

LUX CANTORUM CHICAGO MARCH 5, 2021 REPORT  
THE WORLD INTERFAITH HARMONY WEEK 2021

Lux Cantorum Chicago is a unique sacred choral ensemble with a rich spiritual tradition and ever-expanding repertoire. For more than 70 years, LCC has enlightened, educated, and entertained the people of Chicago and the world, with joyful reflections of our shared human experience.

In spring 2020, Lux Cantorum Chicago planned several concerts, under the program title of "Encounter," a multi-faith exploration of opportunities to experience the Divine, through songs of enlightenment and the liturgical Mass. Due to the importance of social distancing during the COVID-19 pandemic, the concerts were postponed.

Our reimagined program is a virtual one. It is shorter and will be presented through the end of spring 2021, with monthly submissions via YouTube.

In February, Lux Cantorum had the opportunity to commemorate Black History month, emphasize the importance of love, acknowledge Jewish deliverance through the celebration of Purim, promote connectedness, and consider the focus of the World Interfaith Harmony Week. This has been accomplished through several online rehearsals and the performance of a single song.

Lux Cantorum Chicago presents the first installment of her "Encounter" program, Elaine Hagenberg's *O Love*, sung by our tenors and basses. The song speaks of the faithfulness of Divine love and the endurance of joy. This offering uniquely ties our mission - to nurture an inclusive, creative community by sharing the transformative power of sacred choral music - with the goal of the World Interfaith Harmony Week, "Love of God and Love of the Neighbor."

Lux Cantorum Chicago will share four additional choral pieces in the months ahead.

- Will the Circle Be Unbroken - arr. J. David Moore (community) 3/26/21
- Dod Dievini - Raimonds Tiguls (God's providence) 4/16/21
- Study War No More - Joshua Fishbein (respect and resilience) 5/7/21
- Chant of the Sixth Patriarch - arr. David Criddle (awakening) 5/28/21
- [www.luxcantorum.org](http://www.luxcantorum.org)

In a time of pandemic and uncertainty, we have sought to foster a sense of togetherness, living anew in the Divine's All-Encompassing Love. You are invited to join our musical pilgrimage.

Wilbert O. Watkins, PhD - Artistic Director and Conductor  
Philip Kendall, MA - Assistant Conductor  
Joan Hutchinson, MM - Accompanist