**Orrville Community Chorus**

**2023 Rehearsal and Performance Schedule**

**www.orrvillecommunitychorus.org**

Persons ages high school through adult are welcome to sing with the Chorus. There are no auditions, but it is requested that new members have previous experience singing choral music.

**Questions or to order a score.**

**Email:** **info@orrvillecommunitychorus.org**

**Performance Location**

Central Christian School

3970 Kidron Road

Kidron, OH 44636

**REHEARSALS**

 Sunday, October 29

 Sunday, November 5

 Sunday, November 12

 Sunday, November 19

 Sunday, November 26

1:50 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

All rehearsals will be at Central Christian School in Kidron.

**Chorus members are asked to allow time to sign in and**

 **be in place by 1:50 p.m. for announcements.**

**PLEASE BE PROMPT AND PLAN TO ATTEND EACH REHEARSAL**

**DRESS REHEARSAL**

Saturday, December 2

Chorus & Orchestra 8:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

 Orchestra 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**PERFORMANCE**

Sunday, December 3

 Warm-up 3:45 p.m.

 Performance 7:00 p.m.

**Performance Day Information**

**2023**

**Meal – Sunday, December 3**

There will be a meal after the warm-up.

Please take the food to the cafeteria PRIOR to the rehearsal.

**Soprano:** Finger foods, salads

 Veggie tray/dip, deviled eggs, cheese/crackers

 Cheese balls, Jello or vegetable salad, etc.

**Alto:**  Desserts

 Fruit, cookies, brownies, pie, cake, etc.

**Tenor/Bass:** Sandwiches

 Turkey, ham, chicken, tuna, egg salad

 Trail bologna.

Drinks, chips, plates, cups, and silverware will be provided.

**Performance Attire:**

Women: White blouse and black skirt or slacks.

 Skirts must be long enough to cover the knees when sitting.

Men: White shirt, dark tie, and black pants.

Please keep water containers as discrete as possible.

Those with a straw are preferable.

**NO** **PERFUME OR COLOGNE DURING REHEARSALS AND PERFORMANCE**

**Parking**

Chorus members are asked to park behind the school the evening of performance.

**We are singing to the glory of the Lord.**

**Let your spirit and face reflect His glory during the performance.**

**Chorus Pieces**

**2023**

#4 And the Glory of the Lord

#7 And He Shall Purify

#9 O Thou That Tellest Good Tidings to Zion

#12 For Unto Us a Child Is Born

#17 Glory to God

#21 His Yoke Is Easy, And His Burthen Is Light

#22 Behold The Lamb of God

#24 Surely He Hath Borne Our Griefs

#25 And With His Stripes We Are Healed

#26 All We Like Sheep Have Gone Astray

#28. He Trusted in God That He Would Deliver Him

#33 Lift Up Your Heads

#44 Hallelujah!

#46 Since By Man Came Death

#51 But Thanks Be To God

#53 Worthy Is The Lamb

 Amen

**Rehearsal Schedule for Messiah Choruses – 2023 (subject to revision)**

Week 1: October 29, 2023

1. O Thou That Tellest (#9)
2. And He Shall Purify (#7)
3. And the Glory of the Lord (#4)
4. All We Like Sheep (#26)
5. He Trusted in God (#27)
6. But Thanks Be to God (#51)

Week 2: November 5, 2023

1. For Unto Us a Child is Born (#12)
2. Surely (#24)
3. Behold the Lamb of God (#22)
4. Amen (#53 Letter F)
5. Glory to God (#17)
6. He Trusted in God (#27) REVIEW
7. But Thanks Be to God (#51) REVIEW

Week 3: November 12, 2023

1. Since by Man Came Death (#46)
2. Lift Up Your Heads (#33)
3. And With His Stripes (#25)
4. His Yoke is Easy (#21)
5. Worthy is the Lamb with Amen section (#53)
6. Hallelujah (#44)
7. For Unto Us a Child is Born (#12) (REVIEW)

Week 4: November 19, 2023

1. O Thou That Tellest (#9) REVIEW
2. And He Shall Purify (#7) REVIEW
3. Behold the Lamb of God (#22) REVIEW
4. His Yoke is Easy (#21) REVIEW
5. And the Glory of the Lord (#4) REVIEW
6. Since By Man Came Death (#46) REVIEW
7. Lift Up Your Heads (#33) REVIEW
8. Glory to God (#17) REVIEW

Week 5: November 26, 2023

1. Surely (#24) REVIEW
2. And With His Stripes (#25) REVIEW
3. All We Like Sheep (#26) REVIEW
4. He Trusted in God (#27) REVIEW
5. But Thanks Be to God (#51) REVIEW
6. For Unto Us a Child is Born (#12) REVIEW
7. Hallelujah (#44) REVIEW
8. Worthy Is The Lamb/Amen (#53) REVIEW

**Stand – Sit Instructions**

**2023**

The chorus will be cued to stand and sit as indicated below. Paper clip your score to turn directly to the next chorus. Please do not follow along with the soloists. The page turns are noisy and distracting.

#4  **STAND** And the Glory of the Lord **SIT**

#7  **STAND** And He Shall Purify **SIT**

#9  **STAND** **5 bars before H:** O thou That Tellest **SIT**

#12  **STAND** For Unto Us a Child is Born **SIT**

#16  **STAND** Soprano: And Suddenly There Was With the Angel

#17 Glory to God **SIT**

#21  **STAND** His Yoke Is Easy, and His Burthen Is Light **SIT**

**Intermission:** Joy to the World

Verse 1 and “He rules the world…”

 O Come All Ye Faithful

 Verse 1 and “Sing choirs of angels”

 Silent Night

Verse 1 and “Son of God, love’s pure light…

#22 **STAND** Behold the Lamb of God

#24 Surely He Hath Born Our Griefs

#25 And With His Stripes We Are Healed

#26 All We Like Sheep  **SIT**

#28 **STAND** He Trusted in God That He Would Deliver Him **SIT**

#33  **STAND** Lift Up Your Heads **SIT**

#44  **STAND** Hallelujah Chorus **SIT**

#46 **STAND** Since By Man Came Death **SIT**

**#50 STAND** Downbeat of O Death, Where is thy Sting (alto/tenor duet)

**#51** But Thanks Be To God **SIT**

#53  **STAND** Worthy Is The Lamb/Amen **SIT**

**2023 Letter to the Chorus from the OCC Board**

Thank you for your dedication to the Orrville Community Chorus! We are glad you have chosen to sing with us this year. Your enthusiastic commitment to our rehearsals and performance of Handel’s “Messiah” demonstrates the importance of this masterpiece in your life.

Orrville Community Chorus, Inc. operates on an annual budget of more than $12,000 to present Handel’s “Messiah”. Major expenses include venue rental, riser rental, printing costs, and musicians’ fees.

OCC also sponsors the Victor Gerber Memorial Music Scholarship, which is awarded to outstanding Wayne County high school seniors who are actively involved in music and plan to continue their music involvement in college. The 2023 recipient was Joshua Rittgers, a graduate of Orrville High School. He was awarded a $1000 scholarship. The number of scholarships awarded annually is determined by funds available and applicant merit. As of 2023, OCC has awarded $39,000 in scholarships since 2003.

Beginning in 2019 it became necessary to establish a dues requirement for all chorus members.  The dues will be $25 for adults and $15 for students.  The dues are separate from donations. If you have any questions, please email the Chorus at info@orrvillecommunitychorus.org

In addition to your vocal support and dues, donations are always welcome to assist the chorus in meeting the expenses of our annual performance and scholarship awards. Orrville Community Chorus, Inc. is a non-profit charitable corporation, so donations are tax deductible. A Board member will be available at the sign in table at every rehearsal to accept dues and donations. A receipt for donations will be provided to each identified donor. Chorus members and others who donate at least $25 no later than the November 19th rehearsal will have their names listed in the program unless anonymity is requested. In addition, each donor of $100 or more will receive two passes to the December 3, 2023 performance.

We thank you for your devotion to the Orrville Community Chorus and look forward to performing Handel’s “Messiah” with you this Christmas season!

Orrville Community Chorus, Inc.

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