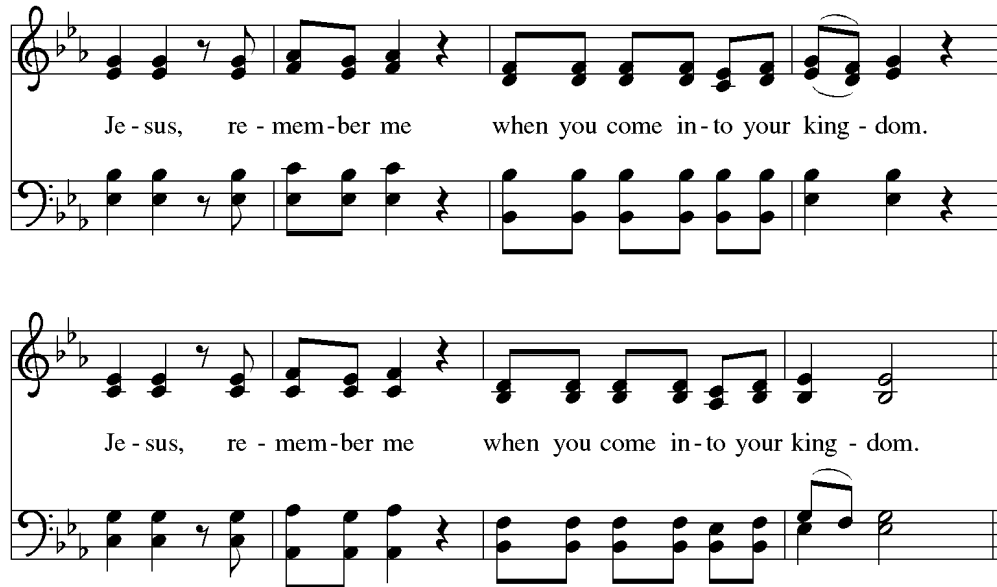


Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the  
world: have mer-cy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the  
world: grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

**Special Music:**

- *Music of Life* by B.E. Boykin
- *For the Beauty of the Earth* by John Rutter

**Communion Hymn:** *Jesus Remember Me*



Je-sus, re-mem-ber me when you come in-to your king-dom.  
Je-sus, re-mem-ber me when you come in-to your king-dom.

Text: Luke 23:42; Taizé Community  
Music: REMEMBER ME, Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994  
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## Blessing

*The congregation is invited to stand.*

Pastor: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you,  
and keep you in God's grace.

**People: Amen.**

## Prayer After Communion

Leader: Let us pray... Shepherding God,  
you have prepared a table before us  
and nourished us with your love.  
Send us forth from this banquet  
to proclaim your goodness  
and share the abundant mercy of Jesus,  
our redeemer and friend.

**People: Amen.**

## Benediction

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**People: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Pastor: The God of resurrection power,  
Jesus Christ, our unending joy,  
and the Spirit of Easter hope  
✠ bless you now and always.

**People: Amen.**

*The congregation is invited to be seated.*

## Our Life Together

**Postlude:** *Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal* by Alice Parker

## Dismissal

Leader: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

**People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

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*Thank you for joining us for Sacred Choral Sunday!  
We hope you enjoyed this musical collaboration between the  
Saint Peter Jubilate Choir and the Castle Rock Chorale.*

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The Saint Peter Jubilate Choir

PERSONNEL

Sopranos

Jodie Davis  
Annie Heath  
Allegra Berliner Reiber  
Terri Mohrhaus

Altos

Karen Clair  
Kay Gerhart  
Angie Kleberger  
Valerie Watkins

Tenors

Lee Dehmlow  
Steve Leighton

Basses

Jerry Mayer  
Gerry Mueller  
Jim Bunke

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The Castle Rock Chorale

PERSONNEL

Sopranos

Vassi Bieber  
Kelley Durrant  
Jenn Ewing  
Vanessa Hoffman  
Jennifer Kaufman  
Cindy Kreek  
Stephanie O'Donnell  
Angela Shelley

Altos

Leslie Lane Bennett  
Reyna Keller  
Elle McMahon  
Jan Payne  
Erin Stefanski  
Carmela Talbot

Tenors

Vincent Gabrielse  
Lois Price  
Kevin Pascoe  
Aaron Shelley

Basses

Richard Hale  
Tom Payne  
Larry Weaver



## About the Castle Rock Chorale

Founded in 2011 by Beryl Fanslow Wilson and Arielle Wilson, the Castle Rock Chorale is dedicated to providing a dynamic and inclusive choral community for singers and audience members alike. Each year, the choir presents several concert series, as well as performing outreach events at local senior and community centers. For more information, visit our website or find us on Facebook!

[thecastlerockchorale.org](http://thecastlerockchorale.org)

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### Beryl Fanslow Wilson

*Music Minister for Saint Peter Lutheran Church*

*Founding Artistic Director of The Castle Rock Chorale*



Beryl Fanslow Wilson has been a lover of choral music her entire life. At age 10 she decided her dream job would be to conduct a community choir. Ms. Fanslow Wilson holds a Bachelor of Music in Vocal Performance and a Master of Music in Conducting, both from the University of Denver's Lamont School of Music. She studied conducting under Dr. Catherine Sailer.

Along with directing the Castle Rock Chorale, Ms. Fanslow Wilson is the Minister of Music at Saint Peter Lutheran Church in Greenwood Village, and sings in the Denver-based choir, Kantorei.

Ms. Fanslow Wilson strongly believes in the power that exists and the good that can be done when a community comes together to make music. She loves to be a part of a group filled with people from all walks of life who come together to work for one common goal - great music!

### Arielle Wilson

*Pianist for Saint Peter Lutheran Church*

*Pianist and Co-founder of The Castle Rock Chorale*



Ms. Wilson began playing the piano at the age of 3. Coached by her mother, Ms. Wilson trained through high school as a classical soloist. As a piano major under the tutelage of Professor Theodore Lichtmann at the University of Denver's Lamont School of Music, Ms. Wilson discovered her passion for collaborative piano playing. Now, she enjoys cultivating a supportive relationship with other musicians and thrives on the camaraderie and synergy created within a group of performers.

In addition to her collaborative piano projects, Ms. Wilson performs as a soloist in the Metro area, plays with the Lone Tree Symphony Orchestra, the Denver Concert Band, and serves as church organist and pianist.

Ms. Wilson believes that unlocking one's artistic or musical potential through positive, creative community can be an empowering and uplifting experience for all involved.

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### **Our Mission Statement**

**We Are Welcomed** into God's Love  
just as we are

**We Are Sent** into God's World  
to be a reflection of Christ

*Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ... God proves love for us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. [Romans 5:1, 8]*

*Jesus said, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." [St. Matthew 28:19-20]*