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| <p>1. O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home;</p> <p>2. Under the shadow of Thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
And our defence is sure.</p> <p>3. Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the same.</p> | <p>4. A thousand ages in Thy sight
Are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.</p> <p>5. Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away;
They fly forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day.</p> <p>6. O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope in years to come,
Be Thou our guard while troubles last,
And our eternal home.</p> |
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St. Patrick's Choirs Now Recruiting for New Season

The first and chief Use of Musick is, for the Service and Praise of God, whose Gift it is. The second Use is, for the Solace of Men If God then hath granted such benefit to Men by the Civil Exercise, sure the Heavenly and Divine Use will much more redound to our Eternal Comfort, if with our Voices we join our Hearts when we sing in his Holy Place.

— John Playford (1623-1686)

A new choral season will soon begin, and all parishioners and friends of St. Patrick's are warmly encouraged to consider joining one of our choral groups. **Volunteer participation – especially of men – is absolutely essential to the success of our music program; please prayerfully consider joining us this year!**

The **Parish Choir** rehearses on Thursday evenings, and sings for the Latin Mass on Sunday mornings. Membership is open to men and women, and repertory is drawn from a broad spectrum of music written by great composers for Catholic worship.

The **Schola Cantorum** for men specializes in Gregorian chant, and sings the propers at the Latin Mass. Rehearsals are on Thursday evenings.

The **Boys' Choir** and the **Girls' Choir** are open to children eight years of age and older; both groups meet on Friday afternoons. The children receive instruction in singing and music theory, with a view to introducing them to the great music of the Church. Each group will sing at Mass about once a month.

No special training or experience is necessary to join any of these groups; instruction will be provided in vocal technique, reading music, and basic theory.

Free Choral Singing Training Course Postponed

Because of the recent weather, the **Choral Singing Training Course** (originally scheduled to begin on 30 August) will take place on the next two Thursday evenings – **September 6 and September 13**, from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. Intensive studies focus on the singing and reading skills necessary for choral music in general, and also on reading and interpreting the notation of Gregorian chant. Those who are considering joining the Parish Choir or Schola Cantorum are strongly urged to attend this course, which is free and open to anyone who may be interested.

For further information about St. Patrick's music program, or to join one of the choirs, please telephone Andrew Mills at (504) 493-5879, or contact him via electronic mail at Bennettflyte@aol.com.

Vespers at St. Patrick's with the American Guild of Organists, September 17th

On Monday 17 September at 7:30 PM, the New Orleans Chapter of the American Guild of Organists will come to St. Patrick's for their annual opening service and installation of officers. Each September, the local Guild worships at a different church in New Orleans, and this year the service will take the form of Catholic Vespers (sung Evening Prayer). Music will be provided by St. Patrick's Schola and distinguished local organists. Everyone is most welcome to attend the service.