

BELLA LUMINA CHOIR PRESENTS

Honoring Mother Earth



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with **CANTABILE** (grades 4-6 singers) from **Angelica Cantanti Youth Choirs**

Barb Saveriede, violin | Andrea Glass, cello

David Birrow, percussion | Christian Nielsen, Native American flute

SATURDAY | MAY 20 | 7 pm

Community of the Cross Lutheran Church
10701 Bloomington Ferry Road, Bloomington

SUNDAY | MAY 21 | 3 pm

Good Samaritan United Methodist Church
5730 Grove Street, Edina

PROGRAM

The choir's song selections for our Honoring Mother Earth concerts will lead us on a journey that will celebrate the beauty and sacredness of our Earth while acknowledging its fragility. The concert theme will underscore the importance of passing down the caretaking and stewardship of Mother Earth from one generation to the next.

BELLA LUMINA ROSTER

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Navajo Blessing

Traditional Navajo text/J. David Moore

SSAA arrangement commissioned and premiered by Bella Lumina

Let Beauty Awake!

Based on a text by Robert Louis Stevenson/Laura Farnell

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Cecil F. Alexander/Philip E. Silvey

Now I Walk in Beauty

Traditional Navajo prayer

Song for Mother Earth

Native American chants/arr. Lana Walter

I Am

Melanie Horne (sung by Cantabile choir)

Psalm of Earth

James DesJardins

Praise Gaia

Catherine Dalton

Bella Lumina is proud to be premiering this piece!

Voice on the Wind

Sarah Quartel

Days of Beauty

Emily Brontë/Ola Gjeilo

The Earth Adorned | Swedish Psalm of Summer

Waldemar Åhlén/arr. Jennings/Gehrz

For the Beauty of the Earth

Folliott S. Pierpoint/Philip Stopford

Sing With All the Children of Earth

Marty Haugen

AUDIENCE, please join in singing on the last verse and closing Alleluias:

*"Sing that earth can blossom anew! Sing of our chance to heal and renew.
Let us give thanks for all we can do.*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!"

TEXTS

Navajo Blessing

Beauty goes before me, Beauty goes beside me, Beauty follows me, Beauty follows me.

Let Beauty Awake

Let Beauty awake in the morn
from beautiful dreams,
Beauty awake from rest!

Let Beauty awake for Beauty's sake in the
hour when the birds awake in the brake
and the stars are bright in the west!

Let Beauty awake in the eve from the
slumber of day, awake in the crimson eve!

In the day's dusk end when the shades
ascend, let her wake to the kiss
of a tender friend

to render again and receive!

All Things Bright and Beautiful

All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
The Lord God made them all.
Each little flower that opens,
Each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colors,
He made their tiny wings.
The purple headed mountain,
The river running by,
The sunset and the morning,
That brightens up the sky;—
The cold wind in the winter,
The pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden,—
He made them every one.
He gave us eyes to see them,
And lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty,
Who hath made all things well.

Now I Walk in Beauty

Now I walk in beauty, Beauty is before me,
Beauty is behind me, above and below me.

Song for Mother Earth

The Earth is our Mother,
we must take care of her.
Her sacred ground we walk upon
with every step we take.
Ancient Mother, I hear you calling,
Ancient Mother, I hear your song.

The Earth is our Mother,
she will take care of us.
Ancient Mother, I hear you calling,
Ancient Mother, I hear your song.

I Am

I am the water, I am the wind in your hair.
I am the bird in the tree.
I am the starry sky,
I am the mountain so high.
I am the scent on the breeze.

I am nature, I am beauty.
I am the earth and the sea.

I am the moonlight, I am the canyon so wide.
I am the storm rolling by.
I am the sun so bright, I am the
sweet butterfly.
I am the field and they sky.

Psalm of Earth

Soar with me above the trees
through empty streets of sky.
Come with me to mountain peaks,
a hundred journeys high.
Sing with me an ocean deep,
the waters reply...
Sanctus, Sanctus,
Dominus, Dominus Deus, Amen.
Dominus, Dominus Deus, Amen.

Run with me upon the sea,
on ancient dreams we'll fly.
Alleluia. Alleluia.
Paint with me a sunlit beam
when morning blinks her eye.
Alleluia. Alleluia.
Breathe with me a symphony,
the heavens will cry...
Sanctus, Sanctus,
Dominus, Dominus Deus, Amen.
Dominus, Dominus Deus, Amen.
Canamus, gaudeamus, gaudeamus, Amen.

Amen. Amen.
Soar with me, come with me,
sing with me again.
Dominus, Dominus Deus, Amen.
Canamus, gaudeamus, gaudeamus, Amen.

Praise Gaia

Praise Gaia, Praise Gaia!
Praise her, Praise her!
Praise all her creatures on land and on sea.
Praise her, Praise her! Praise her, Praise her!
Praise her creatures that fly.
Praise her, Praise her! Praise her, Praise her!
Praise her oceans, her rivers, her streams.
Praise her, Praise her! Praise her, Praise her!
Praise her mountains and sky.
Praise her, Praise her! Praise her, Praise her!
Gaia, we hear you.
Gaia, we're listening.
Bless her orb-weavers, bless her song-
singers, bless her leaf-eaters in forest green.
Bless her home-builders, bless her shape-
shifters, bless her secrets in ocean deep.

Praise her, Praise her! Praise her, Praise her!
Praise her name!

Voice on the Wind

I heard a voice on the summer wind,
hoo wah hoo wah hoo
Who she is I can't explain.
hoo wah hoo wah hoo

I heard a voice on the summer wind,
hoo wah hoo wah hoo
Blowing free and blowing wild.
hoo wah hoo wah hoo

I heard a voice on the summer wind,
hoo wah hoo wah hoo
Strength and spirit in her song.
hoo wah hoo wah hoo

I heard a voice on the summer wind,
hoo wah hoo wah hoo
With a song I seem to know.
hoo wah hoo wah hoo

I heard a voice on the summer wind,
hoo wah hoo wah hoo
Sounds familiar like my own.
hoo wah hoo wah hoo

I heard a voice on the summer wind,
hoo wah hoo wah hoo
Strong and sure where e'er I stand.
hoo wah hoo wah hoo

Days of Beauty

When days of beauty deck the earth
or stormy nights descend,
How well my spirit knows the path
on which it ought to wend.

It seeks the consecrated spot
beloved in childhood's years;
The space between is all forgot
its sufferings and its tears.

The Earth Adorned

*English translation from Swedish
by Carolyn and Kenneth Jennings.*

The earth adorned in verdant robe sends
praises upward surging,
While soft winds breath on fragrant flow'rs
from winter now emerging.
The sunshine bright gives warmth and light
to budding blossoms tender,
Proclaiming summer splendor.

From out the wood, the birds now sing
and each its song now raises,
To join with all the universe in voicing
thankful praises.
With hope and joy their songs employ
a rapturous exultation,
In praise of God's creation.

O God, amid these joys of life
creations glory beaming,
Grant us the grace to keep your word
and live in love redeeming.
All flesh is grass the flowers fade
and time is fleeting ever.
God's word remains forever.



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For the Beauty of the Earth

For the beauty of the earth
For the glory of the skies
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies

For the beauty of each hour
Of the day and of the night
Hill and vale and tree and flow'r
Sun and moon and stars of light:

Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our sacrifice hymn of praise, of praise

For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above;
Pleasures pure and undefiled:

For each perfect gift of Thine,
To our race so freely giv'n;
Graces human and divine,
Flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n:

Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our sacrifice of praise, of praise.

For Thy church which evermore
Lifteth holy hands above,
Off'ring upon ev'ry shore
Her pure sacrifice of love:

Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our sacrifice of praise, of praise.

Sing With All the Children of Earth

Sing with all the children of earth; open your
heart, bring music to birth.
Rise up! Rejoice for all you are worth:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Sing that love might grow and increase, love
that might ring with laughter and peace.
Stand up! Proclaim that warfare can cease:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Sing that earth can blossom anew!
Sing of our chance to heal and renew.
Let us give thanks for all we can do.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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*Bella Lumina spreads light, hope, and joy through the power of song.
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through illuminating texts and inspirational arrangements
showcasing the extraordinary beauty of treble voices.*

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