

## **St. Luke's Annual Women's Evensong Invitational 2026**

On Sunday, March 15, 2026 at 4:00 p.m., St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Monrovia, will present the fourteenth annual Women's Evensong Invitational in Lent. This has become one of the most-anticipated events in our church calendar. Every year, we try to involve singers from more parishes and welcome back old friends. Here are the main points:

- The commitment is for **Sunday, March 15, 2026**. There is a **2:30 call for a 4:00 service**. The service lasts less than an hour, and there is a reception afterwards.
- Most of the music is SSA. We have been lucky in the past in having the parts balance out.
- There will be two rehearsals in advance of the service, on February 22 and March 8 at 12:30 at St. Luke's, for those who can attend.\* There is only one rehearsal -- the 2:30 call on March 15 -- with the entire group. Therefore, I cannot overemphasize that the singers **MUST** know the music **BEFORE** March 15. We don't have time to teach the music on the date it is being sung. We are looking for good sight readers. (Who isn't?!)
- The psalm is in Anglican chant. **IT IS BEST IF YOU ARE ALREADY FAMILIAR WITH ANGLICAN CHANT**, but I always find that people can pick it up fairly quickly during rehearsal.
- All the music is available in PDF format. This makes the music a **LOT** easier to learn ahead of time. I'm into e-mail.
- In addition to the anthem, we will be singing the two canticles, the psalm, two hymns, and my own *Monrovia Preces and Responses* and SSA *Phos Hilaron* (newly engraved).

We already know that we will have singers who are doing the Invitational for the first time and that we will be welcoming back many of our old friends as well. (This means that you will be able to sit by somebody who knows the routine.) We are looking forward to an afternoon of beautiful music, and we look forward to hearing from singers from all over the Diocese.

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**\* The rehearsals on February 22 and March 8 are in the choir room, which is in the basement of the Parish House. This involves a lot of steps, so please take that into consideration.**