

## **How to Practice Your Music**

- Use a yellow highlighter to highlight your part for each piece.
- For each piece begin by JUST LISTENING and following the music. Use your finger to follow you part if it is helpful.
  - O There is a rehearsal CD included in your packet. If you prefer you can also access the recordings at <a href="https://www.deocantamus.org/ltcp-singers-portal">https://www.deocantamus.org/ltcp-singers-portal</a>
- After you are able to follow the score easily start singing along on doo instead of text.
  - o For Wir eilen mit schwachen, doch emsigen schtritten use doot doobee and instructed by Mr. Hawkins.
- After you are able to sing easily on do begin working with the text.
  - For *Hashivenu* and *Wir eilen mit schwached, coch emsigen schritten* you will want to spend some time speaking the text before trying to sing it. Listen to the recordings of Mr. Hawkins speaking.
- After you have learned the music and practiced, record yourself and email it to Mr. Hawkins at allanhawkins@mac.com.
  - O You can send the recording as an mp3, YouTube video, or whatever works best for you.
  - O You might consider playing the rehearsal recording in the background, simply recording yourself with a smartphone, and then send the recording to Mr. Hawkins.
  - Mr. Hawkins is NOT looking for a perfect recording but rather he wants to hear how everyone is doing before we get together for our first full rehearsal on January 10.
- Please follow this schedule for sending your recordings....
  - o By the end of the day on Saturday, December 21
    - Now I Lay Me Down To Sleep
    - *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*
    - Hashivenu
  - o By the end of the day on Saturday, December 28
    - Inscription of Hope
    - Somebody's Knockin' At Your Door
    - Children of the Heavenly Father
  - By the end of the day on Saturday, January 5
    - Wir eilen mit schwachen, doch emsigen schritten
    - Bendicamus Domino
  - o If want to send recordings ahead of the deadline that's just fine.

Remember – a chain is only as strong as it's weakest link, so practice until you can't sing it wrong!