

WCCS presents

7. Pie Jesu Andrew Lloyd Webber sung by Ciara Walsh, accompanied by Annabel Adams

This is one of many settings of the 'Pie Jesu'. It forms a stand-alone movement in Lloyd Webber's *Requiem* written in 1985. Choir and solo treble usually join with the soloist but tonight Ciara will sing for us alone.

Pie Jesu, Qui tollis peccata mundi, Dona eis requiem. Agnus Dei, Qui tollis peccata mundi, Dona eis requiem, Sempiternam requiem.	Devout Jesus, Who takes away the sins of the world, Give them rest. Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world, Give them rest, Everlasting rest.
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8. O Magnum Mysterium Tomás Luis De Victoria Choir

There are many settings of this beautiful text. The one this evening is a beautiful renaissance work from the Spanish tradition written in 1572. The lines of music weave the sacred text to form a complex texture that only occasionally comes to rest. After the intensity of the first and second sections the music changes meter as a joyous alleluia resounds.

O magnum mysterium, et admirabile sacramentum, ut animalia viderent Dominum natum, jacentem in praesepe! Beata Virgo, cujus viscera meruerunt portare Dominum Christum. Alleluia, alleluia.	O great mystery, and wonderful sacrament, that animals should see the new-born Lord, lying in a manger! Blessed is the Virgin whose womb was worthy to bear Christ the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!
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9. Beannacht O'Donahue read by Pat Bracken

10. Jesus bleibet meine Freude J.S. Bach (sung in German)

Choir accompanied by Nora Killeen, violin, and Kevin Lewis, keyboard.

This work forms the final movement of Bach's cantata BWV 147 *Herz und Mund und Tat und Leben* (Heart and mouth and deed and life), in 1723. This famous chorale is better known as 'Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring'.

Jesus bleibet meine Freude, Meines Herzens Trost und Saft. Jesus wehret allem Leide, Er ist meines Lebens Kraft, Meiner Augen Lust und Sonne, Meiner Seele Schatz und Wonne; Darum lass' ich Jesum nicht, Aus dem Herzen und Gesicht.	Jesus shall remain my joy, My heart's comfort and sap, Jesus shall fend off all sorrow, He is the strength of my life, The delight and sun of my eyes, The treasure and wonder of my soul; Therefore I will not let Jesus go Out of my heart and sight.
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11. The Lord Bless You and Keep You John Rutter Choir accompanied by Annabel Adams

This Rutter anthem, composed in 1981, is a deserved favourite of choirs and audiences alike.

The Lord bless you and keep you: The Lord make His face to shine upon you, To shine upon you and be gracious, and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up the light Of His countenance upon you, And give you peace, Amen.
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