

SELECTIONS

from the

“Geistliche Chormusik” of  
Heinrich Schutz

for

Alto, Two Tenors, Bass Trombone and Tuba

arranged by

Bob Reifsnyder

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## About the Composers

Two of the great innovators of the 17<sup>th</sup> century, Giovanni Gabrieli (1556?-1612) and Claudio Monteverdi (1567-1643), spent the greater part of their careers employed at the Cathedral of San Marco in Venice. Heinrich Schutz (1585-1672), the greatest German composer of the seventeenth century, studied with both of them, making Venice the most important musical center of the early Baroque.

Gabrieli is revered by all brass players for his 42 extant compositions in 4-22 parts of predominantly antiphonal brass music, intended to take advantage of the three balconies located in the sanctuary of San Marco. In his music, we see the finest early examples of "concertato style", where every imaginable musical contrast was utilized (voice-instrument, fast-slow, duple-triple meter, high-low, loud-soft, strings-brass, etc.) This collection includes several of those 42 works.

Monteverdi also used the "concertato style" frequently in his sacred music, but he is much more famous for the development of the "monadic style" in his operas, which first introduced the "recitative" to contemporary audiences and later firmly established the "recitative-aria" approach that dominated operatic composition right up to Wagner. In this collection, though, the music is drawn from his secular madrigals, the most important historical collection illustrating the transition from Renaissance polyphony to Baroque Homophony.

Schutz first studied with Gabrieli and embraced the antiphonal "concertato" style in his early music. However, the ravages of a major plague and the Thirty Years War severely depleted his musical resources, making that form of expression impossible. He returned to Venice at the age of 44 to learn the monadic techniques of Monteverdi and incorporated this new approach into his compositions (the arrangements used in this collection come from that period). Late in his career, he returned once again to the antiphonal "concertato" style and wrote perhaps his most glorious compositions, influencing all who followed.

## About the arranger

Bob Reifsnyder, a graduate of Interlochen Arts Academy, has two degrees from Juilliard and a Doctorate from Indiana University. As a trombone teacher, he has served on the faculties of the Juilliard Pre-College Division, Indiana University, Indiana State University, and Ithaca College. As a professional trombonist, he has been a member of the West Point band, the National Orchestra of New York, the Spoleto Festival orchestra, Goldman Band, Ringling Brothers, the German orchestras of Bielefeld, Kaiserslautern and Solingen, Terre Haute Symphony, Tri-Cities Opera, Cayuga Chamber Orchestra, Manitowoc Symphony and the Wisconsin Philharmonic. As a gig musician, he has appeared with the Metropolitan Opera, the orchestras of Wuppertal and Dusseldorf in Germany, L'Orchestre de la Suisse Romande, Chamber Orchestra of Lausanne, Fort Wayne Philharmonic, Syracuse Symphony, Binghamton Pops, Ithaca Opera, the Wisconsin orchestras of Sheboygan, Oshkosh, Green Bay and the Fox Valley Symphony.

## Notes for this arrangement

1. **Performance-** These vocal quintets have a basso continuo part which is often not utilized in contemporary performances, so these arrangements are totally complete musically. As a result, these works are designed to add to the performance repertoire of the low brass choir.
2. **Clef reading-** These arrangements will hopefully also serve as advanced clef practice for trombonists playing the top three parts. It is unfortunate that clef reading skills don't seem to be a priority for many contemporary trombone teachers, but the ability to transpose at sight remains a prerequisite for becoming an excellent professional musician. Please keep in mind that the first time one has to ask a conductor for a transposed part is likely the last time one will perform with that ensemble!
3. **Scoring-** There is quite a bit of octave displacement to keep the individual parts within the comfortable range of the performing instruments and to establish the alto trombone as the highest voice. Vocal parts have also been altered to resemble instrumental parts without words.
4. **Range-** The basic range of these transcriptions is from high D to low G, to accommodate the use of a C tuba for the fifth part. These arrangements are also quite suitable for performance by a viola, two trombones, cello and string bass. This offers wonderful chamber music practice for the trombonists involved, especially if a sacbut is to be used for the second and third parts.
5. **Tempi-** All tempi are suggestions, not requirements. They are based on three tenets of Baroque performance:
  - A. triple tempi are faster than duple tempi
  - B. music with quarter and half notes as the fastest value have faster tempi
  - C. music with eighth and sixteenth notes as the fastest value have slower tempi
6. **Dynamics-** Only three dynamic levels are used in these arrangements (mf,mp,p) and they are also suggestions as well. If one wants to expand the dynamic range a bit, there is certainly no issue with using "f,mp,pp" instead.
7. **Breathing-** There are no breath marks in these transcriptions; that is perhaps the most personal decision a brass player ever makes. There are, however, notes left out in extended passages that would be otherwise impossible to perform well, hopefully in the most appropriate locations.

Bass Trombone "Es wird das Scepter von Juda" SWV369

from the "Geistliche Chormusik" Op. 11

Heinrich Schutz

Bob Reifsnnyder

♩ = 70

Musical staff 1: Bass clef, 2 flats, common time. Measures 1-6. Dynamics: *p*

Musical staff 2: Bass clef, 2 flats, common time. Measures 7-12. Dynamics: *mp*

Musical staff 3: Bass clef, 2 flats, common time. Measures 13-17. Dynamics: *mp*, *mf*

Musical staff 4: Bass clef, 2 flats, common time. Measures 18-23. Dynamics: *mp*

Musical staff 5: Bass clef, 2 flats, common time. Measures 24-28. Dynamics: *mp*

Musical staff 6: Bass clef, 2 flats, common time. Measures 29-34. Dynamics: *p*, *mp*

Musical staff 7: Bass clef, 2 flats, common time. Measures 35-40. Dynamics: *mp*

Musical staff 8: Bass clef, 2 flats, common time. Measures 41-42. Dynamics: *mp*

Bass Trombone

# "Er wird sein Kleid" SWV370

from the "Geistliche Chormusik" Op. 11

Heinrich Schutz

Bob Reifsnnyder

$\text{♩} = 70$





"Es ist erschienen" SWV371

42

*p*

46

*mp*

52

Bass Trombone

# "Verleih uns Frieden" SWV 372

from the "Geistliche Chormusik" Op. 11

Heinrich Schutz

Bob Reifsnnyder

♩=80



*mp*

7



*mf*

13



17



*p*

*mf*

22



*p*

*mp*

28



*mf*

34



Bass Trombone

# "Gieb unsern Fursten" SWV373

from the "Geistliche Chormusik" Op. 11

Heinrich Schutz

Bob Reifsnyder

♩ = 75

Musical staff 1: Bass clef, 4/4 time signature. Measures 1-5. Dynamics: *mp*, *p*.

6

Musical staff 2: Bass clef, 4/4 time signature. Measures 6-11. Dynamics: *mf*, *mp*.

♩ = 75

♩ = 50

♩ = 75

12

Musical staff 3: Bass clef, 3/4 time signature, then 4/4. Measures 12-18. Dynamics: *mf*, *p*.

♩ = 50

♩ = 75

19

Musical staff 4: Bass clef, 5/4 time signature, then 3/4, then 4/4. Measures 19-24. Dynamics: *mf*.

25

Musical staff 5: Bass clef, 4/4 time signature. Measures 25-30. Dynamics: *p*, *mp*.

31

Musical staff 6: Bass clef, 4/4 time signature. Measures 31-36.

Bass Trombone "Unser keiner lebet ihm selber" SWV374

from the "Geistliche Chormusik" Op. 11

Heinrich Schutz

Bob Reifsnnyder

♩ = 80

*p* *mf* *mp*

6

*mf*

11

*mp*

15

*mf*

20

*p* *mp*

26

*mp*

33

*mf*

38

*mp* *mf*



Bass Trombone

# "Viel werden kommen" SWV375

from the "Geistliche Chormusik" Op. 11

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Bob Reifsnnyder

♩ = 90

Musical staff 1: Bass clef, key signature of one sharp (F#), common time signature. The staff contains a melodic line starting with a whole rest, followed by a series of eighth and sixteenth notes. Dynamics include *p* and *mp*.

6

Musical staff 2: Continuation of the melodic line from staff 1, starting at measure 6. Dynamics include *mf* and *mp*.

11

Musical staff 3: Continuation of the melodic line from staff 2, starting at measure 11. Dynamics include *mf* and *mp*.

17

Musical staff 4: Continuation of the melodic line from staff 3, starting at measure 17. Dynamics include *mf* and *mp*.

23

Musical staff 5: Continuation of the melodic line from staff 4, starting at measure 23. Dynamics include *mf*.

29

Musical staff 6: Continuation of the melodic line from staff 5, starting at measure 29. The time signature changes to 5/4. Dynamics include *mf*.

34

Musical staff 7: Continuation of the melodic line from staff 6, starting at measure 34. The staff ends with a double bar line.

Bass Trombone "Sammet zuvor das Unkraut" SWV376

from the "Geistliche Chormusik" Op. 11

Heinrich Schutz

Bob Reifsnnyder

♩ = 60

1

7

11

16

22

Bass Trombone

# "Herr, auf dich traue ich" SWV377

from the "Geistliche Chormusik" Op. 11

Heinrich Schutz

Bob Reifsnnyder

♩=80

*mp* *p* *mp*

6 *mf*

12 *p* *mf*

17 *mp*

23 *mf* *mp*

29 *mf*

34 *p*

38 *mf*

Bass Trombone

# "Die mit Tranen saen" SWV278

from the "Geistliche Chormusik" Op. 11

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$\text{♩} = 70$

*p*

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7

*mf*

*p*

$\text{♩} = 70$

13

*mf*

20

*mf*

$\text{♩} = 70$

28

*p*

35

*mp*

41

*mp*

45

*mf*

"Die mit Tranen saen" SWV278

49

mp

54

59

p



Bass Trombone **"Also hat Gott die Welt geliebt" SWV380**

from the "Geistliche Chormusik" Op. 11

Heinrich Schutz

Bob Reifsnyder

♩ = 80

*mf* *mp*

6

*p*

11

*mp*

♩ = 60

16

*p*

♩ = 80

24

*mf*