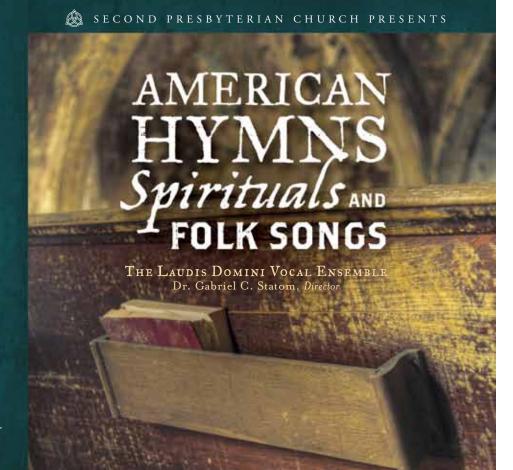
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## DEAR FRIENDS,



In the realm of great sacred choral music, we often think of the works from great European masters as the most significant contribution to this art. The works of Mozart, Haydn, Bach, Brahms and Vivaldi are some of the greatest. Is it surprising to think that a country as young as the United States has developed such a repertoire of songs as significant as the great masters?

This CD is as much a montage of the spiritual state of a young country as it is a tribute to the hymns, spirituals and folk songs that represent the deep spirituality represented. Perhaps the hallmark of the American spiritual song is the longing and desire to cross over into the promised land. Many of the great spirituals recount Old Testament stories of how God delivered His people.

Of course, we know the sentiment and background of the African-American spiritual, and why the theme of going home is so poignant. But it is not just a culture of bondage that develops these themes. Many of these great folk songs come from early settlers in the colonies and Appalachian mountain regions. It is a common thread in the music of early America, and another reason these songs are so provocative in their spiritual impact is the use of first person language: I, me, and my. Each song becomes personally significant to the singer and the listener alike because of this unique attribute: it puts each person in the place of the singer or storyteller. This personal aspect makes them ideal songs of devotion and personal prayer. They help us express our spirituality in a most expressive and heart-felt way.

We hope you will be as moved by the message of each selection as you will be by their dynamic power to work spiritually through this music.

In Christ,

Dr. Gabriel C. Stator

Director of Music

Are you anchored? Yes, I'm anchored. Lord, I'm anchored. Oh yes!
Lord, I'l Iove You. Oh yes! Yes, I'll serve You. Oh yes!
Lord, I'll praise You. Oh yes! Hallelujah!
My soul's been anchored in the Lord, God almighty,
My soul's been anchored in the Lord.

### ABIDE WITH ME

Our songs of praise shall fill the skies.

I am bound for the land of Canaan.

And higher still our joys they rise,

I am bound for the land of Canaan.

arr. Moses Hogan

Abide with me, fast falls the eventide; The darkness deepens, Lord, with me abide; When other helpers fail and comforts flee, Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

I need Thy presence ev'ry passing hour.
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.
In life, in death O Lord, abide with me.
Amen.

#### **BRIGHT CANAAN**

arr. Alice Parker

Oh, who will come and go with me, I am bound for the land of Canaan. I'm bound fair Canaan's land to see, I am bound for the land of Canaan.

O, Canaan, bright Canaan,
I'm bound for the land of Canaan,
O Canaan, it is my happy home,
I am bound for the land of Canaan.

Where sin and sorrows are no more, I am bound for the land of Canaan. I'll join those gone before, I'm bound for the land of Canaan.

#### THE LAUDIS DOMINI VOCAL ENSEMBLE

David Adams	Helen Fentress	Philip Sandager	Philip Walkley
John Beckham	Becky Forrester	Ginger Statom	BJ Webster
Jerry Bowman	Kathy Hammond	Robert Sutton	Carolyn Wells
Marjorie Bowman	Lenora Morrow	Nicole Swaim	Christy Young
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#### IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL

PHILIP BLISS/HARATIO G. SPAFFORD arr. Michael Davis

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way, When sorrows like sea billows roll; Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.

It is well with my soul; It is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, Let this blest assurance control, That Christ has regarded my helpless estate, And has shed his own blood for my soul.

My sin—O the bliss of this glorious thought!—My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more;
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my sou!!

O Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend;
"Even so"——it is well with my soul.

#### TIS SO SWEET TO TRUST IN JESUS

LOUIS M. STEAD/WILLIAM KIRKPATRICK
arr. Gabriel Statom

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, And to take Him at His Word; Just to rest upon His promise, And to know, "Thus says the Lord!"

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er.

Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more! O how sweet to trust in Jesus, Just to trust His cleansing blood; And in simple faith to plunge me 'Neath the healing, cleansing flood!

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus, Just from sin and self to cease; Just from Jesus simply taking Life and rest, and joy and peace.

I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee, Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend; And I know that Thou art with me, Wilt be with me to the end.

# MY SOUL'S BEEN ANCHORED IN THE LORD

Moses Hogan

In the Lord, my soul's been anchored, in the Lord.

Before Pd stay in hell one day,
my soul's been anchored in the Lord.

Pd sing an' pray myself away. My soul's been anchored in the Lord.

Goin' shout an' pray an' never stop, my soul's been anchored in the Lord. Until I reach the mountain top. My soul's been anchored in the Lord.

Do you love Him? Oh yes! Do you love Him? Hallelujah! Do you love Him? Oh yes! God almighty.

Are you anchored? Oh yes!
Yes, I'm anchored, my soul's been anchored in the Lord.
Yes, Will you serve Him? Oh yes!
Will you serve Him? Hallelujah!
Will you serve Him? Oh yes! God almighty.

Are you anchored? Oh yes! Yes, I'm anchored, my soul's been Anchored in the Lord, Hallelujah! Will you praise Him? Oh yes! Will you praise Him? Hallelujah! Will you praise Him? Oh yes! God almighty!

#### HARK! I HEAR THE HARPS ETERNAL

arr. Alice Parker/Robert Shawr. BI Webster, soloist

Hark, I hear the harps eternal Ringing on the farther shore, As I near those swollen waters, With their deep and solemn roar.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah praise the Lamb, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Glory to the Great I am.

And my soul though stained with sorrow, Fading as the light of day, Passes swiftly o'er those waters To the city far away.

Souls have crossed before me, saintly, To that land of perfect rest; And I hear them singing faintly In the mansions of the blest.

#### THERE IS A BALM IN GILEAD

AFRICAN-AMERICAN SPIRITUAL arr. Gabriel Statom

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole; There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my work's in vain, But then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.

If you can't preach like Peter, if you can't pray like Paul, Just tell the love of Jesus, and say He died for all.

#### **GOD IS SEEN**

arr. Alice Parker/Robert Shaw

Through all the world below God is seen all around, Search hills and valleys through, there He's found. The growing of the corn, the lily and the thorn, The pleasant and forlorn, all declare, God is there, In meadows drest in green, God is seen. See springing waters rise, fountains flow, rivers run,
The mist that veils the sky hides the sun.
Then down the rain doth pour, the ocean, it doth roar
And beat upon the shore, and all praise in their ways
The God who ne'er declines His designs.

The sun with all his rays speaks of God as He flies, The comet in Her blaze 'God', she cries;
The shining of the stars, the moon, when she appears.
His awful name declares; see them fly through the sky,
And join the solemn sound, all around.

#### I OPENED MY MOUTH

arr. Lela Andersons, Ginger Statom, soloist

I opened my mouth to the Lord and I won't turn back. No, I won't turn back. I will go; I shall go to see what the end will be.

Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my work's in vain, But then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.

Oh, Lord, you know I will go, I will go, I shall go to see what the end will be.

I would not be a sinner;
I'll tell you the reason why.
For if my Lord should call me home
You know I would not be ready to die.

#### **SOFTLY AND TENDERLY**

arr. Rene Clausen

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, Calling for you and for me. Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling; Calling, O sinner, come home.

Come home, come home, You who are weary, come home. Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling; Calling, O sinner, come home.

#### **GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS**

arr. Mark Haves

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.
Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness.

Summer and winter, and spring time and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.
Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside.
Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

#### WHAT WONDROUS LOVE

arr. Alice Parker/Robert Shaw

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, What wondrous love is this, that caused the Lord of bliss, To bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down, When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown, Christ laid aside His crown for my soul. To God and to the Lamb I will sing,
To God and to the Lamb I will sing,
While millions join the theme, I will sing,
And when from death I'm free I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
And thro' eternity I'll sing on. and space.
Alleluia, alleluia!

#### **WE ARE TRAVELERS ON A JOURNEY**

SACRED HARP TUNE arr. G. Statom

We are trav'lers on a journey, fellow pilgrims on the road.
We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.
I will hold the Christ-light for you in the nighttime of your fear;
I ill hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.

Sister, let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you; Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too. Brother, let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you; Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

I will weep when you are weeping,
When you laugh, I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow,
till we've seen this journey through.
When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony,
Born of all we've known together of Christ' love and agony.

#### **FIX ME, JESUS**

arr. Robert L. Morris

O, fix me. O my Lord, fix me.
Fix me, Jesus, fix me. Fix me for my long robe. Fix my dying bed.
O Lord! Fix me for my journey home. O Lord! Fix me.

#### DANIEL, SERVANT OF THE LORD

Undine Moore, Brett Trimble, soloist

Oh, the king cried, "Oh! Daniel, Daniel, oh!
That Hebrew Daniel, servant of the Lord!"
Among the Hebrew nation one Hebrew, Daniel was found.
They put him in the lion's den.
He stayed there all night long.
Now the king in his sleep was troubled
And early in the morning he rose to find
God had sent his angel down to lock the lion's jaws!
Oh! That Hebrew Daniel, Servant of the Lord!

#### **SOON-AH WILL BE DONE**

William Dawson

Soon I will be done with the troubles of the world, Going home to live with God. I want to meet my mother.

No more weeping and wailing. I'm going to live with God.
I want to meet my Jesus, In the morning Lord!
I'm going to live with God.

#### **NEARER, MY GOD, TO THEE**

Sarah Adams/Lowell Mason

Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee! E'en though it be a cross that raiseth me; Still all my song shall be nearer, my God, to Thee, Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee!

There let the way appear steps unto heav'n; All that Thou sendest me in mercy giv'n; Angels to beckon me nearer, my God, to Thee, Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee! Then with my waking thoughts bright with Thy praise, Out of my stony griefs Bethel I'll raise; So by my woes to be nearer, my God, to Thee, Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee!

#### **ELIJAH ROCK**

Jester Hairston

Elijah Rock, shout, shout; Elijah Rock comin' up Lord.

Satan is a liar and a conjure too. If you don't watch out—— He'll conjure you.

If I could I surely would Stand on the rock where Moses stood.

#### **JESUS LOVES ME**

arr. Doris Nelson

Jesus loves me! This I know, For the Bible tells me so. Little ones to Him belong. They are weak but He is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me. The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! He will stay Close beside me, all the way. If I love Him when I die, He will take me home on high.