

MESSIAH UNIVERSITY
CHAMBER SINGERS

Joy Elizabeth Meade, conductor

Saturday, October 17, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.

Legacy Park

Saturday, October 17, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

Parmer Hall



DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC

PROGRAM

BWV 4 “Christ Lag in Todesbanden” Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)

Delaney Reed, soprano
Maddie Felix, soprano
Anna Snyder, alto
Timothy Tien, tenor
Caleb Wenger, tenor
Micah Collins, bass

LaShae Willits, violin
James LaGrand, violin
Lauren Forshey, viola
Sarah Topping, cello
Vanessa Skidmore, bass

Poetic Translation for Contemplation

Verse 1

Christ Jesus lay in death's strong
bands,
For our offenses given;
But now at God's right hand He
stands,
And brings us life from Heaven.
Wherefore let us joyful be,
And sing to God right thankfully
Loud songs of Alleluia!
Alleluia!

Verse 2

No son of man could conquer Death,
Such mischief sin had wrought us,
For innocence dwelt not on earth,
And therefore Death had brought us
Into thralldom from of old
And ever grew more strong and bold
And kept us in his bondage.
Alleluia!

Verse 3

But Jesus Christ, God's only Son,
To our low state descended,
The cause of Death He has undone,
His power forever ended,
Ruined all his right and claim
And left him nothing but the name,
His sting is lost forever.
Alleluia!

Verse 4

It was a strange and dreadful strife
When life and death contended;
The victory remained with life;
The reign of death was ended.
Stripped of power, no more it reigns,
An empty form alone remains
Death's sting is lost forever!
Alleluia!

Verse 5

Here the true Paschal Lamb we see,
Whom God so freely gave us;
He died on the accursed tree—
So strong His love!—to save us.
See, His blood doth mark our door;
Faith points to it, Death passes over,
And Satan cannot harm us.
Alleluia!

Verse 6

So let us keep the festival
Where to the Lord invites us;
Christ is Himself the joy of all,
The Sun that warms and lights us.
By His grace He doth impart
Eternal sunshine to the heart;
The night of sin is ended!
Alleluia!

Verse 7

Then let us feast this Easter day
On the true Bread of Heaven;
The Word of grace hath purged away
The old and wicked leaven.
Christ alone our souls will feed;
He is our Meat and Drink indeed;
Faith lives upon no other!
Alleluia!

*Poetic Translation by Richard Massie,
"Martin Luther's Spiritual Songs", 1854.*

MESSIAH UNIVERSITY CHAMBER SINGERS MEMBERS

Soprano

Amanda Albright - Bellwood, PA

Music Education '21

Alyssa Carter - Mount Holly Springs, PA

Music Education '21

Katelynn Smith - Clearfield, PA

Music Education '24

Julie Knott - Harrisburg, PA

Music Performance/Psychology '24

Alto

Natalie Brooks - Dunkirk, MD

Music Education '21

Madelyn Felix - Boiling Springs, PA

Music Education '23

Delaney Reed - Saxton, PA

Music/Psychology '23

Anna Snyder - Malvern, PA

Psychology '22

Tenor

Quinn Cameron - Conneautville, PA

Music Education '24

Greysen Kemper - Harrisburg, PA

Music Performance '24

Timothy Tien - Klang, Malaysia

Digital Media '22

Caleb Wenger - Annville, PA

Music and Worship '21

Bass

Micah Collins - Mechanicsburg, PA

Mechanical Engineering '24

Larry Fausnight - Elizabethtown, PA

Music Education '23

Dennis Kull - Gaithersburg, MD

Commercial Music '23

Robert Titus - Factoryville, PA

Music Education '21

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SCHOOL OF THE ARTS PERFORMANCES

Mendelssohn Piano Trio

March 31 • High Center, Parmer Hall, 4:00 p.m.

CONCERTS

Messiah University Jazz Ensemble

William Stowman and Mark Hunsberger, conductors

October 17 • High Center, Parmer Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Messiah University Percussion Ensemble

Erik Forst, conductor

November 7 • High Center, Parmer Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Messiah University Wind Ensemble

James Colonna, conductor

Messiah University Symphonic Winds

Travis Weller, conductor

November 13 • High Center, Parmer Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Messiah University Chamber Ensembles

November 16 and 19 • High Center, High Foundation Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Messiah University Brass Choir

Mike Harcrow and William Stowman, director

Messiah University Brass Studios

Mike Harcrow, director

November 17 • High Center, Parmer Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Messiah University Jazz Combos

Todd Goranson, director

November 18 • High Center, High Foundation Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Messiah University Symphony Orchestra

Timothy Dixon, conductor

November 20 • High Center, Parmer Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Messiah University Wind Ensemble

James Colonna, conductor

Messiah University Symphonic Winds

Travis Weller, conductor

February 26 • High Center, Parmer Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Messiah University Symphony Orchestra

Timothy Dixon, conductor

March 5 • High Center, Parmer Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Kuhlman Competition

March 7 • High Center, High Foundation Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Messiah University Concert Choir

Joy Meade, conductor

March 26 • High Center, Parmer Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Messiah University Percussion Ensemble

Erik Forst, conductor

March 27 • High Center, Parmer Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Messiah University Jazz Combos

Todd Goranson, director

April 6 • High Center, High Foundation Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Messiah University Symphonic Winds

Travis Weller, conductor

Messiah University Brass Choir

Mike Harcrow and William Stowman, director

April 15 • High Center, Parmer Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Messiah University Chamber Ensembles

April 19 • High Center, High Foundation Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Messiah University Wind Ensemble

James Colonna, conductor

April 22 • High Center, Parmer Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Messiah University Symphony Orchestra

Timothy Dixon, conductor

April 23 • High Center, Parmer Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Messiah University United Voices of Praise

Eric Byrd, director

April 25 • High Center, Parmer Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Messiah University Spring Choral Showcase

Rachel Cornacchio and Joy Meade, conductors

April 28 • High Center, Parmer Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Musica Nova: Student Compositions

April 29 • High Center, High Foundation Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Messiah University Jazz Ensemble

William Stowman and Mark Hunsberger, conductors

April 30 • High Center, Parmer Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Messiah University Guitar Ensemble

Randall Zwally, director

May 1 • High Center, High Foundation Recital Hall, 1:00 p.m.

Messiah University Handbell Choir

Shawn Gingrich, director

May 1 • High Center, Parmer Hall, 7:30 p.m.

FOR THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

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