

# MUSIC SE STLUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

2023-2024



Welcome to the fourth season of Music at St. Luke's, a yearlong series generously supported by the Friends of Music, parishioners, and supporters of St. Luke's Episcopal Church.

2023 marks the 60th anniversary of the Alston Memorial Organ at St. Luke's. This remarkable instrument is a jewel in the musical fabric of Atlanta. In celebration of this milestone, this season is centered around the organ with spectacular performances by The Chenault Duo, Caroline Robinson, and colleagues from around the country as guests for pre-evensong recitals. The Adult Choir of St. Luke's will also celebrate this special occasion by premiering three new commissions by nationally acclaimed composers David Hurd, Texu Kim, and Dorothy Papadakos. Their beautiful music has launched an ongoing endeavor for St. Luke's to become a national leader in commissioning new music by underrepresented composers for traditional liturgies of the Episcopal Church.

The season will again include Lunchtime Live! — a mini-series of informal 30-minute concerts during the season of Advent with lunch from Henri's Bakery following each performance. The fourth annual Concert for a Cause will feature the Alston Memorial Organ in collaboration with musicians from the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra. The concert will benefit the newly established Hodgson Fund for the Alston Memorial Organ. The season concludes with a very special performance by the Washington National Cathedral Choir as part of the Atlanta Summer Organ Festival.

These events are made possible through your generosity. Please continue to support our artistic offerings with your presence and by joining our Friends of Music.

I look forward to welcoming you this season!

Matthew Michael Brown
Director of Music









#### The Alston Memorial Organ

The Alston Memorial Organ was installed at St. Luke's in 1963. Built by Austin Organs, Inc., of Hartford, Conn., St. Luke's instrument is the company's Opus 2382 design. The organ was made possible by a generous gift of Mrs. Robert C. Alston in memory of Cara duBignon Alston. The organ was dedicated on the Feast of St. Luke, Oct. 18, 1963. The Alston Memorial Organ was designed by R.J. Piper, then vice president and tonal director for the Austin Company, in consultation and in accordance with the requirements of Dr. Hugh Hodgson, organist and master of choristers at St. Luke's between 1928 and 1969.

During the 1990s, a series of enhancements were made through the generosity of Joseph Tooke Massey, Jr. These included a 32' Contra Bourdon, a 4-rank Cornet, and a trompette en chamade in the gallery. In 2000, Cornel Zimmer Organ Builders was contracted to refurbish the entire organ and construct a new five-manual chancel console. During the refurbishment, a new solo division was given by Mr. Massey, and the Zimbelstern, a musical instrument that rings small bells at random, was given by William Woodruff. In 2020, a secondary two-manual console was added to the rear gallery through the generosity of a bequest from the estate of Robert C. Glenn.

The organ today contains eight divisions, 90 ranks, and has nearly 5,000 pipes. The swell, choir, solo and positiv divisions are located on the right side of the chancel, and great and pedal divisions on the left. The antiphonal division is divided and exposed in the rear of the balcony. The echo division, located at the rear of the nave, comes from an earlier Roosevelt organ of the 1880s.

The Alston Memorial Organ is one of the finest organs in the United States and is regularly featured in recital by internationally acclaimed concert artists.





Hugh Hodgson was the first professor of music and the first music department chairperson at the University of Georgia. He provided musical and educational leadership for more than 40 years, both within the university and across the state. During that time he was active as a teacher, conductor, pianist, composer and church musician. In 1928, Hodgson was named organist and master of choristers at St. Luke's Episcopal Church. During his tenure at St. Luke's, Hodgson oversaw the installation of the Alston Memorial Organ. Hodgson's contributions to St. Luke's, the university, and the state of Georgia were numerous and significant.

#### The Hodgson Fund for the Alston Memorial Organ

The Hodgson Fund for the Alston Memorial Organ was established in 2023 to honor the extraordinary legacy of Dr. Hugh Hodgson. Music at St. Luke's is synonymous with the Alston Memorial Organ. It is the organ's unique sound, as a solo instrument in concert or accompanying the great hymns of the Episcopal tradition, that make it such a special musical instrument. Maintaining this grand organ is vital if we are to sustain and grow St. Luke's music ministry for future generations. Thank you for considering a gift in support of the Alston Memorial Organ. With your help, St. Luke's will continue its vibrant music ministry for generations to come.

Please visit stlukesatlanta.org/give to make a contribution.

Sunday | Sept. 10, 2023, 3:15 p.m.

# Pre-Evensong Organ Recital: Thomas Sheehan, organist

Washington National Cathedral, Washington, D.C.

Stephen Paulus King David's Dance Takashi Sakai Sasurai Louie L. White Reflections on Southern Hymn Tunes: Resignation, Wondrous Love, and Pisgah Brenda Portman Monument

Sponsored by The Park at St. Luke's

Sunday | Sept. 10, 2023, 4 p.m.

## Choral Evensong sung by the Adult Choir

Christopher Tye O come, ye servants of the Lord Martin Neary Preces and Responses Basil Harwood Evening Canticles in A-flat Judith Weir I love all beauteous things







Tuesday | Oct. 10, 2023, 7:30 p.m.

### ensemble vim IN CONCERT St. Luke's Ensemble-in-Residence

Niloufar Iravani Insomnia
Asha Srinivasan Mercurial Revelries
Carlos Simon be still and know
Liliya Ugay Spread. Flowers.
LJ White Wilder Shores
Kelly-Marie Murphy Give Me Phoenix Wings To Fly



Friday | Oct. 20, 2023, 7:30 p.m.

# The Chenault Duo Elizabeth & Raymond Chenault, organists

Naji Hakim Rhapsody Rachel Lauren Cantabile à Deux, Op. 99

Nicholas White A Spiritual Romp for Two

Nicholas White Shenandoah

Melinda Lee Clark Two to Tango, from An American Suite

**Andrew Lloyd Webber; arr. Chenault** The Phantom of the Opera Medley

Charles Callahan Come Home

David Briggs Variations on Veni Creator Spiritus



Sunday | Oct. 22, 2023, 3:15 p.m.

#### Pre-Evensong Recital: Nick Quardokus, organist

Grace Church Cathedral, Charleston, S.C.

Jean Langlais Fête

J.S. Bach Concerto in A minor after Vivaldi

Maurice Duruflé Scherzo

Robert Schumann Innig and Nicht zu schnell from Canonic Studies

Marcel Dupré Cortège et Litanie



Sunday | Oct. 22, 2023, 4 p.m.

# Choral Evensong for the Feast of St. Luke Sung by the Adult Choir

Stephen Paulus Hymn to the eternal flame
\*Texu Kim Preces and Responses (Premiere)
Roland Martin Evening Canticles 'St. Paul's Cathedral, Buffalo'
Douglas Major Festival Te Deum

\*Commissioned for the 60th anniversary of the Alston Memorial Organ



Sunday | Oct. 29, 2023, 4 p.m.

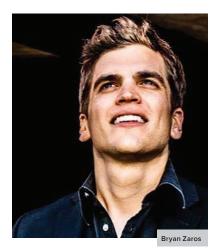
#### **Hymn Sing**

with Ebenezer Baptist Church and St. Luke's Led by Matthew Michael Brown and Dr. Patrice E. Turner

This event will be held at Ebenezer Baptist Church located at 101 Jackson Street NE.







Saturday & Sunday | Nov. 11-12, 2023

# St. Luke's Chorister Festival Bryan Zaros, Guest Conductor

Associate Director of Music The Cathedral of St. John the Divine, N.Y.

Sunday | Nov. 12, 2023 11:15 a.m. Worship Service with Communion

Daniel Roihl Prayer of Light
César Franck Panis angelicus



Responses, ed. Malcolm J. Merriweather Plainchant \*Dorothy Papadakos Phos hilaron (Premiere) Charles Villiers Stanford Psalm 150 George Dyson Evening Canticles in C minor

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Sunday | Dec. 3, 2023, 7 p.m.

# **48th Annual Messiah Sing-Along** *Benefitting* **Atlanta Community Food Bank**

Clinton Smith conductor
Maria Valdes soprano
Sarah Larsen mezzo-soprano
David Blalock tenor
Kevin Burdette bass















Sunday | Dec. 10, 2023, 4 p.m.

#### **Advent Lessons and Carols**

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina The Advent Responsory Kerensa Briggs A tender shoot Ralph Vaughan Williams The truth from above James MacMillan A New Song William McKie We wait for thy loving-kindness, O God Paul Manz E'en so Lord, Jesus, quickly come

#### **Lunchtime Live!**

30-minute concerts followed by lunch from Henri's Bakery. A \$15 contribution is requested for lunch.

Dec. 1, 2023, noon Dec. 8, 2023, noon

Dec. 15, 2023, noon Dec. 22, 2023, noon Flûture: Music for Flute Quartet Matthew Hess saxophonist & Matthew Michael Brown pianist Vega Quartet

Dr. Joyce Johnson organist













Sunday | Jan. 14, 2024, 3:15 p.m.

#### Pre-Evensong Organ Recital: Kola Owolabi, organist

Professor of Organ, University of Notre Dame Notre Dame, Ind.

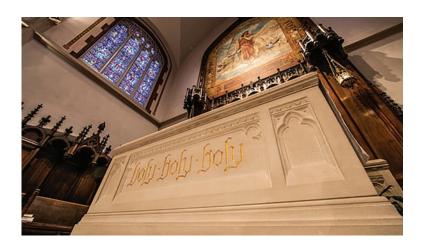
Félix-Alexandre Guilmant Introduction et Allegro risoluto, from Sonata No. 8 in A Major Charles-Marie Widor Adagio, from Sixième Symphonie Eugène Gigout Rhapsodie sur des Noëls, from Dix Pièces David N. Johnson Variations on 'Love came down at Christmas'



Sunday | Jan. 14, 2024, 4 p.m.

# Choral Evensong for the Feast of Martin Luther King, Jr. sung by St. Luke's Schola

Moses Hogan Hear my prayer
Dan Locklair Preces and Responses
Spiritual: arr. William Bradley Roberts This little light of mine
Bryan Kelly Evening Canticles in C
Spiritual; arr. Dale Adelmann Steal away





Friday | Feb. 2, 2024, 7:30 p.m.

#### Caroline Robinson, organist

Associate Director of Music The Cathedral of St. Philip, Atlanta, Ga.

Jeanne Demessieux Te Deum Camille Saint-Saëns Fantaisie in D-flat J.S. Bach Prelude and Fugue in D Major, BWV 532 Amy Beach Prelude on an Old Folk Tune William Bolcom What a friend we have in Jesus Gustav Holst; arr. Jonathan Scott 'Jupiter', from The Planets







Sunday | Feb. 11, 2024, 3:15 p.m.

#### **Pre-Evensong Organ Recital:** Janet Yieh, organist

Church of the Heavenly Rest, New York, N.Y.

Nancy Plummer Faxon Toccata Leo Sowerby Carillon **Johannes Brahms** Prelude and Fugue in G minor Jehan Alain Variations sur un thème de Clèment Jannequin Virgil Fox Simple Gifts Florence Price Retrospection Mark Miller Lift Every Voice and Sing

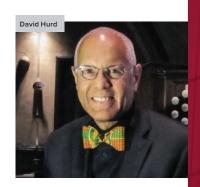
Sunday | Feb. 11, 2024, 4 p.m.

#### **Choral Evensong** Sung by the Adult Choir

Gwyneth Walker A Prayer of Compassion lain Quinn Preces and Responses 'St. John's' David Dahl O gracious light \*David Hurd Evening Canticles 'The Atlanta Canticles' (Premiere)

J. Melvin Butler One thing have I asked of the Lord

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Sunday | Mar. 10, 2024, 3:15 p.m.

# Pre-Evensong Organ Recital: Ben Weaver, organist

Assistant Organist St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Atlanta, Ga.

Eugène Gigout Toccata

Louis Vierne Arabesque from 24 Pièces en style libre
Jehan Alain Choral Dorien

Charles-Marie Widor Andante sostenuto from
Symphonie gothique

Mikael Tariverdiev Aria from Organ Concerto No. 1 Louis Vierne Adagio & Final (Troisième Symphonie)



Sunday | Mar. 10, 2024, 4 p.m.

## Choral Evensong Sung by the Adult Choir

Henry Purcell Thou knowest Lord, the secrets of our hearts William Byrd Preces and Responses Herbert Howells Evening Canticles 'Collegium Regale' David Briggs O Lord, support us

Tuesday | Mar. 12, 2024, 7:30 p.m.

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Kate Soper only the words mean what they say
Prestini/Meyer/Snyder Diametrically Composed
Tania Leon Alma
Mara Gibson Swansongs
Nicole Chamberlain Prayer Cycle
Sarah Gibson Woven
Brittany J. Green the sounds you left behind





Sunday | Apr. 14, 2024, 3:15 p.m.

## Pre-Evensong Organ Recital: Ross Wood, organist

Boston, Mass.

Louis Marchand Grand Dialogue (Troisième Livre d'orgue) Louis Vierne Romance (Quatrième Symphonie) Charles-Marie Widor Symphonie Romane (complete)

Sunday | Apr. 14, 2024, 4 p.m.

## Choral Evensong sung by the Adult Choir

Kenton Coe A Quiet Alleluia
Peter Nardone Preces and Responses
Joanna Forbes L'Estrange Evening Canticles 'King's College Service'
Jonathan Dove Seek him that maketh the seven stars



Friday | May 3, 2024, 7:30 p.m.

# Concert for a Cause Beneficiary Hodgson Fund for the Alston Memorial Organ

Matthew Michael Brown organist
with members of the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra
Elisabeth Remy Johnson harpist
Christina Smith flutist
Michael Tiscione trumpeter

J.S. Bach Passacaglia in C minor, BWV 582
Jean-Michel Damase Trois Prières sans paroles
Chris DeBlasio God is our righteousness
Marcel Grandjany Aria in Classic Style
Francis Jackson Prelude on 'Repton'
Libby Larsen Fantasy on 'Slane'
Georg Muffat Ciacona in G Major
Flor Peeters Concert Piece, Op. 52a
Louis Vierne Final (Première Symphonie)











Sunday | May 5, 2024, 10 a.m.

## **Chorister Recognition Ceremony Colleen Kingston**

Associate Director of Music for Children & Youth

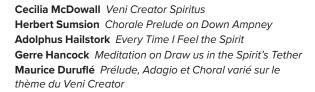
St. Luke's Choristers are honored for their choir commitment and musical growth during the program year.



Sunday | May 19, 2024, 3:15 p.m.

## Pre-Evensong Organ Recital: Deke Polifka, organist

Old St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Charlottesville, Va.



Sunday | May 19, 2024, 4 p.m.

#### Choral Evensong for the Feast of Pentecost Sung by the Adult Choir

Eleanor Daley Come, renew us

Peter Aston Preces and Responses

Charles Wood Evening Canticles 'Service in D'

Edward Elgar The Spirit of the Lord



Wednesday | Jun. 12, 2024, 7:30 p.m.

#### Atlanta Summer Organ Festival Washington National Cathedral Choir Michael McCarthy, conductor

A suggested contribution of \$15 is requested at the door.





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