

SJP LENTEN SPECIAL MUSIC

In addition to the weekly gifts that the members of St. John's and the Music Department so generously offer, we are pleased to welcome the following guest musicians to our sacred space during Lent.

Lent I - March 5, Kate Dopke, *soprano*



On Sunday, March 5, Kate Dopke will sing *Somebody's Knockin' At Your Door*, arranged by Moses Hogan. Kate is from Berkley, Michigan and is a senior at Berkley High School. She is considering majoring in Music Education at Western Michigan University or double majoring in Japanese and Business (with a possible minor in Spanish) at Wayne State University. Kate has participated in solo ensemble for 3 years, and has received "Superior" ranking - the highest possible ranking. Kate studies voice with Liza Maidens; she also sings with the Detroit Concert Choir, and loves every minute of it.

Lent II - March 12, Hayley Trombley, *soprano*



On Sunday, March 12, Hayley will sing *Crucifixion*, by Samuel Barber, accompanied by Steven Brancalone. Hayley Trombley was born and raised in Clinton Township Michigan and is a Chippewa Valley High School alumna. She is freshman at Eastern Michigan University, pursuing a degree in Vocal Performance with a certificate in K-12 education. Hayley is also a Sectional Leader for the EMU University Women's Choir, under the direction of Liza Maidens. Her most cherish Bible verse is Jeremiah 29:11 - *For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.*

Lent III - March 19, Nicole Joseph, *soprano*



On Sunday, March 19, Nicole will sing *Hard Trials*, by Craig Hella Johnson and *My Good Lord's Done Been Here*, arranged by Andre Thomas. An Oregon native, Nicole Joseph received her Master's and Specialist Degree in Voice from the University of Michigan, and Bachelors in Voice from Pacific Lutheran University. As a concert soloist in the Detroit area Nicole has been heard with Flint Symphony, Oakland University, Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings and Southern Great Lakes Symphony. Outside of Michigan she has performed with McCall SummerFest, Siletz Bay Music Festival, Walla Walla Symphony, Portland Chamber Orchestra and Victoria Bach Festival. Nicole was the 2nd Place Winner in the *National Bel Canto Vocal Foundation Competition* in 2009 and one of two winners in 2013. Nicole also sings professionally in the choral ensembles *Conspirare*, under the direction of Craig Hella Johnson, and *sounding Light*, under the direction of Tom Trenney.

Lent IV - March 26, Jacob Carroll, *baritone*



On Sunday, March 26, Jacob will sing *Steal Away*, arranged by Harry Burleigh. Since February, Jacob has served as an SJP Music Scholar alongside of Steven Brancalone, *pianist*. Jacob Carroll is from Roseville, MI and is in his second year at Eastern Michigan University for his undergraduate degree in Vocal Performance with an Organ minor. In his solo singing, his main focuses are on French Song, particularly works written by Maurice Ravel and Olivier Messiaen. His musical interests are all aspects of the choral experience - choral singing, conducting, and arranging / composition.

Lent V - April 2, John Kennedy, *string bass*



On Sunday, April 2, John Kennedy will perform *The Prayer*, by Ernest Bloch and *Simple Lines*, Bill Ryan. Kennedy is nationally recognized as a bassist, clinician and teacher of young string bassists. Mr. Kennedy is Principal Bass of the Birmingham-Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra a regular performer with many local and regional orchestras. He was formerly Associate Principal Bass of the Honolulu Symphony, and has performed with the Detroit, Ann Arbor, Flint, Toledo, Kalamazoo, New Mexico, and Cedar Rapids symphonies. A 27-year veteran public school orchestra teacher, Mr. Kennedy teaches at North Farmington High School. In 2005, he was a finalist for Orchestra Teacher of the Year for the state of Michigan. He holds his Bachelor's and Master's Degrees in String Bass Performance from the University of Michigan.

Steven Brancalone, *piano*



Steven Brancalone will offer his musical gifts throughout the season of Lent. Since February, Steven has served as an SJP Music Scholar alongside of Jacob Carroll, *tenor/baritone*. Steven is from Chesterfield Township, Michigan, is currently attending Eastern Michigan University for his Masters in Music Performance. He has also received his Bachelor degree in music at Eastern Michigan University in 2016. Steven is the rehearsal and performance accompanist for the EMU Choir, the top ensemble at Eastern. During his free time, he listens to various music and reads the corresponding scores, to grasp a better understanding of the history surrounding it. His other interests includes accompanying other solo instruments and events.