

Christina Birdwell is a cellist who now calls the DFW area home. A native of Cleveland, she always said yes to opportunities even if it meant moving, like to Jordan, where she acted as Assoc. Principal Cellist of the Amman Symphony Orchestra, or to Wisconsin, to serve as Senior Lecturer of Cello at the Univ. of Wisconsin-Superior. These days, you will find her playing in the DFW area or at home with her husband, also a professional cellist.

Zvony Nagy is a Croatian-born American organist, pianist, choral conductor, composer, and educator with a Doctor of Music from Northwestern Univ. His performances span the US and Europe, with a repertoire from classical to contemporary music. Nagy won second prize in the César Franck/Olivier Messiaen Intl. Organ Competition and has recordings available through various labels. He serves as Dir. of Music and Worship at King of Glory. Visit nagymusic.com to learn more.

Michaella Prussack, an alto Chorister, has been a part of the King of Glory choir since August, 2019. A Texas A&M-Commerce alumna, she holds a Bachelor of Science in Music. Michaella served as the music teacher and choir director at Walnut Glen Academy in Garland ISD for 4 years. Now, she is the Director of Choirs at Schrade Middle School in Rowlett, Texas.

Ivan Rodriguez is a Texas native and versatile musician with undergraduate and graduate degrees in Music Education from Texas State University, specializing in choral and Latin American music. He has collaborated with notable artists, premiered his arrangement of "Mi Tierra Verracruzana" at TSU (2022) and toured Italy with SIMA Ballet Folklorico (2023). Rodriguez performs with two mariachi ensembles, teaches privately and serves as Choral Scholar at King of Glory.

Marcus Rodriguez is a Texas native, hailing from Garland. He earned his Bachelor of Music degree in Vocal Performance from Texas A&M University-Commerce in 2019. Currently residing in Dallas, Marcus is actively involved in the local music scene. He has been a member of the King of Glory choir since January '20 and performs with the Credo Community Choir of Dallas. By day, Marcus works in the life insurance sector at State Farm.

Kelly Schaaf is a versatile musician based in Dallas, Texas. A graduate of James Madison University in Virginia, Kelly is a skilled singer, pianist, and songwriter. She has graced the stages of various local theaters. By day, she shares her passion for music as a dedicated teacher at Victor H. Hexter Elementary School. Kelly has also been an integral part of the King of Glory choir since joining last Christmas.

Halie Wyckoff is a Texas-based harpist, composer, arranger and teacher. Originally from Odessa, she moved to Denton in 2020 to attend the UNT, graduating with a Bachelor of Music Composition and harp concentration in 2024. At UNT, she studied under renowned faculty, including Dr. J. Haefner (harp) and composers Dr. S. Hong, Dr. Z. Gnosh and Dr. K. Soriano Broberg. Her compositions span multiple genres and instruments, with a focus on harp ensemble, solo harp and sacred music.

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PROGRAM

Da Pacem, Domine

Give Peace in Our Time, O Lord

Arvo Pärt (b. 1935)

Harp and Organ

Opening Prayer

*Give peace in our time, O Lord,
Because there is none other
That fighteth for us,
But only thou, O Lord.*

Heart, we will forget him!

Text: Emily Dickinson (1830-1886)

Music: Bradley Ellingboe (b. 1958)

Choristers, Cello and Harp

Heart, we will forget him, You and I, tonight. You may forget the warmth
he gave, I will forget the light. When you have done, pray tell me, that I my
thoughts may dim; haste! lest while you're lagging, I may remember him!

Angelus

Zvony Nagy (b. 1978)

Cello, Harp and Organ

The Oak

Text: Alfred, Lord Tennyson (1809-1892)

Music: Becky McGlade (b. 1974)

Choristers and Cello

Live thy Life, young and old, like yon oak, bright in spring, living gold;
Summer-rich then; and then Autumn-changed soberer-hued gold again. All
his leaves fall'n at length, look, he stands, trunk and bough naked strength.

Invocation

*Merciful Jesus, who takest away the sins of the world, grant them rest.
O Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, grant them eternal rest.*

Pie Jesu

Andrew Lloyd Webber (b. 1948)

Soprano and Alto duet; Cello and Organ

Have mercy on Jesus, who takes away the sins of the world give them rest.
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world give them rest forever.

Vocalise

Sergei Rachmaninoff (1873-1943)

Cello and Organ

Closing Prayer

*Give peace in our time, O Lord,
Because there is none other
That fighteth for us,
But only thou, O Lord.*

Organ

Da Pacem, Domine

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Choristers

Give peace, Lord, in our days because there is no other who fights for us
unless you are our God. Let there be peace in thy power: and abundance in
your towers. Because of my brothers and my neighbors I spoke peace about
you. For the sake of the house of the Lord our God I sought good for you.
Ask the things that are for the peace of Jerusalem: and abundance to those
who care for you. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy
Spirit, as it was in the beginning and now and forever and forever centuries.
Amen.

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between fine arts and spirituality.

Choristers:

Michaella Prussack Ivan Rodriguez Marcus Rodriguez Kelly Marie Schaaf

Christina Birdwell, *cello*

Halie Wyckoff, *harp*

Zvony Nagy, *director/organ*

