

**ST JOHN'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH**
15199 COUNTY ROAD 2825 EAST
PRINCETON, ILLINOIS
USA

JOHN LINKER
ORGANIST

14 JULY 2024

*A recital celebrating German – American heritage
on Bastille Day*

DAVID N JOHNSON (1922-1987)
Trumpet Tune (Homage to the 18th century)

J S BACH (1685-1750)
Fantasia et Fuga in g, BWV 542

CÉSAR FRANCK (1822-1890)
Prélude, Fugue, Variation, Op. 18

FELIX MENDELSSOHN (1809-1847)
Praeludium in c, Op. 37

LEO SOWERBY (1895-1968)
Carillon

ROBERT GREENE (b. 1957)
Danza del Espiritu Santo (Dance of the Holy Spirit)

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Dr John Linker emigrated to New Zealand from the US in 2015 to take up the post Director of Music at Christchurch Transitional Cathedral. John manages a demanding schedule for the Cathedral Choir, which includes six choral services each week during term time and singing for civic services. In 2018 the Choristers undertook a successful tour of Australia and Japan, and in 2019 the Cathedral Choir sang in the presence of HRH The Prince of Wales (now King Charles III). Recently the Choristers appeared in concert with the world renowned vocal ensemble The King's Singers.

John has been Music Director of Christchurch City Choir, Canterbury's premiere symphonic choral ensemble, since 2016, conducting several major concerts annually. The City Choir has enjoyed singing a wide range of repertoire in recent years, including Brahms *Ein deutsches Requiem*, popular opera choruses, the annual performance of Handel's *Messiah*, and annually joins Christchurch Symphony Orchestra for *Last Night of the Proms*.

John holds music degrees from Northern Illinois University (Bachelor of Music, 1997), Chicago Musical College at Roosevelt University (Master of Music, 2003), and the College-Conservatory of Music at University of Cincinnati (Doctor of Musical Arts, 2017).

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