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CATHOLICS AND JEWS TO COME TOGETHER FOR A CONCERT TO RAISE
AWARENESS ABOUT CLIMATE CHANGE AND CARING FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

INTERFAITH CONCERT

BLESSINGS OF THE EARTH

BIRKAT HA'ADAMAH/BENEFICIA TERRAE

AT CATHEDRAL OF OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS
ON NOVEMBER 11, 2018
555 West Temple Street

On Sunday evening, November 11th at 7pm, over 150 Catholic and Jewish sacred musicians and spiritual leaders from around Southern California will come together at Cathedral of our Lady of the Angels in DTLA for a first-of-its-kind event, combining their talents to raise awareness about environmental causes.

“Blessings of the Earth” will bring together Catholics and Jews to strengthen their faith communities as they raise consciousness and funds for our precious environment. The event grew out of an initial dialogue between Jewish and Catholic cantors sharing their role bringing sacred music to inspire and heal their communities.

Compositions by prominent composers Christopher Walker and Maria Newman will have their world premiere performances.

Participants include leading Jewish composers and spiritual lights Danny Maseng and Craig Taubman; Notable Cantors include Ken Cohen, Ilan Davidson, Marcus Feldman, Daniel Friedman, Don Gurney, Lisa Peiccott, David Shukiar, Kerith Spencer-Shapiro, and Mike Stein; Prominent Jewish Conductors include Aryell Cohen, Noreen Green, and Tova Morcos.

Catholic Conductors and sacred singers include Anna Betancourt, Shirley Massey, Paul Puccinelli, Francesco Alleruzzo, Gelo Francisco, Adan Hernandez, Joe Bazyouros, and Patrick Flahive.

The event is expected to draw people from across ethnic lines, as songs from various cultures will be featured in the program, including a special tribute to veterans. The cantors, conductors, choir directors, and musicians involved represent dozens of congregations from the South Bay to the San Gabriel Valley, with tens of thousands of congregants between them.

In a time of divisiveness, communities coming together in solidarity sends a strong message of our unity in faith and friendship.