

# THE ELORA SINGERS AT TWILIGHT

The Elora Singers Mark Vuorinen, conductor

July 21st, 2022 9:00 PM

Sponsored by Marta McCarthy and Randy Smith in honour of the 90th birthday of MarySue McCarthy

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#### JULY 21ST 2022

O virtus sapientiae Hildegard von Bingen

Solo: Teresa Mahon, soprano (incipit) (1098-1179)

In pace, in idipsum

John Sheppard

(1515-1558)

Eternal Source of Light Divine George Frideric Handel

(1685-1759)

arr. L'Estrange

O Light of Light Harry Escott

(b. 1976)

(b.1950)

If ye love me Frank Ferko

Solos: Jennifer Krabbe, soprano, Julia Barber, alto Nicholas Nicolaidis. tenor. Graham Robinson. bass

and the swallow Caroline Shaw

(b.1982)

Nunc Dimittis Gustav Holst

Solos: Kate Wright, soprano, Chris Fischer, tenor (1874-1934)

Sleep, little baby, sleep Jake Runestad

(b.1986)

A good night Richard Rodney Bennett

(b.1999)

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Only in Sleep Ēriks Ešenvalds

Solo: Katy Clark, soprano (b.1977)

Heartfelt thanks to St. John's Elora for the use of their beautiful space.

#### Texts & Translations

#### O Virtus Sapientiae

O virtus Sapientiae, quae circuiens circuisti comprehendendo omnia in una via, quae habet vitam, tres alas habens, quarum una in altum volat, et altera de terra sudat,

et tertia undique volat. Laus tibi sit, sicut te decet, O Sapientia. O strength of Wisdom
who, circling, circled,
enclosing all
in one lifegiving path,
three wings you have:
one soars to the heights,
one distils its essence upon the
earth,
and the third is everywhere.
Praise to you, as is fitting,
O Wisdom

#### In Pace, in idipsum

In pace,
in idipsum dormiam et requiescam.
Si dedero somnum oculis meis,
et palpebris meis dormitationis,
dormiam et requiescam.
Gloria Patri, et Filio,
Et Spiritui Sancto

In peace, itself I shall sleep and rest.
If I offer slumber to my eyes and my eyelids drowsiness, I shall sleep and rest.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, And to the Holy Spirit.

Compline Responsory

#### **Eternal Source of Light Divine**

Eternal source of light divine! with double warmth thy beams display, and with distinguished glory shine, to add a lustre to this day.

#### O Light of Light

O light of light, inclined by love, Hear this, our prayer: Keep us, when our race is run, to live with Thee as one.

Text and music by Harry Escott

#### If ye love me

If ye love me, keep my commandments and I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter, that he may bide with you forever, e'en the spirit of truth.

St. John 14:15-17

#### and the swallow

how beloved is your dwelling place,
o Lord of hosts
my soul yearns
my heart and my flesh cry
the sparrow found a house,
and the swallow, her nest
where she may raise her young
they pass through the valley of bakka
they make it a place of springs
the autumn rains also cover it with pools

Psalm 84

#### **Nunc Dimittis**

Nunc dimittis servum tuum, Domine, Lord, now lettest thou thy servant

secundum verbum tiim in pace. Quia viderunt oculi mei, salutare tuum. Quod parasti ante faciem omnium populorum. Lumen ad revelationem gentium, et gloriam plebis tuae Israel.

Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto. Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in saecula saeculorum.

Amen.

Sleep, little baby, sleep

Sleep, little baby, sleep;
The holy Angels love thee,
And guard thy bed, and keep
A blessed watch above thee.
Nor evil beast to harm thee:
Sleep, Sweet, devoid of fear
Where nothing need alarm thee.

The Love which doth not sleep,
The eternal Arms surround thee:
The Shepherd of the sheep
In perfect love hath found thee.
Sleep through the holy night,
[...]kept from snare and sorrow,
Until thou wake to light
And love and warmth tomorrow.

depart in peace:
according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen:
thy salvation.
Which thou hast prepared:

before the face of all people.
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles:
and to be the glory of thy people
Israel

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end.

Amen.

Holy Innocents Christina Rossetti

#### A good night

Close now thine eyes and rest secure; thy soul is safe enough, thy body sure; He that loves thee, he that keeps
And guards thee, never slumbers, never sleeps. The smiling conscience in a sleeping breast Has only peace, has only rest; The music and the mirth of Kings
Are all but very discords, when she sings.
Then close thine eyes and rest secure;
No sleep so sweet as thine, no rest so sure.

Francis Quarles

#### **Only in Sleep**

Only in sleep I see their faces, children I played with when I was a child, Louise comes back with her brown hair braided, Annie with ringlets warm and wild.

Only in sleep
Time is forgotten:
what may have come to them, who can know?
Yet we played last night as long ago,
and the dollhouse stood at the turn of the stair.

The years had not sharpened their smooth round faces, I met their eyes and found them mild.

Do they, too, dream of me, I wonder, and for them am I too a child?

Sara Teasdale

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