

## St. Luke's Annual Men's Evensong Invitational 2021

On Sunday, October 17, 2021 at 4:00 p.m., St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Monrovia, will have its seventeenth annual Men's Evensong for St. Luke's Day. This has become one of the most-anticipated events in our church calendar. Every year, we try to involve singers from more parishes and welcome back old friends – and this year, they'll all be masked. Here are the most important points:

The commitment is for Sunday, October 17, 2021. There is a 2:30 call for a 4:00 service. The service lasts less than an hour, and there is a reception afterwards. (And yes, Lyn Walsh will have her legendary jams, chutneys, and marmalades for sale.)

- Most of the music is TTB. We have been lucky in the past in balancing parts.
- There is only one rehearsal -- the 2:30 call -- with the entire group. Therefore, I cannot overemphasize that the singers **MUST** know the music **BEFORE** October 17. We don't have time to teach the music on the date it is being sung. We are looking for good sight readers. (Who isn't?!)
- The psalm is in Anglican chant. **IT IS BEST IF YOU ARE ALREADY FAMILIAR WITH ANGLICAN CHANT**, but if you are able to come to a couple of the rehearsals, you should be able to pick it up.
- All the music is available in PDF format. Thanks to Dan Thomas, we will have some sound files (part tracks) available as well. This makes the music a LOT easier to learn ahead of time. And I'm into e-mail.
- For the Westsiders who will be joining us, I can schedule optional rehearsals, perhaps at your church or my place in West Hollywood. In the past, those who do not usually sing with us have welcomed the opportunity. **Those who are closer to Monrovia are encouraged to join the choir for Sunday afternoon rehearsals (October 3 and 10) from 12:30-1:15.**
- We have a facilities limit of 24 for this choir – we're trying to stay distanced -- and we would like to include as many parishes as we can.

In addition to the anthem, we will also be singing the two canticles, the psalm, two hymns, and my TTB *Preces and Responses* and TTB *Phos Hilaron*. It just so happens that our pipe organ is being renovated; we'll be using the Steinway for the hymns, and everything else is *a cappella*.

The men who have sung this service before are looking forward to being able to do it again. I am looking forward to hearing from a few more of you. Thanks.

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