

## Be Part of a Virtual Choir in 10 (mostly) Easy Steps

First, thank you so much for being willing to participate in our experiment in virtual choirs! While we are deeply sad that we will not be physically together for Holy Week and Easter, we are trying to use the technology we have to put together a way for us to make music even when we are apart.

Here's what we need from you.

1. You will probably need both your phone and a computer, or two phones, one for listening and one for recording. Make sure you have earbuds. You can do this yourself, or you can ask a family member to help (remember social distancing!).
2. Follow this link [[bit.ly/HeisRisenMelodyGuide](https://bit.ly/HeisRisenMelodyGuide)] to download the “guide track” (to your computer, because you’ll use your phone to record). Also, please download the sheet music so you have notes and words [[bit.ly/HeisRisenSheetMusic](https://bit.ly/HeisRisenSheetMusic)].
3. Listen to the guide track a few times to get ready to sing along! *If you want to sing harmony, download the appropriate guide track here: [bit.ly/HeisRisenAltoGuide](https://bit.ly/HeisRisenAltoGuide), [bit.ly/HeisRisenTenorGuide](https://bit.ly/HeisRisenTenorGuide), [bit.ly/HeisRisenBassGuide](https://bit.ly/HeisRisenBassGuide)*
4. Find a place that is quiet. Background noises can get distracting.
5. Connect your earbuds to your computer (or pair them if they’re bluetooth). We only want a recording of YOU singing, not the guide track!
6. Start your video (or have your partner start it). Make sure that your phone is held

**HORIZONTALLY**



**NOT VERTICALLY!**



Please try for a shot that is relatively close to you. Head and shoulders is best. If everyone holds their phone the same way and takes a similar video it is much easier to merge them together. Please note that if your video is too noisy, is shot vertically, or includes sounds from the guide track we may not be able to include it in the finished video. Here's an example: [[bit.ly/HeisRisenExampleVideo](https://bit.ly/HeisRisenExampleVideo)]

7. Once your video is going, listen to the guide track on your earbuds and sing along! Please START your video by saying “One Two” on the two beats before you come in. That helps our sound folks line up all of our tracks. Enjoy it! Look at the camera if you can and look like you’re having fun (we hope you are!)
8. Finish the video, wait for a few seconds and stop the recording.
9. Please upload the file to Google Drive or to DropBox.com and share the file with [jvarner75@gmail.com](mailto:jvarner75@gmail.com)
10. You’re done! Thank you so much!