

Requiem for Solace is the creation of Kim André Arnesen, a talented young Norwegian composer, who first became fascinated with requiems as a young soprano singing the *Mozart Requiem* in the Nidaros Cathedral Boys Choir.

His own requiem, intended to bring comfort and hope to the living, combines the Latin texts with a poem by Emily Dickinson and a traditional Jewish prayer.

This is exquisite music, filled with drama, that is deeply moving and lyrical. From the very first moments one is drawn into the beauty of the work, beginning with the opening *Requiem Aeternum*, to the vibrance and energy of the *Dies Irae* and *Sanctus*, and a sublime *Pie Jesu*, ending with the touching peacefulness of *We Remember Them*.

Three scintillating works by American composer Dan Forrest, *Te Deum, In Paradisum* and *Psalms of Ascension* are perfect examples of his superb choral writing. His music has been described as "full of spine-tingling moments", and he has been one of our favorites since we first discovered his music a few years ago. This is our response to those who enjoyed the previous Chorale concerts with his *Requiem for the Living* in 2015 and *Jubilate Deo!* in 2018 and have made many requests for more Dan Forrest!

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Spring Concert

Requiem for Solace

by Kim André Arnesen

Te Deum • In Paradisum • Psalm of Ascension

by Dan Forrest

Sunday, April 7, 2019 – 3 p.m.

First Congregational Church
164 Deer Hill Avenue
Danbury, CT 06810

Our 20th Anniversary Season!