

# *A Faith Partners Gala Concert*

## *Music of David Evan Thomas*

Cathedral of Saint Paul, Saint Paul, Minnesota  
April 29, 2005, 8:00 PM

### *Festive Prelude*

*The Cathedral Brass, Marilyn Biery, organ, James Biery, conductor*

### *The Spacious Firmament on High*

All stand and join in singing the hymn found on page 9 in this program.

*Marilyn Biery, organ*

### *A Joyful Symphony*

*Come drop your branches, strow the way  
Plants of the day!  
Whom sufferings make most green and gay.*

*The King of grief, the man of sorrow,  
Weeping still, like the wet morrow,  
Your shades and freshness comes to borrow.*

*Put on, put on your best array;  
Let the joy'd rode make holy-day,  
And flowers that into fields do stray,  
Or secret groves, keep the high-way.*

*Trees, flowers and herbs; birds, beasts and stones,  
Lift up your heads and leave your moans!  
For here come he  
Whose death will be  
Mans life, and your full liberty.*

*I'll get me up before the Sun,  
I'll cut me boughs off many a tree,  
And all alone full early run  
To gather flowers to wellcome thee.*

*Hark! how the children shril and high  
Hosanna cry,*

*Their joys provoke the distant skie,  
Where thrones and Seraphins reply,*

*And their own Angels shine and sing  
In a bright ring:*

*Such yong, sweet mirth  
Makes heaven and earth  
Joyn in a joyful Symphony.*

– Henry Vaughan (1621-1695)

*The Westminster Sanctuary Choir and Combined Children's Choirs, Jere Lantz, conductor,  
Melanie Ohnstad, organ*

## *This is my beloved Son*

*This is my beloved son, in whom I am well pleased.  
Take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn,  
And the day star arise in your hearts.  
This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.  
Hear ye Him.*

– 2 Peter 1:17,19

*Combined Choirs, James Biery, conductor, Marilyn Biery, organ*

## *Early American Tunes for Organ*

*Middlebury (Come Away to the Skies)  
Resignation (My Shepherd Will Supply My Need)  
Wondrous Love (What Wondrous Love Is This)*

*James Biery, organ*

## *Lord God, the Source of Every Gracious Gift*

All stand and join in singing the hymn found on page 10.

*James Biery, organ*

## *The Lamb*

*Little Lamb, who made thee?  
Dost thou know who made thee?  
Gave thee life, and bid thee feed  
By the stream and o'er the mead;  
Gave thee clothing of delight,  
Softest clothing, woolly, bright;  
Gave thee such a tender voice,  
Making all the vales rejoice?  
Little Lamb, who made thee?  
Dost thou know who made thee?*

*Little Lamb, I'll tell thee  
Little Lamb, I'll tell thee:  
He is called by thy name,  
For he calls himself a Lamb.  
He is meek, and he is mild;  
He became a little child.  
I a child, and thou a lamb,  
We are called by his name.  
Little Lamb, God bless thee!  
Little Lamb, God bless thee!*

– William Blake (1757-1827)

*Barbara Prince, mezzo-soprano, Melanie Ohnstad, organ  
Commissioned by Paul and Diane Neimann in celebration of the birth of Isobel Douglas Porteous*

## *An Echoing Song*

*I live my life in ever-widening rings,  
which spread over earth and sky.  
I may not see the last full round,  
But I will try, yes, I will try.*

*I circle God, the primordial tower  
in orbits' ages long.  
And yet still I wonder, I wonder: what am I?  
a falcon, a storm, or an echoing song?*

– Rainer Maria Rilke (1875-1926) trans. DET

*Combined Choirs, Marilyn Biery, conductor, James Biery, organ*

## *A Wedding Triptych*

*A Taste of Cana's Wine  
A Rose Unfolding  
Westminster Air*

*Melanie Ohnstad, organist, Martin Hodel, trumpet*

## *Now You Will Feel No Rain*

*Now you will feel no rain,  
for each of you will be a shelter to the other.  
Now you will feel no cold,  
for each of you will be warmth to the other.  
Now there is no loneliness.  
Now you are two persons,  
but there is only one life before you.  
Go now to your dwelling place,  
to enter into your life together.  
And may your days be good  
and long upon the earth.*

– Native American blessing, translator unknown

*Combined Choirs, Jere Lantz, conductor*

## *Hymn to Song*

All stand and join in singing the hymn found on page 11.

*James Biery, organ*

## *The Gift*

*(The text may be found on page 10)*

*Combined Choirs, David Evan Thomas, conductor, James Biery, organ*