

XXIII/32 (2023.05.15) – Living Prophets – Composition – Voice and Piano – 1'00''

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CJ Madsen (b. 1993)

Christopher Jed “CJ” Madsen is a second-year doctoral student at the University of Arizona (UofA), with an emphasis in choral conducting. CJ recently received a Masters of Music degree from Brigham Young University (BYU), in Provo, Utah, with an emphasis in choral conducting. He also received a bachelor’s degree in piano performance from BYU.

As a composer and arranger, CJ has had his works performed by UofA Symphonic Choir and all five of BYU’s choral ensembles. CJ’s most recent large work, an opera entitled *He Shall Prepare a Way*, was staged in 2022 and released as an album and concert video. In addition, CJ is the composer of *One Fold, One Shepherd*, a sacred work for choir and orchestra written in 2019. CJ’s total output of compositions numbers over 500 pieces.

CJ grew up in West Jordan, Utah, and was a volunteer missionary for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints from 2012 to 2014 in North Carolina. Much of CJ’s inspiration as a conductor, composer, and pianist come from his belief in Christ, his passion for people, his thirst for powerful music, and his love for his wife (Samm) and four children (Hollis, Charlotte, Jonathan, and Taran). For more information, see CJMadsenMusic.com.

Note from the Composer

This work was commissioned by Wes and Carol Wilson, a couple who go to the same congregation of Latter-day Saints as my parents in Orem, Utah. I have known them for years and was honored by their request to write a song teaching the names of the living prophets and apostles.

Latter-day Saints believe that The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is Christ’s New Testament church restored, “built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone (Ephesians 2:20). The apostles and prophets highlighted in this song represent, for me personally, paragons of righteousness, leadership, and Christlike discipleship. I am grateful for their special calling to bear witness of Jesus Christ and His restored church.

On a lighter note, the more fun you can have with this song, the better. For example, it’s a great rhythm for use in singing while swinging your child on the playground swings. My children should know – I tried it on them.

Score

for Wes and Carol Wilson
Living Prophets
Current Living Apostles and Prophets, as of May 2023
for Voice and Piano

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Purposeful $\text{♩} = 69$

Piano *mf*

Em Bm Em Am B Em Bm Em

Russ-ell M. Nel-son, Dal-lin H. Oaks,

7 C G/B C D Am Em Am Em/B

Hen-ry B. Ey-ring (the First Pre-si-den-cy), M. Russ-ell Ball-ard, Jeff-rey R. Holl-and, Die-ter F. Ucht-dorf,

12 Bm Em C D G D Am

Da-vid A. Bed-nar, Quen-tin L. Cook, D. Todd Christ-off-er-son, Neil L. An-der-sen, Ron-ald A. Ras-band,

18 Em Am B Em Am Bm Em G D

Ga-ry E. Ste-ven-son, Dale G. Ren-lund, Ger-rit W. Gong, U-lis-ses Soar-es, the Twelve A-pos-tles:

25 C D Em C D E

liv-ing pro-phets, seers, and re-ve-la-tors of Je-sus Christ.

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