

Gulf Coast Messiah Chorus

Fall 2020 Virtual Choir Project

~ Instructions for Singers ~

PRACTICE:

Practice singing your part with your Part Predominate practice CD. Only practice and record one song at a time. First the "Hallelujah Chorus", then "Glory to God", and finally "And the glory of the Lord."

PREPARATION:

Gather up 1 smartphone and one audio playback device. If you wish to record yourself singing with just the accompaniment you'll need an internet connected computer, tablet, or second smart phone to play the accompaniment from the audio link on our Messiah Chorus website. If you wish to record yourself singing while listening to your Part Predominate practice CD you'll need an audio CD playback device such as a computer or CD player. Which ever you choose you'll need to listen using a set of earplugs or earbuds.

SET-UP:

Go to a quiet room where you will not be disturbed. No TV or traffic noise, pets, children, telephone, etc.

Set a smartphone up 1 – 3 feet from your face for recording purposes. (record just your head)
Turn the phone horizontally for the best video frame.

Set your audio playback device close at hand.

(remember to plug both devices in with their power cords...)

Have your Messiah music book open to the chorus you are going to record. Hold music or place music on a stand. Remember to turn pages silently without rustling...

Connect your earplugs/buds to the audio playback device and insert into your ears.

Take one earplug/bud out of one ear so you can hear yourself sing while recording.

RECORDING:

Open the video camera app on your smartphone. When you are ready, tap to start recording.

Make sure the camera is recording.

VIP! Leave at least 5 seconds of silence at the beginning of the recording before starting your playback audio.

Start your audio playback and sing your part. When finished, leave 5 seconds of silence, then stop your video recording.

TIPS:

Record each song in one take; if you mess up keep going as if it was a live performance.

It may require a couple of attempts, and that's OK. We all get nervous, and we all mess up.

Have fun, and don't worry too much!!!

FINISH:

Once you are satisfied with your recording, send the video to Dr. McGahie in a text message.

Take the rest of the week off, you deserve it! Then start practicing the next song