The King of Love My Shepherd Is was commissioned for an interfaith choral festival held in Sarasota, Florida in 2015. As a paraphrase of Psalm 23, the beloved text by Henry Williams Baker was chosen because of its broad appeal across religious traditions. The musical setting strives on the one hand to be reminiscent of the popular ST. COLUMBA tune, while providing a new, unique melody in its own right. This piece is versatile and appropriate as an anthem during any time of the liturgical year.

Ryan Murphy was appointed associate music director of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir in 2009. In this capacity, he is responsible to assist Mack Wilberg, music director, with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir and Orchestra at Temple Square in rehearsals, concerts, tours, and the weekly broadcast of *Music and the Spoken Word*. He also serves as the conductor of the Temple Square Chorale.

Dr. Murphy has extensive choral conducting and professional musical theater experience. Prior to his appointment, he conducted six choirs in the Boston area, including two choirs at the prestigious New England Conservatory of Music Preparatory School. He served as the choral director for the Walnut Hill School for the Arts, an internationally recognized secondary school affiliated with the New England Conservatory. He was the music director of the Tuacahn Center for the Arts and the Sundance Institute. He was also on the staff at the Boston University Tanglewood Institute.

Dr. Murphy holds a degree in piano and organ performance and pedagogy from Brigham Young University, along with a master's degree in choral conducting. He received a doctorate in choral conducting from Boston University, where he studied with Dr. Ann Howard Jones. He is an active clinician, guest conductor, arranger, and composer. In addition to his arrangements for the Mormon Tabernacle Choir, his works have been performed and recorded by artists such as Bryn Terfel, Nathan Gunn, and Deborah Voigt.

THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS

Words by for S.A.T.B. voices and organ*

Music by

HENRÝ W. BAKER (1821–1877)

RYAN MURPHY



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