



Let Freedom Sing

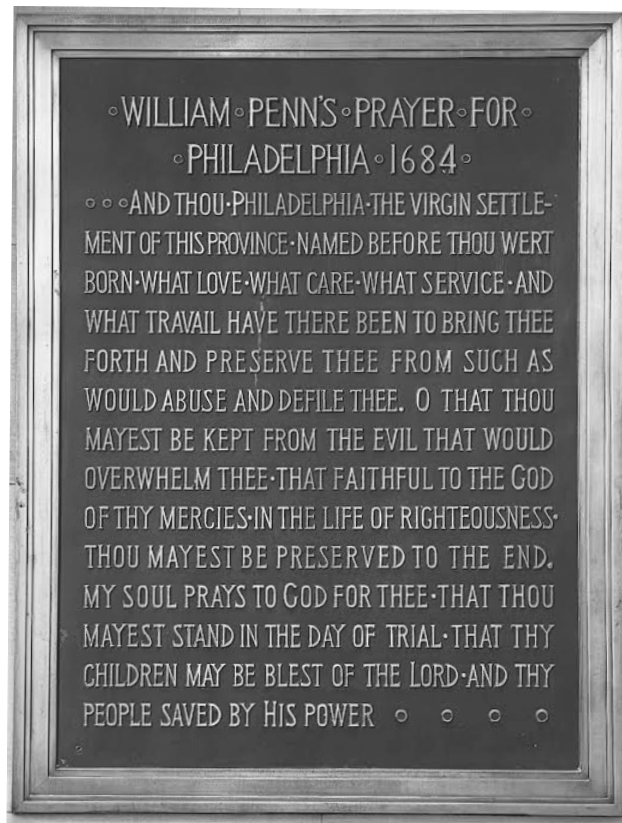
Praise to the Lord

A SACRED MUSIC CONCERT
CELEBRATING THE
250th Anniversary of America
June 28, 2026 | 3:00 pm

CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL
AND THE SHRINE OF SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Reverend Gerald Dennis Gill, *Rector*



The image depicted above, located in City Hall, is the plaque displaying the words of William Penn which provided the inspiration for the Prayer for Philadelphia.

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Cathedral Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 13 at 3:00 p.m.



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Program

Star-Spangled Banner

Text: Francis Scott Key (1779-1843)
Music: John Stafford Smith (1750-1836)
arr. Donald Busarow (1934-2011)

O say can you see, by the dawn's early light
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming
Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there;
O say does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

Sound the Bell

Text: Andrew Ciferri (1942-2025)
Tune: PHILADELPHIA, Normand Gouin (b. 1970)

Sound the bell of holy freedom;
Call all nations of the earth.
Sons and daughters of one Father,
Sent to spread God's saving Word.
Come, and gather, as one family
At the table of the Lord.

David, branch from root of Jesse,
Mary that vine's flowering rose.
She brought forth for us the Savior
As the angel did propose.
Overshadowed by the Spirit,
By her "yes" new life arose.

Blessed Joseph, spouse of Mary,
Teacher of your God and Lord.
You did shelter and provide for
Wondrous child by kings adored.
Open to God's Word in dreaming,
Saved your child from Herod's sword.

Jesus, youth in low'ly Nazareth,
Faithful son, and loving child.
Guest and host at Cana's wedding,
Finest wine you did provide.
You, our rock and you our shelter,
Keep us ever by your side.

At the cross, a grieving mother,
On the Cross, her only son,
With all mothers and their children,
Blessed Mary, you are one.
In our joys and in our sorrows,
May we do as you have done.

Sound the bell of holy freedom;
Call all fam'lies of the world
To be fed by love incarnate,
To proclaim God's holy word.
Through the love of Christ, our brother,
In the Spirit make us one.

Suite for Organ

Fantasy

Air

Toccato

Florence Price (1887-1953)

Mark Loria, *organ*

God be Merciful

Alphonsus Hailstork (b. 1941)

God be merciful unto us, and bless us;
and cause Thy face to shine upon us;
May thy way may be known upon earth,
thy saving health among all nations.

Let the people praise thee, O God;
let all the people praise thee.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy.

Amen.

—*Psalm 67:1-4a*

Lord, Make Me an Instrument of Your Peace

John Rutter (b. 1945)

Text attributed to St. Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace;
where there is hatred, let me bring love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy;
and all for thy mercy's sake,
O divine master,
grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love;
for it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life,
to eternal life.

Shenandoah

American Folk Song
arr. Erik Morales (b. 1966)

Cathedral Basilica Strings

Cor Sacratissimum Jesu

Felipe Delsart

Cor Sacratissimum Jesu,
miserere nobis.

Sacred Heart of Jesus,
have mercy on us.

Prayer for Philadelphia from "William Penn"

Romeo Cascarino (1922-2002)
Orch. by Mark Loria

And Thou, Philadelphia,
the virgin settlement of this province,
named before thou wert born,
what love, what care, what service,
and what travail have there been
to bring thee forth and preserve thee
from such as would abuse and defile thee.
O that thou mayest be kept from the evil that would overwhelm thee;
that faithful to the God of thy mercies,
in the life of righteousness,
thou mayest be preserved to the end.
My soul prays to God for thee that thou mayest stand in the day of trial,
that thy children may be blest and thy people saved by His power.

Preamble for a Solemn Occasion

Mark Loria, *organ*

Aaron Copland (1900-1990)

We Shall Walk in Peace

arr. Undine Smith Moore (1904-1989)

We shall walk thro' the valley in peace,
We shall walk thro' the valley in peace;
For Jesus Himself will be our leader.
We shall walk thro' the valley in peace.

There will be no sorrow here;
There will be no sorrow.
For Jesus Himself will be our Leader.
There will be no sorrow there.

Choral Reflection on Amazing Grace

Tune: NEW BRITAIN
arr. Roger Ames (1944-2022)
Orch. by Mark Loria

Soprano solo, Gina Ricci
Alto solo, Hannah Ludwig

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

Through many dangers, toils and snares
We have already come.
'Twas grace that brought us safe thus far,
And grace will lead us home.

Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.

The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

Alleluia.

Halleluyah O.P. 85 from "Christ on the Mount of Olives"

Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)

Hallelujah, Hallelujah unto God's Almighty Son.
Praise the Lord, ye bright angelic choirs, in holy songs of joy;
Man, proclaim His grace and glory.
Hallelujah unto God's Almighty Son.
Praise the Lord in holy songs of joy.

Soloist, Abigail Chapman

*Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum.
Benedicta tu in mulieribus,
et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Iesus.
Sancta Maria, Mater Dei,
ora pro nobis peccatoribus,
nunc et in hora mortis nostrae. Amen.*

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and in the hour of our death. Amen.

America the Beautiful

Text: Katherine Lee Bates (1859-1929)
arr. Michael McCarthy (b. 1966)

Choir: O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties, above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
And crown thy god with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.

Choir: O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,
Who more than self their country loved, And mercy more than life!
America! America! God mend thine ev'ry flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self control, thy liberty in law!

ALL SING: O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears!
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.



CATHEDRAL BASILICA INSTRUMENTALISTS

Ed Jakuboski, <i>Trumpet</i>	Alexandra Cutler Fetkowitz, <i>Violin</i>
Tessa Ellis, <i>Trumpet</i>	Nina Cottman, <i>Viola</i>
Liz Pfaffle, <i>Horn</i>	Julia Kuzmina, <i>Viola</i>
Justin Moore, <i>Trombone</i>	Elena Kauffman, <i>Cello</i>
Yeseul Ann, <i>Violin</i>	Ajibola Rivers, <i>Cello</i>
Julie Bougher, <i>Violin</i>	Omar Martinez, <i>Contrabass</i>
Aisha Dosumova, <i>Violin</i>	William Kerrigan, <i>Percussion</i>

Mark Loria, *Organ*

CATHEDRAL BASILICA CHOIR

Andrea Behler	Nnamdi Peter
Lydia Carroll	Scott Purcell
Joe Donahue	Gina Ricci
Jackie Dunleavy	Grace Sweeney
Samantha Fallacaro	Jimmy Traum
Jessica Kerler	Steven Van Name
Frances Melgren	Ariana Warren
Dugan Morgridge	Charles Witmer

ARCHDIOCESAN CHOIR OF PHILADELPHIA

Shannon Alexander	Tyler Johnson
Les Anders	Kayla Jones
Eric Borun	Louise Lamb
Mark Brown	Anne Liebeskind
Kathie-Urszula Bujnowska	William Lim
Abigail Chapman	Jean Madden
Sally Cranney	Mary Pennington
Sadia Decastro	Matthew Prusinski
Shiloh Deluna	Harriet Spinka
Janice Duckett	Liesel Sullivan
Andrea Garcia	Christina Turn
Ileona Garozzo	Megan Vareha
Michael Garozzo	Rylanda Wilson
Rachel Garozzo	Sarah Worth

Ms. Charlene Angelini, *Director of Music*



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