

OLD NORTH FESTIVAL CHORUS & OLD NORTH SENIOR CHOIR

March 2025

Dear Friends,

We are thrilled to announce that over 70 singers ó a combination of the Old North Festival Chorus, the Old North Senior Choir, and our professional soloists ó are rehearsing for the upcoming **Lenten Choral Concert**, and we enthusiastically invite your attendance and support!

Our choral centerpiece will be Dan Forrest's stunningly beautiful *Requiem for the Living*, which was originally programmed in 2020, but abruptly halted due to the Covid-19 pandemic. As described on Dan's website, "A Requiem, at its core, is a prayer for rest ó traditionally, for the deceased. The five movements of *Requiem for the Living* (2013), however, form a narrative just as much for the living, and their own struggle with pain and sorrow, as for the dead."

As we continue to adapt to the return of live performance, we are so proud to debut this choral masterpiece at Old North with members of the church and friends from surrounding communities! Our performance takes place on **Palm Sunday, April 13, 2025, at 7:30pm** in the sanctuary at Old North; soloists for this performance include: **Holly Cameron**, *soprano*; **Rebecca Kenneally**, *mezzo-soprano*; **Kevin Hayden**, *tenor*; and **Andrew Scoglio**, *baritone*.

Our performance marks the beginning of Holy Week and a long-held tradition at Old North to offer members of the Marblehead community a program of musical reflection by candlelight. Our concert is free and open to the public, though a free-will offering will be gratefully accepted.

This very special performance is supported, in part, by a combination of the Music Patrons and Festival Chorus Funds at Old North Church as well as voluntary contributions collected at the door. Concert and production expenses ó including artist fees for our singers and the Old North Festival Orchestra ó are estimated at \$15,000; if you would like to help defray the costs of our Lenten Choral Concert, we would be most grateful for your contribution in any amount.

If you wish to have your name listed as a *Sponsor* of the program AND if you wish to remember a loved one in the *In Loving Memory* section, please fill out both lines of the "Lenten Concert Dedications & Donations" on the opposite side of this letter. If you are interested in listing only the name of a loved one, please fill out only that line. In the unlikely event we have questions, your contact information has been requested; thank you for sharing that as well. Please note that you do not have to be a member of the Festival Chorus or Old North Church to become a sponsor or to list a loved one. Feel free to invite others to support our concert in this manner, if appropriate.

Donations are due no later than Friday, April 4, 2025. Please mail your check (payable to *Old North Church* ó with "Lenten Concert" in the memo) to arrive no later than Friday, April 4, 2025, **in order to be included in the Program.** *Thank you for your support!*

The Music and Festival Chorus Committees

Simply fill out the form on the reverse side and return to:

Attention: Maria van Kalken

OLD NORTH CHURCH, 8 Stacey Street, Marblehead, MA 01945

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(to be printed in the concert program)

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The deadline for dedications and donations is Friday, April 4, 2025

Checks should be made out to *Old North Church* in any amount you choose.

Please write "Lenten Choral Concert" in the memo portion of your check.

In Loving Memory Of: (please type or print clearly)

AND/OR:

Your name as a *Sponsor*:

Your name and email or telephone contact (in case of questions):

Your mailing address:

Thank you!