

# *Ravenna Community Choir*

*Since 1975*

## *A Sacred Journey*

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## **PROGRAM**

### **Songs of Praise and Celebration**

**Petition of Praise** ..... Joseph M. Martin  
*This jubilant invitation to praise includes a hymn you will recognize.*

**Celebration Praise!** ..... Joseph M. Martin  
*A Christian unity song with a Spanish flavor.*

**His Grace Abounds** ..... David Todd Green/arr. by Benjamin Harlan  
*When we find ourselves on the troubled seas of life, when the storm is raging, when we are down – His grace abounds.*

**My Jesus, I Love Thee**..... William Featherstone/Dale Peterson  
*A beautiful statement of our love for Jesus.*

**River in Judea**..... Linda Marcus/Jack Feldman/arr. by John Leavitt  
*An allegory of a mythical musical river in the Promised Land that flows in our souls and gives us faith to go on and hope for the future.*

**Let the Song Go Forth** ..... Joseph M. Martin  
*This joyful anthem incorporates Let the Redeemed of the World Say So and I Will Sing of My Redeemer. Lots of fun!*

### **A Sacred Journey**

**On the Jericho Road**..... Don McCrossan/arr. by Paul Ferrin  
**Janie Ferguson and Linda Fosnight, duet**  
*Before his triumphal entry into Jerusalem, Jesus traveled the Jericho Road, where he met and healed the blind beggar, Bartimaeus. This Southern gospel arrangement encourages us to bring our sorrows and heavy burdens to Jesus.*

**Ride On, King Jesus** ..... traditional spiritual, arr. Philip Kern  
*Jesus rode into Jerusalem as the King of kings and Lord of lords, the First and Last. A dynamic arrangement of this traditional spiritual.*

**Winds through the Olives** ..... Joseph M. Martin/ David Angerman  
**Janis Harcar, flute**  
*After the Last Supper with his disciples, Jesus and his trusted inner circle, Peter, James and John, went to the Garden of Gethsemane on the Mount of Olives. As Jesus prayed, his friends fell asleep. Listen as the winds through the olives comfort Jesus as he agonizes all alone and prepares for his betrayal and journey to the cross.*

*Agnus Dei* ..... traditional Latin text/music by Lee Dengler

**Janis Harcar, flute**

*"Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. Dona nobis pacem." Literally, "Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Grant us peace."*

*This beautiful work illustrates God's love for us through the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross.*

*Mary, Mary* ..... J. Paul Williams/Joseph M. Martin

**Kevin Skilton, soloist**

*When Mary Magdalene went to Jesus' tomb and saw the stone had been rolled away, she wept, thinking someone had taken the body of Jesus. Angels of the Lord asked her why she was weeping.*

*God Is Gone Up with a Shout* ..... Joseph M. Martin/David Angerman

*Forty days after His resurrection, Jesus ascended into heaven.*

*Joseph Martin's colorful imagery is based on Psalm 47:5.*

### Prayers and Blessings

*Epilogue of Praise* ..... Joseph M. Martin

*When all is said and sung, we stand before the throne of God crying,*

*"Worthy is the Lamb who was slain." (Rev. 5:12)*

*Because He Lives* ..... William J. and Gloria Gaither/arr. Mark Hayes

**Karl Zellefrow, soloist**

*In this famous hymn, the Gaithers have summed it all up. Because He lives, we can face tomorrow. A wonderful arrangement by Mark Hayes.*

*Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

Joyce Merman/George N. Allen/arr. by Roy Ringwald

*This arrangement is based on words originally penned by Thomas A.*

*Dorsey (the gospel writer, not the big band leader) following the death of his wife and son.*

*May God Give You Strength* ..... Mark Patterson

**Debbie Myers, soloist**

*Our benediction.*

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*Thank you for attending our annual Spring Sacred Concert!*

## *RCC SPRING 2007 PERSONNEL*

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