

# SANCTUARY CHOIR NOTES

From the director ....



We have all, no doubt, seen some of the horrific images coming out of Japan this past week. The images have at times been paralyzing for me, as it is sometimes difficult to tear myself away from the television or internet reports. While I certainly do not take pleasure in seeing others suffer ... I do take refuge in the fact that these disasters often help to remind the rest of the world of the things that are truly important in life.

*It is almost impossible to witness such great suffering in the world and not feel **compassion**.* Our differences are minimized as we see people in need. Among such great tragedy there is no cultural boundary or prejudice, there is simply human compassion.

## Rehearsal Order:

**March 16, 2011**

“Hosanna to the King”  
-Craig Courtney, 4/17

“All Hail the Power  
of Jesus Name”  
-Patti Drennan, 3/20

“Soon-ah Will Be Done”  
-William Dawson

“Come, Ye Disconsolate”  
-Terre Johnson, 3/20

“Alleluia”  
-Ralph Manuel, 4/24

“The Heavens Are Telling”  
-F. J. Haydn, 4/24

“Savior, Like a Shepherd”  
-Mary Jackson, 3/20

“O God, Beyond  
All Praising”  
-Richard Proulx, 4/1

*It is almost impossible to see disaster and not **respond** as we are able.*

I have witnessed first-hand through tornado and hurricane recoveries that people will, more often than not, respond through definitive action. If you have a chainsaw, you help cut up the tree that is blocking the street or has fallen on your neighbor’s house ... If you have no power and own a gas grill, your neighbors bring their food and you cook ... If you have extra bedrooms in your home, you welcome those whose homes are no longer livable ... If your church has a fellowship hall or gym, you house relief workers and other church groups coming to help.

*It is almost impossible to watch scenes of destruction and not **forget** about the insignificant things that cloud our daily lives.*

Many of the day-to-day activities that take up so much of our time and energy seem to lose significance in the face of such sorrow. We are reminded that life is a gift from God. We remember that ultimately our relationship with our Creator is the most significant way to invest our time and efforts.

As we all **pray** for Japan this week, it is appropriate that we focus on the text of this Sunday’s anthem, which was also born out of a devastating tragedy.

*Come, ye disconsolate, Wherever ye languish. Come to the mercy seat,  
fervently kneel. Here bring your wounded hearts, here tell your anguish;  
Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal.*

*Joy of the desolate, Light of the straying, Hope when all others die,  
fadeless and pure! Here speaks the Comforter, tenderly saying,  
“Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot cure.”*

*Here see the Bread of Life, See waters flowing Forth from the  
throne of God, pure from above. Come to the feast of love;  
Come, ever knowing Earth has no sorrow, but heaven can remove.*

## WELCOME!!

*We want to extend a special welcome to*

**Jana Dean**

&

**Carla Ray**

*who both joined us recently.  
We’re so glad you’re here!*

## SANCTUARY CHOIR ATTENDANCE

SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 2011

**34**

SOPRANO: 14, ALTO: 8  
TENOR: 3, BASS: 9

LAST WEEK: SUNDAY: 44  
WEDNESDAY: 40

To Do:

## From the Music Library ...

Do you have anthems, folders or robes at home or in your car? Have you neglected to bring them back?

***2011 is a great year to return them!***