

Henri Fantin-Latour, White Lilies, 1883.



PRESENTS

SACRED REALMS

Green Mountain Consort Directed by Robert Worth

SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 8 P.M. SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 3 P.M. ST. SERAPHIM ORTHODOX CHURCH



Michael Praetorius, 1620



Three Singers, Adam de Coster, 1630





Ludwig Senfl



Sacred Realms:

Agnus Dei

FEATURING

Green Mountain Consort

Dianna Morgan, soprano • Lauren Haile, mezzo • Shawna Hervé, alto Paul Haile, tenor • Robert Worth, bass

Saturday, March 30, 2019 St. Seraphim Orthodox Church Santa Rosa Sunday, March 31, 2019 St. Seraphim Orthodox Church Santa Rosa

Welcome

We're delighted that you've joined us here in the incredible Church of St. Seraphim for our fifth annual 'Sacred Realms' concert. Designing and performing these shows for this very special space has been a great joy for me and for the Green Mountain Consort, and we extend our warmest thanks and appreciation to Father Lawrence and to the entire Seraphim community for welcoming us back year after year.

Our theme of 'Agnus Dei' is of course seasonally relevant, as we live through the dark days of Lent in preparation for Holy Week and the celebration of the rising of the Lamb of God. These events have always brought out the best in composers through the ages. The wrenching drama and grief of the Passion has inspired so much great music, as has the dramatic tale of the Resurrection and its consequences.

Our program is built around two large works by Ludwig Senfl (1486—1543), which I have loved for years and have been waiting for the perfect opportunity to present. The first of these provides our theme: the *Missa Paschalis* (Mass for Easter). As you will hear, this chant-based piece creates a special sound-world, a sort of transcendent, cosmic texture which can express everything from the tender calling of the name 'Jesu Christe' to the shouts and acclamations of 'In the glory of God the Father: Amen!'

With the *Missa* in mind, we decided to add contemporaneous polyphonic settings of the other requisite texts for Easter Mass. These are drawn from three sources: Heinrich Isaac's magisterial *Choralis Constantinus*, an enormous collection of so-called 'Propers' for each liturgical occasion; G.P. da Palestrina's *Motettorum liber tertius* (1575); and the *Missa Christ ist erstanden* by Johannes Galliculus (c.1490—c.1550).

Johannes who?—you may well ask. Well, this is one of the great pleasures of programming and performing early music: Sometimes—more often than you might think—one discovers a treasure which no one seems to know about. I like to call these (after Peter S. Beagle's *The Last Unicorn*) 'Creatures of night, brought to light'.

As it turns out, Galliculus (sometimes called Hennl—both names mean 'Rooster') was a Saxon composer who resided mainly in Dresden and Leipzig. He held the post of Thomaskantor in Leipzig from 1520 to 1525; two hundred years later, J.S. Bach assumed the same position, which he held for the rest of his life.

Galliculus' *Missa Christ ist erstanden* sets both Ordinary and Propers for Easter Mass. As noted above, we have used a number of his Propers in our program, and these share a special feature, from which derives the title of the Mass: They incorporate the ancient, staunch Easter hymn, 'Christ ist erstanden'. Not only the melody of the hymn appears, but also its German words, simultaneously with the words of the Proper item. This feature—a separate text added to a prescribed text—is called a *textual trope*; and since the two texts are in different languages, the music thus derived is given the pleasing (and faintly culinary) appellation of *macaronic*.

Out of our discovery of the Galliculus Mass came the next layer of our concert: Several settings of 'Christ ist erstanden', by Michael Praetorius and Arnoldus von Bruck. These are placed as 'bookends' near the beginning and end of each half of our concerts. They provide a joyous but rather stern reminder of the occasion and its story.

But around these bookends, we wrap a very different set of 'über-bookends'. And this is where we come to our second large Senfl work, entitled *Quinque salutationes Domini nostri Jesu Christi* (Five greetings to our Lord Jesus Christ). In these five motets, Senfl creates an entirely different sound-world from the spacious, cosmic character of his *Missa Paschalis*.

The *Quinque salutationes* are small-scaled, intimate, exquisitely loving songs of delight and tenderness. Each begins with the same invocation—'Hail Lord Jesus Christ, blessed King'—and continues with a series of attributions of Jesus, such as 'vision of peace'; 'word made flesh', 'highest love', 'perfect truth'. And the music matches the lyrics perfectly—intimate, comforting, reassuring, at ease and at rest. We provide these pieces as a sort of counter-poise to the *Christ ist erstanden* settings, the Yin and Yan of the Easter story.

Our final element is a series of short readings, woven in with the music. These are drawn from the 'Agnus Dei' section of Denise Levertov's poem *Mass for the Day of St. Thomas Didymus*. The readings provide an alternate take on the meaning of the Easter tale, and point us towards the inner work which can help to make the story truly live in our lives.

Again, thank you so much for coming to our concert!

--Robert Worth

Sacred Realms: Agnus Dei

Salutatio prima (from <i>Quinque salutationes</i>)
A reading from Mass for the Day of St. Thomas Didymus: Agnus DeiDenise Levertov (1923—1997)
Christ ist erstanden à 4 (from <i>Musae Sioniae VI</i>)
Introit: Resurrexi et ad huc (from <i>Choralis Constantinus</i>)
Kyrie (from Missa Paschalis)Ludwig Senfl
Gloria (from Missa Paschalis)Ludwig Senfl
Gradual: Haec dies and Alleluia: Pascha nostrum (from <i>Choralis Constantinus</i>)Heinrich Isaac
Sequence: Victimae paschali laudes (from <i>Missa Christ ist erstanden</i>) Johannes Galliculus (c.1490—after 1520)
A reading from Mass for the Day of St. Thomas Didymus: Agnus Dei
Salutatio secunda (from Quinque salutationes)Ludwig Senfl

INTERMISSION

Salutatio tertia (from <i>Quinque salutationes</i>)Ludwig Senfl
A reading from Mass for the Day of St. Thomas Didymus: Agnus Dei
Christ ist erstanden (from <i>Newe deudsche geistliche Gesenge—1544</i>) Arnoldus von Bruck (c.1500—c.1554)
Offertory: Angelus Domini descendit
Sanctus-Benedictus (from Missa Paschalis)
Salutatio quarta (from <i>Quinque salutationes</i>)Ludwig Senfl
Agnus Deimiserere nobis (from Missa Paschalis)Ludwig Senfl
Agnus Deidona nobis pacem (from Missa Christ ist erstanden)
Communion: Pascha nostrum (from Missa Christ ist erstanden)
Christ ist erstanden à 5 (from <i>Musae Sioniae VI</i>)
A reading from Mass for the Day of St. Thomas Didymus: Agnus Dei
Salutatio quinta (from <i>Quinque salutationes</i>)Ludwig Senfl

Texts and Translations

Salutatio primaLudwig Senfl (1486-1543) from *Quinque salutationes*

Ave Domine Jesu Christe, rex benedicte, verbum Patris, Filius virginis, Agnus Dei, Salus mundi,

Hostia sacra, verbum caro factum,

Fons pietatis.

Hail Lord Jesus Christ, blessed king, Word of the Father, Son of the Virgin, Lamb of God, salvation of the world. Sacred host, word made flesh.

A reading from Mass for the Day of St. Thomas Didymus: Agnus Dei........... Denise Levertov (1923—1997)

Given that lambs

Are infant sheep, that sheep Are afraid and foolish, and lack The means of self-protection, having

Neither rage nor claws, Venom nor cunning,

What then is this 'Lamb of God'?

This pretty creature, vigorous

To nuzzle for milk, Woolbearer, bleater,

Source of compassion.

Leaper in air for delight of being. who finds in astonishment Four legs to stand on, the grass All it knows of the world?

from Musae Sioniae VI

Christ ist erstanden von der Marter alle!

Des sollen wir alle froh sein, Christ will unser Trost sein:

Kyrioleis.

Wär er nicht erstanden, so wär die Welt vergangen. Seit daß er erstanden ist.

so loben wir den Herren Jesu Christ:

Kyrioleis.

Halleluja!

Des sollen wir alle froh sein. Christ will unser Trost sein:

Kyrioleis.

Christ is risen from all his torments.

thus we should all be joyful, Christ wants to be our comfort:

Lord have mercy.

If he were not risen.

then the world would be lost.

Since he has risen.

then let us praise the Lord Jesus Christ.

Lord have mercy.

Alleluia!

Thus we should all be joyful, Christ wants to be our comfort:

Lord have mercy

from Choralis Constantinus

Resurrexi, et adhuc tecum sum, alleluia. Posuisti super me manum tuam, alleluia. Mirabilis facta est scientia tua, alleluia.

I arose, and am still with Thee, alleluia. Thou hast laid Thine hand upon me, alleluia. Thy knowledge is become wonderful, alleluia. Combined with 'Christ ist erstanden':

Christus surrexit, Christ is risen.

Mala nostra texit; He has covered our evil doings, et quos hic dilexit, and those whom he has loved

hos ad coelos vexit. he has led to heaven.

Domine, probasti me, et cognovisti me: Lord, you have searched me and known me;

tu cognovisti sessionem meam, you know my sitting down,

et resurrectionem meam. and my rising up.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

KyrieLudwig Senfl

from Missa Paschalis

Kyrie eleison.

Christe eleison.

Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

GloriaLudwig Senfl

from Missa Paschalis

Gloria in excelsis Deo. Glory to God in the highest,

Et in terra pax and on earth peace,

hominibus bonae voluntatis. good will to all.

Laudamus te, benedicimus te, adoramus te, glorificamus te. We praise thee, we bless thee, we adore thee, we glorify thee.

Gratias agimus tibi We give thanks to thee propter magnam gloriam tuam. We give thanks to thee

Domine Deus, Rex coelestis, Lord God, heavenly king, Deus Pater omnipotens. God the Father almighty.

Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe.

The only-begotten Son, Lord Jesus Christ.

Son of the Father

have mercy upon us.

Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Lord God, Lamb of God,

Filius Patris.

Qui tollis peccata mundi, Who takes away the sins of the world,

suscipe deprecationem nostram. receive our prayer.

Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, Who sittest at the right hand of the Father,

miserere nobis.

Quoniam tu solus Sanctus. For thou alone art holy.

Tu solus Dominus.

Thou alone art the Lord.
Tu solus Altissimus,

Thou alone art most high,

Jesu Christe. Jesus Christ.

Cum Sancto Spiritu With the Holy Ghost

in gloria Dei Patris. Amen. in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

from Choralis Constantinus

Haec dies quam fecit Dominus: This is the day which the Lord hath made:

exultemus et laetemur in ea: let us be glad and rejoice therein:

Alleluia. Alleluia.

Pascha nostrum immolatus est Christus: Christ our Passover was sacrificed for us:

Alleluia. Alleluia.

from Missa Christ ist erstanden

Chant:

Victimae paschali laudes immolent Christiani. To the Paschal victim let Christians offer praise.

Polyphony:

Agnus redemit oves: Christus innocens Patri
reconciliavit peccatores.

The Lamb has redeemed the sheep: Christ who is without sin reconciled sinners to the Father.

Lord have mercy.

While tenor sings 'Christ ist erstanden':

Christ ist erstanden von der Marter alle! Christ is risen from all his torments,

Des sollen wir alle froh sein, thus we should all be joyful,
Christ will unser Trost sein: Christ wants to be our comfort:

Kyrie eleison.

Chant:

Mors et vita duello conflixere mirando; dux vitae Death and life have fought a huge battle; the mortuus, regnat vivus.

Death and life have fought a huge battle; the Prince of Life was dead, but lives and reigns.

mortaas, regnat vive

Polyphony:
Dic nobis Maria, quid vidisti in via?

Tell us, Mary, what did you see on your way?

Sepulcrum Christi viventis, The tomb of the living Christ, et gloriam vidi resurgentis; and the glory of his rising;

While bass sings 'Christ ist erstanden':

Christ ist erstanden von der Marter alle! Christ is risen from all his torments,

Des sollen wir alle froh sein, thus we should all be joyful, Christ will unser Trost sein: Christ wants to be our comfort:

Kyrie eleison. Lord have mercy.

Chant:

Angelicos testes, sudarium et vestes.

Angels standing as witnesses, the shroud and linen Surrexit Christus spes mea: praecedet suos in cloth. Christ my hope has risen: He precedes you

Galilaeam. to Galilee.

Polyphony:

Credendum est magis soli Mariae veraci quam More trust should be placed in truthful Mary than

populorum turbae fallaci. in a deceitful crowd of the people.

Chant:

Scimus Christum surrexisse a mortuis vere:

Tu nobis, victor Rex, miserere.

Truly, we know Christ has risen from the dead: O

King and victor, have mercy on us.

What terror lies concealed in strangest words:

O Lamb of God that taketh away

the Sins of the World?

An innocence, born in snowdrifts,

licked by forebearing dogs more intelligent

than its entire flock put together?

God then, encompassing all things,

is defenseless?

Omnipotence has been tossed away, reduced to a wisp of damp wool?

Salutatio secundaLudwig Senfl

from Quinque salutationes

Ave Domine Jesu Christe, rex benedicte, Laus angelorum, gloria sanctorum, visio pacis,

Deitas integra, verus homo,

Flos et fructus virginis matris.

Hail Lord Jesus Christ, blessed king, Praise of the angels, glory of the saints, Vision of peace, unchanged deity, Flower and fruit of the mother Virgin.



Salutatio tertiaLudwig Senfl

from Quinque salutationes

Ave Domine Jesu Christe, rex benedicte, Lumen caeli, pretium mundi, gaudium nostrum, Panis angelorum, cordis jubilus,

Rex et sponsus virginitatis.

Hail Lord Jesus Christ, blessed king, Light of heaven, origin of the world, our delight, Bread of angels, song for the heart, King and bridegroom of chastity.

And we, frightened, bored, wanting only to sleep till catastrophe has raged, clashed, seethed and gone by without us—We who in shamefaced private hope

had looked to be plucked from fire and given a bliss we deserved for having imagined it—

Is it implied that *we* must protect this perversely weak animal, whose muzzle's nudgings suppose there is milk to be found in *us?* Must hold to our hearts

from Newe deudsche geistliche Gesenge—1544

Christ ist erstanden von der Marter alle!

Des sollen wir alle froh sein, Christ will unser Trost sein:

Kyrioleis.

Christ is risen from all his torments, thus we should all be joyful, Christ wants to be our comfort:

Lord have mercy.

Wär er nicht erstanden. If he were not risen. so wär die Welt vergangen. then the world would be lost. Seit daß er erstanden ist, Since he has risen, so loben wir den Herren Jesu Christ: then let us praise the Lord Jesus Christ. Lord have mercy. Kyrioleis. Alleluia! Halleluja! Des sollen wir alle froh sein. Thus we should all be joyful, Christ will unser Trost sein: Christ wants to be our comfort: Kyrioleis. Lord have mercy Angelus Domini descendit de coelo et dixit The angel of the Lord descended from heaven and mulieribus: Quem quaeritis, surrexit sicut dixit. said to the women: Whom do you seek? He has Alleluia. risen, as he said. Alleluia. Sanctus-BenedictusLudwig Senfl from Missa Paschalis Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Holy, holy, holy, Dominus Deus Sabaoth. Lord God of hosts. Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua. Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Hosanna in excelsis Hosanna in the highest. Benedictus qui venit Blessed is the one that comes in nomine Domini. in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in excelsis. Hosanna in the highest. Salutatio quarta Ludwig Senfl from *Quinque salutationes* Ave Domine Jesu Christe, rex benedicte, Hail Lord Jesus Christ, blessed king, Splendour of the Father, prince of peace, Splendor Patris, princeps pacis, Door to Heaven, living bread, Iauna caeli, panis vivus, Virginis partus, vas puritatis. Born of the Virgin, vessel of purity. Agnus Dei...miserere nobis Ludwig Senfl from Missa Paschalis Lamb of God, Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, who takest away the sins of the world, miserere nobis have mercy on us. from Missa Christ ist erstanden

Lamb of God.

Grant us peace.

who takest away the sins of the world:

Agnus Dei,

qui tollis peccata mundi:

Dona nobis pacem.

Concludes with 'Christ ist erstanden': Des sollen wir alle froh sein. Thus we should all be joyful, Christ will unser Trost sein: Christ wants to be our comfort: Kvrie eleison. Lord have mercy. Communion: Pascha nostrum Johannes Galliculus from Missa Christ ist erstanden Pascha nostrum immolatus est Christus: Christ our Paschal Lamb has been sacrificed: Alleluia. Therefore, let us keep the feast with the Alleluia. Itaque epulemur in azymis sinceritatis et veritatis: Alleluia. unleavened bread of sincerity and truth: Alleluia. Christ ist erstanden à 5 Michael Praetorius from Musae Sioniae VI Christ ist erstanden von der Marter alle! Christ is risen from all his torments, Des sollen wir alle froh sein. thus we should all be joyful, Christ wants to be our comfort: Christ will unser Trost sein: Lord have mercy. Kyrioleis. Wär er nicht erstanden, If he were not risen, so wär die Welt vergangen. then the world would be lost. Since he has risen, Seit daß er erstanden ist. so loben wir den Herren Jesu Christ: then let us praise the Lord Jesus Christ. Kyrioleis. Lord have mercy. Halleluja! Alleluia! Des sollen wir alle froh sein. Thus we should all be joyful, Christ will unser Trost sein: Christ wants to be our comfort: Kyrioleis. Lord have mercy So be it: Let's try if something human Come, rag of pungent still can shield you, auiverings. O spark dim star. of remote light. Salutatio quintaLudwig Senfl from Quinque salutationes Ave Domine Jesu Christe, rex benedicte, Hail Lord Jesus Christ, blessed king,

Vita dulcis, veritas perfecta, praemium nostrum, Caritas summa, fons amoris, Dulcedo et pax durabilis, requies nostra, Vita perennis: miserere nobis. Hail Lord Jesus Christ, blessed king, Sweet life, perfect truth, our prize, Highest love, love's source, Lasting sweetness and peace, our rest, Everlasting life: have mercy upon us.

Green Mountain Consort

Lauren Haile first moved to Sonoma County to earn her bachelor's in music at SSU in 2003 and has been here ever since! She teaches piano and voice at Music To My Ears in Cotati where she has over 30 private students. She has accompanied and musically directed shows at Cinnabar, Spreckels, The Raven, The Glaser Center and 6th Street Playhouse. You can also find her coaching and accompanying the choirs at Casa Grande High School. On Sundays, she and her husband, Paul, lead the music at SOMA Church Community. Lauren has been a part of the local indie music scene since 2006 where she played alongside her husband in the instrumental rock band Not To Reason Why. She plays and sings in her band Trebuchet with Paul and two other SSU music alums. She has loved singing under the direction of Bob Worth in Circa 1600 as an alto/second soprano for the last 10 years.

Paul Haile graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Music degree from Sonoma State University in 2006. He also obtained his Certificate of Completion from the Recording Connection Program for Recording Engineering in 2008. He now works as a private piano, vocal, drum and cello instructor for students of all ages at the Napa School of Music and Music to My Ears music schools. He currently is the instructor for the Audio Recording and Production Certificate Program at Sonoma State University. Paul sings and plays the drums with his wife, Lauren, in their band, Trebuchet. He also takes on various recording projects from full bands, to jingles, to voice over work at his recording studio, Greenhouse Recording. He most recently finished recording and mixing a project that Trebuchet, the Young People's Chamber Orchestra and composer, Ben Taylor collaborated on together. He lives in Petaluma and has been happily dwelling with his wife there for the past 6 years.

Shawna Hervé is a native of Sonoma County and an alumni of the Sonoma State University music department. She has been singing in bands since the age of fifteen exploring folk, rock, funk, blues, jazz, R&B, reggae and country. Her first album of original music, Material Ghost, was released in 2008 and her EP, See Yourself, was released in 2011. She is currently working on another full-length album. Early music became a part of her life during her college years at Sonoma State when Robert Worth was her ear training teacher and choir conductor. After ten years of not singing early music she joined Circa 1600 and Green Mountain Consort and has been loving it ever since. She started her business as a private singing teacher in 2004 at Stanroy Music Center and now sustains a work load of approximately 40 students with a wait list of singers eager to study with her. She and her husband, Cory Herve, have a duo called Twin Soles that performs a few times a month at some of their favorite venues in the North Bay and on Maui where they spend many of their vacations. She has recorded on many local artists' albums singing backup and lead on their original music. When she's not working she's spending time with her son, Indigo, and with her husband and their two cockatiels, Bo and Pippin.

Dianna Morgan graduated Summa Cum Laude from Southern Oregon University with a BA in Music focusing on Vocal Performance and Music Education. Dianna performed in Carnegie Hall after winning First Place, Judges Distinction Award and Best Performance Award in the 2012 American Protégé Vocal Competition. She has toured the world as a soprano soloist in Puerto Rico, Austria, and Hungary and has appeared in several operas with Rogue Opera and Cinnabar Theater. Dianna moved to Petaluma in 2013 and has since fallen in love with it! She lives there with her husband and children, and they enjoy walking around town, finding new things to do, and spending time together. Dianna is an active member of Sonoma Bach's musical community, singing with the Bach Choir, Circa 1600, Green Mountain Consort, and working as Sonoma Bach's Executive Director.

Robert Worth is the founding music director of Sonoma Bach. In 2010, he retired as Professor of Music at Sonoma State University, where he taught choral music and many other subjects for 27 years. In addition to his work in the fields of choral and early music, Bob has a specialty in musicianship training, and for ten years ran the ear training program at SSU. He was deeply involved in the Green Music Center project in its early years, serving as consultant to the architects on such issues as acoustics, choral performance facilities and the Cassin pipe organ. Bob received his BA in music at SSU in 1980, and his MA in musicology at UC Berkeley in 1982.

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