

Gulf Coast Winter Chorister Festival

January 24 & 25, 2026

Your staff is excited about the festival we have planned for this year! We can't wait to begin an intense weekend of music making, fellowship, and fun. This letter contains detailed information regarding your registration, things you will need to know, and things you will need to bring.

Repertoire List:

Introit: Edward C. Bairstow, *I Sat Down*

Setting: Harold Darke, *Communion Service in F*

Psalm: 27: 1 - 11, T. A. Walmisley

Offertory: arr. Nicholas White, *Steal Away*

Communion: Simon Lindley, *Ave Maria*

Hymns: 7, *Christ, whose glory fills the skies*; 304, *I come with joy*;

539, *O Zion, haste*

You should have received a PDF of the service leaflet and music from your choir director. If not, please contact Anna Teagarden (ateagarden@sjd.org). **Each chorister is responsible for bringing their own black binder with the service leaflet and music.**

- **Working Ahead:**

As you receive your music, begin working on notes as much as you can with your choir director. Here are some links to some of the music: not all music is available.

<https://youtu.be/1Pc41lxwd7k?si=TIPBQofPx8UC31iR>

https://youtu.be/XDnY2ly_9PM?si=JPf_jeRRETg6RTJ9

https://youtu.be/9_YotRZXipY?si=Rpfh9GC5YvuFHZej

<https://youtu.be/YHTHsGC6zH8?si=mHjka32LIWSU6hAR>

<https://youtu.be/nUCSgAjU6Fw?si=Xq-yX0fl98oeZwbh>

https://youtu.be/8zz8pW2ofcs?si=U_9aMDx0gaECbMoA

https://youtu.be/CQBfxvmzLB0?si=4njnnkt93_kXrJUUm

All choristers need to know their notes before the festival begins so we can maximize the time spent on making music. There are solo opportunities, but you must come prepared to audition, so learn your notes!

- **What to wear:** Dress on Saturday is casual. While dress is casual, inappropriate attire such as bare midriffs, short shorts, suggestive slogans or designs, and low-cut tops are not acceptable and will not be allowed. As the rehearsal rooms can be chilly, a sweater, sweatshirt, or jacket is highly recommended.

For the services, you will need appropriate (lightweight) Sunday attire including flat, black, closed-toe dress shoes as well as choir vestments. If you have earned a medal, by all means bring to wear!

- **What to Bring:**

Must haves – Don't forget your:

- Vestments
- Black and flat closed-toe shoes
- Black Binder with service leaflet, music and a pencil!
- **Water Bottle!**

No Cell Phone or Electronics Policy – It is our experience that cell phones and electronics (iPad and apple watches included!) detract from our sense of community. **These devices will not be allowed whenever we are at The Church of the Incarnation.**

If cell phones or electronics (IPADS, etc.) are detected during rehearsal or any other time, we will take it up and return it at the end of the festival.

Warning: Excessive money, valuables, pagers, computers, alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, non-prescription drugs, firearms, knives, other weapons, or fireworks are not allowed. Possession of any of the above items may result in confiscation and/or dismissal from the festival. We are not responsible for any personal items that may be lost or stolen.

This festival offers an intensive experience in immersion of choral rehearsal, singing and leading in worship. In addition to a demonstrated interest in singing, all participants must be able to work and play responsibly. Always keep in mind that this is a Christian festival meant to mentor young choristers in the tradition of Anglican music and worship in the hope of encouraging spiritual growth. We reserve the right to send any participant home from the festival at parents' expense, whose behavior is not consistent with our purpose. We also will hold parents responsible for payment of any damages caused by their children at The Church of the Incarnation or the property of other festival participants and sponsors.

- **Registration/Check-in:** The festival will begin on Saturday, January 23, at The Church of the Incarnation, Dallas, Texas, with all participants registering in the Narthex of the church. (see attached map)

These are items that need to be handled at check-in:

- Sign in with staff and receive nametag
- Collect registration fee, if needed
- Proceed to Welcome Center

- **Parents, Note the following times:**

Saturday, January 24 - Compline 7:00 PM in Memorial Chapel

Sunday, January 25 – Chorister Call, 9:15 AM

Sunday, January 25 - Choral Eucharist, 11:15 AM

Any further questions or concerns, please contact me, Anna Teagarden, Festival Manager, at ateagarden@sjd.org or 713-446-3428.

I am so looking forward to seeing each one of our beautiful choristers and spending a weekend making music All to the Glory of God.