



Peace Prayer - Elise Letourneau with text by St. Francis of Assisi



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Elise Letourneau is an accomplished performer, composer, arranger, and educator. She is the founding music director of Capital Vox Jazz Choir, which has been there decay Canada's first community which has be n her dea Canada's first community ablished and directs Vox Chamber Choir. With her background in classical, jazz, and contemporary styles, Elise brings a varied palette of sound and experience to her music. She composed the winning entries of the 2011 Ruth Watson Henderson Composition Competition and the 2011/2012 ACCC Choral Composition. Her music has been sung by the Vancouver Chamber Choir, Canada's National Youth Choir, the Toronto Children's Chorus, and others.

Elisa's catalogue includes new music for voice, choir, piano, string quartet, and wings; as well as hundreds of custom choral arrangements. Please visit www.eliseletourneau.com to a kit and info nation.

Elise Letourneau has a any performance challe. The has performed and recorded with a variety of artists including vocal jazz tradicial description. Jazz Master award winner Sheila Jordan, baritone Marcus Nance, soprano Doreen Taylor-Claxton, saxophonist-composer Oliver Lake, pianist Harry Pickens, drummer Roger Humphries, Grammy-nominated jazz vocalist Janet Lawson, performance-poet Huang Xiang, jazzman Bob Dorough, singer-songwriter Paula Cole, pianist Dan Haerle, and the Impressions in Jazz Orchestra. She was selected for inclusion on the Pennsylvania Performing Arts on Tour artist roster, and has performed throughout the Mid-Atlantic region of the United States and throughout Ontario.

Elise instructs students in composition, piano, voice, and flute; and she is on the faculty at Carleton University and Alcorn Music Studios. She is recording her fourth CD. Her publishers include Caprets, horal Music and Diamond in the Square Music. Elise is a graduate of Boston's Berkler College of the composition and arranging. She earned at Market Special and learning at Lesley College in Cambridge MA. She is composition.

notes from the composer:

I love this text - so much that I wear it constantly - it's engraved on a lovely simple bracelet I received years ago as a gift. It's one of those timeless texts that resonates with people, regardless of their upbringing and religious or spiritual leanings. I've performed variations of this piece - with groups of singers, with a rhythm section, or solo from the piano - in formal worship services and more casual vespers settings - in cathedrals and synagogues and under the great sky dome - and it's always appropriate. In terms of musical feel, the piece must not be rushed, and the backbeat needs to be strong, but not exaggerated. And the rests are very important to framing the anticipated notes - the jazz idea of "playing the rests" is useful here. It's penals having to think of Ray Charles for this piece. When he played a slow 4, the quarter rotal (or dotted to a text here) was fat and luxuriant. He was never in a hurry for beat 2, but when the lide arrive is useful here. The longed.

Saint Francis of Assisi (1182 –1226) couldn't have known that his prayer would one day be invoked around the world and even sung by choirs; arranged by a woman from the yet undiscovered country of Canada! Francis was the son of a wealthy cloth merchant in Assisi, and he lived the high-spirited life typical of a wealthy young man, even fighting as a soldier for Assisi. While going off to war in 1204, Francis had a vision that directed him back to Assisi, where he lost his taste for his worldly life. On a pilgrimage to Rome, he begged with the beggars at St. Peter's. The experience moved him to live in poverty. Francis returned home, began preaching on the streets, and soon amassed a following. His order was eropsed by Pope Innocent III in 1210. He then founded the Order of Poor Clares, which was an enclosed order for pometrical set well as the Third Order of Brothers and Sisters of Penance. In 1219, he went to Egypt in an attenut to convert the Sultan. By this point, the Franciscan Order had grown to such an extent that its primitive organizational structure was no longer sufficient. He returned to Italy to organize the order. Once the Pope endorsed his organization, he withdrew increasingly from external affairs. In 1223, Francis arranged for the first Christina's mandar scene. The story is told that, in 1224, he received the stigmata -making him the first person to be the wounds of Christ's Passion. He died in 1226 while preaching Psalm 141.

based on the prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi



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