



# OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## **Our Saviour's Presents Spring Cantata** *Purcell's Choral Work to Be Featured in May 4 Program*

**FAIRFIELD, Conn.**, April 20, 2008 – Our Saviour's Lutheran Church will present its Spring Cantata, featuring the choral work, *Rejoice in the Lord Alway* (sic), by British Baroque composer Henry Purcell, during church services on May 4. The public is invited to attend.

The Cantata, which also will feature Purcell's *Chacony in G minor*, will be performed by the Our Saviour's adult and youth choirs, and the Collegium Musicum, whose members are talented instrumental musicians from area high schools, under the direction of Dr. Alice Caldwell, music director of Our Saviour's.

"Purcell was one of the foremost composers of his time, and we are delighted to be able to perform two of his better-known works. *Rejoice in the Lord Alway* is one of the most joyous pieces of sacred music ever composed," said Dr. Caldwell. "Our Spring Cantata also allows us to honor the contributions of three members of our Collegium Musicum, who are all graduating seniors this year."

The three graduating seniors from Fairfield are Matthew Laponte (viola), Aine O'Sullivan (violin) and Kate Victor (cello). They will be joined in the performance by the church's artist-in-residence, Netta Hadari, an accomplished violinist who teaches music at Fairfield University.

Purcell (1659-1695), often called England's finest native composer, spent most of his brief but productive career as organist at Westminster Cathedral and musician to the Chapel Royal. He is known primarily for his contribution to sacred choral music, music for string ensemble (called a "consort" at that time) and the beginnings of English opera. *Rejoice in the Lord Alway* is also called the "Bell Anthem" because its distinctive string accompaniment imitates the sound of bells pealing from a carillon.

The Spring Cantata will be performed during church services at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. on May 4. For more information, contact the church at (203) 255-0545. Our Saviour's is located at 160 Hill Farm Road (corner of Duck Farm Road) in Fairfield.

### **About Our Saviour's**

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), reaches out to the world and to its local communities with the Good News of the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ. The congregation receives strength for this mission through Worship, Christian Education, Service, Benevolent Giving, Witness, Mutual Support and a commitment to grow in faith and participation. Our Saviour's is guided in the belief that, "As God Gives to Us, So We Give to Others."

Holy Communion is celebrated during worship services at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. each Sunday. The church also offers Sunday School and Adult Forum programs at 9:30 a.m. For more information, please call (203) 255-0545 or visit us at [www.oursaviours.net](http://www.oursaviours.net).

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