

Editor's Note: Pilgrim Festival Chorus welcomes singers and produces concerts that serve the entire region; please share with your audience. High resolution images, interviews and press access are available upon request.



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CONTACT: Michelle McGrath, Founding President, McGrath PR | Media Relations,
michelle@mcgrathpr.com, 339-832-0820, mcgrathpr.com

Pilgrim Festival Chorus Presents 'Evening and Morning – Music to Lighten Our Darkness'



PLYMOUTH, MA Issued March 23, 2026... Pilgrim Festival Chorus (PFC), a premier southeastern Massachusetts choir, presents its spring concert program, “Evening and Morning – Music to Lighten Our Darkness,” on Saturday, May 9 at 7:30 pm, and Sunday, May 10 at 4 pm, at The Church of the Pilgrimage, 8 Town Square, Plymouth. The chorus is led by Artistic Directors William B. Richter, conductor, and Elizabeth Chapman Reilly, organ.

“Evening and Morning” explores themes of illumination and transformation through two works: “Sunrise Mass” by Ola Gjeilo and “Vesperae solennes de confessore” (Solemn Vespers) by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart.

“These works contrast so wonderfully in style,” muses co-director Elizabeth Chapman Reilly. “Mozart, despite the restrictions of his archbishop, penned music exuberant and sublime. Gjeilo, in contrast, uses the traditional mass text in sonically unusual ways, transports us from cold and distant outer space to warm and intimate Earth.”

Pilgrim Festival Chorus presents

EVENING AND MORNING

Music To Lighten Our Darkness

FEATURING

Solemn Vespers by W. A. Mozart and *Sunrise Mass* by Ola Gjeilo

William B. Richter & Elizabeth Chapman Reilly, Artistic Directors

The Church of the Pilgrimage

TOWN SQUARE, PLYMOUTH

Saturday, May 9, 2026, at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 10, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.

Tickets: \$25 general \$20 seniors & students over 18

Age 18 and under admitted for free



Purchase tickets online:
pilgrimfestivalchorus.org

(There will be a limited number of
tickets available at the door.)



Proud participant in the
Mass Cultural Council
Card to Culture program.



This program is supported in part by a grant from Plymouth Cultural Council,
a local agency which is supported by Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

Gjeilo's "Sunrise Mass," composed in 2007, is widely regarded as one of the compelling contemporary choral works. The Norwegian composer describes it as a musical journey evolving from transparent and spacey to earthy and warm... from nebulous and pristine, through more emotional landscapes, to ultimately so groundedness," offering a metaphor for both human development and spiritual awakening. Mozart's "Solemn Vespers" written in 1780 as his final composition for Salzburg Cathedral, represents some of the composer's best sacred writing. Intended for evening services, the work includes psalms and the Magnificat canticle, showcasing Mozart's mastery of choral and orchestral texture in a way that's very different from Gjeilo's work.

Both compositions will be performed with a string orchestra, and the Mozart piece will also be accompanied by the church's three-manual Roche pipe organ. A professional quartet of professional soloists will join the chorus for the concert.

Pilgrim Festival Chorus (PFC) is an 80-member, welcoming community choral ensemble comprised of experienced vocalists from more than 20 South Shore communities. Now in its 26th season, the chorus is dedicated to presenting diverse choral works that educate, enrich, and engage both its members and its audience.

is pleased to participate in the [Card to Culture Program](#), a collaboration between Mass Cultural Council and the Department of Transitional Assistance, the Women, Infants & Children (WIC) Nutrition Program, and the Massachusetts

n Connector, by broadening accessibility to cultural programming. This program is supported in part by a grant from
outh Cultural Council, a local agency supported by Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

ts for “Evening and Morning” are \$25 general admission and \$20 for seniors and students over 18. Card to Cultur
eels and children ages 18 and under are admitted for free. Tickets are available at pilgrimfestivalchorus.org/tickets
door, subject to availability.

ore information, visit pilgrimfestivalchorus.org. Follow Pilgrim Festival Chorus on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

About Pilgrim Festival Chorus

m Festival Chorus is a volunteer, nonprofit choral ensemble dedicated to presenting diverse choral works that edu
a, and engage both its members and its audiences. Pilgrim Festival Chorus is supported, in part, by grants from M
ral Council, a state agency, and its local cultural councils in Middleborough, Plymouth, and Scituate. PFC
rmances are produced in part by cooperation with See Plymouth and Plymouth County Commissioners. For more
ation, visit pilgrimfestivalchorus.org. Follow Pilgrim Festival Chorus on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

*Media recipients have permission to use photo on all media platforms, no limitations on use. Pilgrim Festival Chorus is the o
rights to use the image.*

enter: Members of Pilgrim Festival Chorus in concert, spring 2024, image by Denise Maccaferri



Services provided by:
Michelle McGrath PR | Media Relations
Based on Boston's South Shore, MA, 02066 USA

For all inquiries, please contact us at: michelle@mcgrathpr.com

