

November 6, 2024 // Scott Hayes

*Join us this Sunday at 3:00 PM for a special Veterans Day concert, presented by the choirs of All Saints. Admission is free, with donations gratefully accepted to support the All Saints Music Education Fund, which helps bring concerts like this to our community.*

*The concert will feature *Dona Nobis Pacem* by English composer Ralph Vaughan Williams, performed by soloists Cathern Hazelwood and Ryan Tibbetts, accompanied by a string ensemble and organist Daniel Stipe. Also on the program are Mendelssohn's *How Lovely are the Messengers* and *Verleih uns Frieden (Grant Us Thy Peace)*. The concert will last approximately one hour.*

*Centered on the theme of peace, this concert reflects on Vaughan Williams' powerful plea for reconciliation and understanding. Composed in the 1930s, *Dona Nobis Pacem* emerged as Europe edged toward war. Vaughan Williams, who served in World War I, drew on his own experiences, creating a deeply moving reflection on the tragedy of conflict.*

*The texts for *Dona Nobis Pacem* span various sources, including Walt Whitman's poetry, inspired by his firsthand experiences during the American Civil War; John Bright's poignant "Angel of Death" speech to the British Parliament; biblical texts from Jeremiah, Daniel, Haggai, Micah, Leviticus, Psalms, Isaiah, and the Gospel of Luke; and the *Agnus Dei* from the Mass. Each source reinforces Vaughan Williams' timeless message of peace—a message as urgent and stirring today as it was nearly a century ago.*

*We hope to see you there on Sunday!*