

Paul Halley

Completed Commissions

Chronological order from 1972 to date.

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List shows range of organizations commissioning new works, and diverse possibilities in voicing and instrumentation.

Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis •

1972 – 6 mins

For Richard Marlow

and the Choir of Trinity College, Cambridge

Text: The Book of Common Prayer (Rte I)

Men's voices (TTBB) unaccompanied

The Canticle of the Sun •

1979 – 15 mins

For Richard Westenburg and Musica Sacra, NYC

Text: St. Francis of Assisi

Women's voices (SSAA) unaccompanied

(Six) Love Songs for Springtime •

1981 – 21 mins

For Brian Law and the Ottawa Choral Society

Text: English folk texts

SATB choir and piano or brass quintet and percussion

Sound Over All Waters •

1982 - 4 mins

For Coretta Scott King

Text: John Greenleaf Whittier

Soprano, SATB choir and piano, opt. bass, percussion

Christe Qui Lux Es Et Dies •

1983 – 7-1/2 mins

For Mr. Coit Johnson in honor of Pamela Morton,

wife of The Reverend James Parks Morton

Text: Latin

SATB choir unaccompanied

Wondrous Love •

1985 - 8-1/2 mins

For the Reverend James Parks Morton

and the Choirs of The Cathedral of St. John the Divine

Text: American folk hymn

SATB choir, brass, timpani and organ

Song For Canada •

1989 - 4 mins)

For Barbara Clark, for the Canada Day Celebration,

Text: Paul Halley

SATB choir and piano, optional bass, percussion

Ubi Caritas •

1991 - 8 mins

For Abdel Salaam and The Forces of Nature

Text: French 10th cent., Yoruba and Khemitic texts

SATB choir and piano, percussion, bass, opt. organ

Les Petits Troubadours De Dieu •

1992 – 9 mins

For Brian Law and the Ottawa Choral Society,

Text: St. Francis of Assisi,

Psalms 27, 148, 149, 150

SSA choir (with optional SATB choir) and piano

Jesu, The Very Thought Of Thee •

1994 – 5-1/2 mins

For Noel Edison and The Elora Festival Singers

Text: 12th century Latin, (translation Edward Caswell)

SATB choir and organ

Verbum Caro Factum Est •

1994 – 6 mins

For Wayne Abercrombie

and the Chamber Choir of Williams College

Text: John 1:14

SATB choir unaccompanied

A Letter From Giocondo •

1998 – 20 mins

For Juniata College, Huntington, PA

in honor of President Robert W. Neff upon his retirement

Text: Fra Giovanni Giocondo, 1513

SATB choir and wind ensemble or orchestra

God Be Merciful Unto Us •

1998 – 3-1/2 mins

For Millard and Claire Pryor,

on the occasion of their daughter's wedding

Text: Psalm 67

SSA choir with organ and trumpet

United In Song •

1998 – 4-1/2 mins

For Arts Bureau for the Continents

for the Millennium Unisong Festival 2000, Ottawa

Text: Paul Halley

Treble choir and/or SATB choir and piano or orchestra

Evening Songs •

1999 – 30 mins

For Gerald Finley and Louise Winter,

premiered August 1999

A cycle of seven songs based on texts by Max Ehrmann

Baritone, mezzo-soprano and piano

The Ballad of Hiram Hover •

1999 - 4 mins

For Carol Magowan on behalf of Chorus Angelicus

Text: James Bayard Taylor, 19th cent.

SSA and piano

Untraveled Worlds •

2000 – 6 mins

For Bruce Fifer and the Collegium Musicum

of Taft School for Commencement, May 25, 2000

Text: Alfred, Lord Tennyson 'Ulysses'

SATB choir, violin, piano, percussion, optional strings

Sanctus and Benedictus •

2000 – 4 mins

For Dr. Joe Hickman and the Chamber Choir

of the University of North Carolina at Wilmington

Text: Latin Mass

SATB choir and organ with soprano sax or C-instrument

Birds of Fire •

2000 – 4 mins

For Barry Oliver and

The New York City Gay Men's Chorus,

Text: Latin Mass

AATTBB choir, bass, percussion and Native American flute

A House In Heaven •

2001 – 6 mins

For The Peterborough Singers in honor of James Birrell
Text: M.D. Babcock, H.C. Beeching,
B. Carman, J. Birrell, Psalm 8
Treble & SATB choirs, flute, piano, organ

Preces and Responses •

2001 – 4 mins

For David Link and the Trinity Cathedral Choir, Sacramento, CA
in honor of Bertha R.P. Nelson.
Text: 1928 Episcopal Hymnbook
SATB choir unaccompanied

My Beloved Spake •

2002 – 5 mins

For Andrew Henderson & Mary Huff
on the occasion of their wedding.
Text: Song of Solomon
SATB choir with soprano solo, organ and trumpet

Bring Us, O Lord God •

2002 – 4 mins

For the Choir of Men and Boys, Grace Cathedral,
San Francisco in honor of Mr. Boyd Jarrell, cantor
Text: John Donne
SATB choir and organ with baritone solo

Psalm 57 •

2003 – 4 mins

For Michael Cothren and Susan Lowry
for Emma Lowry Cothren's Fellowship recital.
Text: Psalm 57 – Book of Common Prayer 1979
Soprano Solo, SATB choir, piano or harp, organ

In Sideribus Domi – At Home In The Stars •

2003 – 30 mins

For The Clay Center of Science and Art, Charleston, WV
Continental Harmony of American Composers Forum
Text: Anne Lynch, Joseph Addison,
David Densmore, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow,
Michael Rowan- Robinson, Gregorian Chant
SATB choir and orchestra or piano,
soprano sax, cello, bass, guitar, percussion

The Endless Sea •

2004 – 6 mins

For Margaret T. Bossi and Chatham Chorale,
Cape Cod in honor of Elinor Perry
Texts: Psalm 104, Herman Melville,
Carl Sandberg, Alfred, Lord Tennyson
SATB choir, piano, sax, cello, oboe, bass, perc, organ

Behold! The Grace Appears •

2004 – 8 mins

For Lorraine Revelle and Northern Choral Society,
Watertown, NY, for the 50th anniversary concert
Texts: Isaac Watts, The Bible,
and The Book of Common Prayer
SATB/treble choirs, brass, organ, piano, bells, perc.

We Will Rejoice For Evermore •

2004 – 4 mins

For First Congregational Church of Evanston
in honor of Mr. David Lornson, Music Director
Text: from "Gates of Prayer" 1975 New Union Prayers
SATB choir and organ

I Cannot Dance, O Love •

2005 – 4 mins

For the Greater Hartford AGO for Region 1 Conference,
premiered by CONCORA
Text: Jean Weibe Janzen after 12th century
Mechthild of Magdeburg, Charles Wesley
SATB choir and organ

Be Thou By Their Side •

2005 – 6 mins

For David and Mary Dangremond
for Bruce Fifer and Taft School Collegium Musicum
Text: William Amory Gardner, trad. Irish ca. 700
SATB choir and piano, small instrumental ensemble

Christ, Whose Glory Fills The Skies •

2005 – 4 mins

For Noel Edison and the Choir of St. John's Anglican Church,
Elora, ON in honor of The Reverend Robert Hulce
Text: Charles Wesley (1707 – 1778)
SATB choir and organ

Seven Sisters •

2006 – 6 mins

For Steve Zimmerman and the Northwest
Regional 7 High School Wind Bands
Wind band and percussion ensemble

O Wondrous Type •

2006 – 5 mins

For Dr. Scott Bennett & Grace Episcopal Church, Charleston, SC
Text: Latin, 15th cent; tr. Hymns Ancient and Modern, 1861
SATB choir and organ

The Open Door •

2007 – 5 mins

For Sharon Parker Lenihan
and Plymouth Congregational Church, Des Moines, IA
Text: Rumi, John Greenleaf Whittier, John Oxenham
SATB choir and piano, organ, percussion, bass

Pilgrim •

2007 – 6 mins

For Peter Robb and Pacific International
Children's Choral Festival (PICCFEST)
Text: Antonia Machado, Rainer Maria Rilke
SSA choir and piano, percussion, bass, strings, trumpet

Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis •

2007 – 8 mins

For Philip Scriven and the Boys Choir of
Lichfield Cathedral, England
Text: The Book of Common Prayer
SSA choir and organ

Eternal Gifts •

2007 – 5 mins

For the Choir of Men & Boys of St. Matthew's Church, Ottawa
Text: St. Matthew, St. Francis of Assisi,
Bishop Thomas Ken (1721), St. Ambrose
SATB choir and organ

Kyrie, Bitte bei der grossen Schuld • J.S. Bach BWV115

2007 – 5 mins

For Massimo Bracci and Corale San Jacopo, Italy
Text: Psalm 51, Johann Burchard Freystein
SATB choir and piano, organ, bass, clarinet, flute

The Spirit of Africville •

2008 – 8 mins
For Jeff Joudrey and the Halifax Camerata Singers
Text: Shauntay Grant, William Cowper
SATB choir, narrator, and piano, organ, percussion, bass

The Place Of Your Abode •

2008 – 4 mins
For Warren Howell & St. John's Baptist Church, Charlotte, NC
Text: Psalm 84, Timothy Dwight
SATB choir and organ

The Pulley •

2008 – 4 mins
For University of King's College, Halifax, for Dr. George Cooper
Text: George Herbert
SATB choir unaccompanied

Oculi Omnium •

2008 – 2 mins
For Chapel Choir of the University of King's College, Halifax
Text:
SATB choir unaccompanied

Where Is This Stupendous Stranger •

2008 – 4-1/2 mins
For Suzie LeBlanc
and Chapel Choir of the University of King's College, Halifax
Text:
SATB choir and soprano solo, unaccompanied

Psalm 150: Laudate Dominum •

2008 - 3 mins
For Lawrence Park Community Church, Toronto,
Mark Toews, music director
Text: Psalm 150
SATB choir, organ, trumpet, optional tympani

A Brighter Garden •

2009 - 4 mins
Commissioned by the Plater Family
for Calgary Girls Choir, Elaine Quilichini, director
Text: "There Is Another Sky" by Emily Dickinson
SSA choir and piano with soprano solo, and Fr. Horn

The Song In The Air •

2009 - 5 mins
For the 50th Anniversary of
Ottawa Children's Choir, Jackie Hawley, director
Text: "The Arrow and the Song" by H. W. Longfellow
SSA choir, piano, optional keyboard

A Wreathed Garland •

2009 - 3 mins
Commissioned by RCCO Toronto Chapter
for the Centenary of RCCO
Text: "A Wreath" by George Herbert
SATB choir and organ, two trumpets, two trombones

Trompette du Trouvere •

2009 - 4 mins
Commissioned by James Ruth, organist,
Trinity United Methodist Church, Denver, CO
Fanfare for organ featuring trumpet stop

We Love The Place, O God •

2010 - 3 mins
For The Cathedral Church of All Saints, Halifax,
Centenary Celebrations, John Hudson, music director
Text by William Bullock, rev. by Henry Baker, 1854,
and Latin text from Liber Usualis
SATB choir and organ

Let The Word of Christ •

2010 - 4 mins
For Church of Christ Congregational, Norfolk, CT,
250th anniversary celebrations,
Elizabeth Allyn, Minister of Music
Text from Colossians
SATB choir and organ

Il Est Ne Le Divin Enfant •

2010 - 4 mins
Commissioned for the CBC Christmas Sing-In 2010,
Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul, Montreal, QC
Text: Arrangement of the traditional French carol
SATB choir, congregation, trumpets, trombones,
cymbals and snare drum

O Magnum Mysterium •

2010 - 3 mins
For Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria, BC,
Michael Gormley, music director
Text O Magnum Mysterium (Latin)
SATB choir unaccompanied

Christós Anésti (Christ Is Risen) •

2011 - 4 mins
For Christ Church Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills, MI,
John Repulski, music director
Text from Eastern Orthodox Rite,
John of Damascus (8th cent.) trans. J. M. Neale, 1862
SATB choir, organ, brass quintet & percussion

The Dawning •

2011 - 6 mins
For Rupert Lang, music director, Choir of Christ Church
Cathedral, Vancouver BC, Vancouver Children's Choir,
Good Noise Vancouver Gospel Choir
Text The Roman Rite, Trad. Spiritual, Judah Halevi (c.1075-1141)
Two SATB choirs, treble choir, piano, bass, percussion, organ, sax

Joy To The World •

2011 - 4 mins
For the CBC Christmas Sing-In 2011, Church of St. Andrew and
St. Paul, Montreal, QC
Text: Arrangement of the traditional carol
SATB choir, congregation, trumpets, trombones, organ, tmpani

Nobile Claret Opus •

2012 - 4 mins
For the wedding of Allidah Muller and Nathaniel Rogers
Text: Abbot Suger (1081-1151), from inscription on bronze doors
of the Abbey Church of St. Denis, and Psalm 127 v.1
SATB choir and organ

Let All The World In Every Corner Sing •

2012 - 3 mins
For Emily Dow Petrenko, music director,
Youth Choir of St. John's Anglican Church, Elora, ON
Text: George Herbert
Treble choir and organ

Offertorium •

2012 - 7 mins

For Phillip Crozier, music director, St James United Church, Montréal, and the restoration of Casavant, opus 1608, 2011. Choral Partita for organ on theme of 'Picardy'.

God's Grandeur •

2012 - 4 mins

For St James United Church, Montréal, Phillip Crozier, music director. Text: Gerard Manley Hopkins SATB choir and organ

We Are Not Alone •

Choral Introit

2012 - 3 mins

For St James United Church, Montréal, in memory of the Rev. Anne Hall. Text: adapted from "A New Creed", United Church Canada SATB choir unaccompanied

Magnificat •

2012 - 4 mins

For All Saints' Kingsway Anglican Church, Toronto, Shawn Grenke, music director, and Amadeus Choir of Toronto, Lydia Adams, music director Text (English) 'The Song of Mary' SATB choir and organ

Mass of St. Michael the Archangel •

Kyrie, Gloria, Acclamations, Sanctus & Benedictus, Agnus Dei

2013 - 12 mins (total)

By the Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Toronto for the 75th anniversary of St. Michael's Choir School, Toronto, Dr. Jerzy Cichocki, Artistic Director.

Text The Mass - English Translation of The Roman Missal, Copyright 2010 by the International Commission on English Liturgy Corporation (ICEL).

Setting for Unison, SATB choir, congregation, and organ Optional accompaniment for brass quintet and timpani

Duetto Matrimonio •

2013 - 2 mins

For the wedding of Samantha Halley and Jonathan Suters Organ with trumpet and French horn

Beati Omnes •

2013 - SATB choir and organ

For the wedding of Samantha Halley and Jonathan Suters Text Psalm 128

Praise, My Soul, The King of Heaven •

2014 - 3 mins

For Dr. Jerzy Cichocki, Artistic Director of St. Michael's Choir School, Toronto Text: from the *United Methodist Hymnal*, based on Henry F. Lyte (1793-1847): Psalm 103 Music: *Lauda Anima* John Goss (1800-80) arr. Paul Halley SATB choir and organ

Let Not Your Heart Be Troubled •

2014 - 5 mins

For The Episcopal Church of the Heavenly Rest, New York City, in honor of Mollie Nichols, Director of Music & Organist. Text: The Gospel of John 14:1-6 (KJV) SATB choir and organ

Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis for St. Patrick's Day •

2014 - 3 mins

For the Chapel Choir of the University of King's College Halifax Text: The Book of Common Prayer SATB choir and organ

You Gather Things To You (Poem 12) •

2014 - 4 mins

For the wedding of Elizabeth Rogers and Mark Wright Text: 'Poem 12' Pablo Neruda SATB choir and organ

Ere zij God •

Arrangement of Traditional Dutch Carol

2014 - 3-1/2 mins

By Jake and Jocelyn Knoppers for the 35th Annual CBC Radio Christmas Sing-In, Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul, Montreal Music & Text: "Ere zij God" SATB choir, congregation, organ, brass, percussion

Move Eastward Happy Earth •

2014 - 4 mins

For the wedding of Elizabeth Kobes and Nicholas Halley Text: SATB choir and organ

Ode To Newfoundland •

2015 - 3 mins

For St. Michael's Choir School, Toronto, Dr. Jerzy Cichocki, Artistic Director, for Tour of Newfoundland.

Text: 'Ode to Newfoundland' by Sir Cavendish Boyle

Music: Ode to Newfoundland by Sir C. Hubert Parry arr. P. Halley SATB choir, congregation, and organ

On The Foundation of the Apostles •

2015 - 3 mins

For St. John's Anglican Church, Barbara Butler, Director of Music, in celebration of the tenth anniversary of re-opening of the historic building damaged by fire in 2001.

Text: Ephesians 3:20-21

SATB choir, piano, and flute

When Music Sounds •

2015 - 3 mins

For the Plainville Choral Society, Plainville, CT in honor of Peter and MaryJane Peluso, director and accompanist, respectively. Text: 'Music', Walter de la Mare (1873-1958) SATB choir, piano, and optional organ