

## Greater Things Than These Virtual Choir Instructions.

Here are the virtual choir instructions. They're pretty important. We need your files uploaded soon. I can work on them as they come in. Contact me at [dnbarg@mennochurch.mb.ca](mailto:dnbarg@mennochurch.mb.ca) for help. I'm happy to help.

First, visit this Dropbox link for mp3 audio files of either the balanced SATB version, or a version that pertains to your voice part. A pdf of the score is also in this folder.

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/0lwvwewh50w2cd1/AADAx58E1P7fJOMjoePN6NSta?dl=0>

You are welcome to use your phone, tablet, webcam, for recording... I'd say choose the device that might capture the best sound. Usually the newest one. :)

- Practice with the guide track. You will need to listen to the guide track with headphones on one device, while you record your video/voice on another device.
  - Practicing singing along to the song on headphones is worth it.
- Prepare your device for recording. Most phones, tablets, etc can record audio/video. Webcams tend not to be as high a quality. Here are some important things to note:
  - Make sure you are in a quiet place to record your track. Furnaces, fridges, all kinds of things make noise we don't want in the recording.
  - Hold (or prop) your recording device **horizontally**, not vertically.
  - Use the front camera, not the camera on the selfie side... this might need a friend to help you aim it correctly.
  - Don't be much more than an arm's length from a phone or ipad or webcam, or you'll look like a small dot, and your audio won't be as useful.
  - Make sure you have decent light on your face, with a plain background (if you can).
  - Hold your device, have someone hold it for you, or best, prop it up or use a tripod - at the same height as your face. This will make you look normal. If it's looking up at you, you'll look a bit odd, and less than flattering.
- First press record on your recording device, and then press play on the playback device.
  - Feel free to do it more than once and send the best one.
  - Make sure to smile, or at least think about your resting face at those points where you're not singing.
- Submit the video. Careful, there are a few steps here.
  - Use this link, which lets you upload your video to my dropbox directly from your device.
    - <https://www.dropbox.com/request/molejgGjktMCKjLeHePT>
  - Click on choose files.
  - On an iphone, choose Photo Library, on android, find the video...

- Go to video and and click on the video you want to send. On an iphone, it puts a checkmark on your video. Then click Done at the top.
- Put your name, voice part and region, (eg. Darryl - Tenor - MCM) and email address in the form, and click upload. You will receive a confirmation email once the video is uploaded. It may take a while depending on your internet speed, because it will be a fairly large file.
- Regions: MCBC, MCA, MCSK, MCM, MCEC
- Your part is done.

Again, don't hesitate to contact me if you have questions.

Also, and this is a tough one, don't look too serious as you're concentrating... a smile now and again will help the sound, and the visual feel.

Have fun,

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