

The Liturgical Organist

Sunday after Sunday, liturgical organists are faced with the challenge of providing music for liturgy. While hymns, psalms, musical settings of liturgical texts, choral anthems and responses are often made clear in their choice due to the marriage of text and music, choosing music outside of those parameters is a challenge. Music that happens prior to worship as the community gathers, music to accompany ritual actions such as the presentation of the offering or the distribution of the Eucharist, and music that sends people on their way at the end of the service is not something to be taken lightly. Such choices are important and can have a significant effect on the over-all tenor of the liturgy. Many organists have concluded the most efficient and effective solution is to seek pieces which are based on the hymns sung by the assembly and trust that a cohesive liturgical whole has been created. This essay attempts to move beyond that notion into the realm of solo organ literature that is not derived from a chorale or hymn melody. Each piece of music carries its own aesthetic characteristics, and the task of the liturgical organist is to determine how those characteristics can best be incorporated into a given religious celebration.

A top-selling organ music book. Edited and arranged by E. Power Biggs (1906-1977). Includes a biographical sketch of the very influential Mr. Biggs. Titles: * Adagio for the Glass Harmonica or Musical Glasses (W.A. Mozart) * All Glory Be To God On High (Festival Prelude for Organ) (J.S. Bach) * Andante from Concerto No. 3 in B-flat * Prelude on Ave Verum Corpus (W.A. Mozart) * A Christmas Pastoral from The Christmas Concerto (G. Valentini) * The Cuckoo (L.C. d'Aquin) * The Emperor's Fanfare from Sixth Double Concerto (A. Soler) * The Faithful Shepherd (Pastorale) (George Frideric Handel)* The Fifers (F. Dandrieu) * Firework Music (Suite from the Music for the Royal Fireworks) (George Frideric Handel) * Fugue in C Major, The "Fanfare" Fugue (J.S. Bach) * God's Time is the Best (Sinfonia to Cantata No. 106) (J.S. Bach) * I Stand at the Threshold (Sinfonia to Cantata No. 156) (J.S. Bach) * Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring (from Cantata No. 147) (J.S. Bach) * The Musical Clocks (from a Suite of Twelve Pieces) (F.J. Haydn) * Offertoire for Easter (On the Melody "O Filii et Filiae") (F. Dandrieu) * Sheep May Safely Graze (In G) (From Cantata No. 208 -- The "Birthday Cantata") (J.S. Bach) * The Shepherds At The Manger (From the Piano Suite "The Christmas Tree) (F. Liszt) * Sinfonia, Chorale and Variation (From the Easter Cantata -- No. 4 -- "Christ Lay in Death's Dark Prison) (J.S. Bach) * Slow Movement from Concerto in D Minor (A. Vivaldi/J.S. Bach) * A Solemn Prelude (From Cantata No. 21 -- "Sighing, Weeping, Sorrow, Need) (J.S. Bach) * The Trophy (F. Couperin)

100+ Hymns in 3 Parts arranged for the organ to assist pianists and organists in learning to play hymns, each hymn also appears as a chorale prelude for teaching the hymn melody to the congregation and to be used as an introduction to the hymn.

This unique collection is devoted solely to original organ music without pedal, liberating the average keyboardist to explore a specialized organ literature written for hands alone. Consisting almost exclusively of rare, out-of-print editions, it includes a Serenade to the Madonna, part of three pieces by Berlioz; a Barcarolle and Prayer by Saint-Saëns, a portion of another three-piece set; three rhapsodies and communion music by Bizet; plus other organ classics by Liszt, Gounod, Cui, Dupré, Vierne, and Glière.

T. Tertius Noble presents here a collection of free organ accompaniments similar to "Fifty Free Organ Accompaniments to Well-Known Hymn Tunes." These two books taken together cover the hymn repertoire common to all types of American churches. Each hymn tune is arranged with the hymn melody on a separate staff above Noble's original accompaniment arrangement notated on the grand staff (without a separate pedal staff). These are perfect for accompanying choirs, soloists, or in congregational settings.

Noel Jones has put together a truly wonderful collection of varied pieces, all based on hymns in honor of Our Lady. The pieces are varied in character and technical requirement, but they are all rewarding to play and listen to, and they are supremely well suited to liturgical use. In addition, many would not be out of place in an exciting organ recital program. As with its sister volume based on Ave Maris Stella, it is worth reiterating that although these pieces are based on Marian hymns, there is no reason why they couldn't be used in a variety of other settings. There are some truly wonderful works in this volume, many of which are not readily available elsewhere, and I congratulate Noel Jones and Frog Music Press in bringing this useful volume to print. Neil Weston

The Bass Wore Scales (No. 5 in the series) Where does a 500 lb. "born-again" gorilla sleep? Anywhere he wants! For Detective Hayden Konig, things are going well. He enjoys his two jobs, he's independently wealthy, his girlfriend has agreed not to marry him, and no one has been killed in St. Germaine since Palm Sunday. In spite of all this success, Hayden has one more dream to realize-he longs to be a writer. As the organist and choir director of St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, he takes every opportunity to inflict his attempts at hard-boiled, musical detective stories on the choir, and, to boost his credibility, he's even purchased Raymond Chandler's actual typewriter. It doesn't help. Summers in North Carolina are usually peaceful, but when Kokomo, the world-famous signing gorilla, comes to town, suddenly there's a dead body in the church and all the evidence points to the great ape. Can Hayden figure out the mystery in time to save Kokomo? (Well...of course he can...)

"Police chief Hayden Konig is a lucky man. He's wealthy, he enjoys his work, he has a loving wife, good friends, and lives in the quaintest, most picturesque town in the North Carolina mountains. With all this going for him, you'd think he'd be satisfied. He's not. He longs to be a writer, a hard-boiled, noir detective word-slinger worthy of the 1939 Underwood No. 5 sitting on his desk a typewriter once owned by Raymond Chandler. You'd think a machine like this would help. It doesn't. As a detective, Chief Konig is at the top of his game. As the organist at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, he can play with the best of them. But as a writer, Hayden produces more bad prose than the St. Germaine Garden Club's annual poetry review. ... What do the bones of an ancient king, a scoodle of skunks, a farm auction, the best Christmas parade ever, and an obnoxious deacon have to do with the dead body floating in Lake Tannenbaum? Maybe nothing. Maybe everything. It's up to Hayden to pull all the clues together like two cousins in a Kentucky hayloft. After all, Epiphany is right around the corner!"--P. [4] of cover.

Fans of Joyce Jones, other organists and students will thrill to know Warner Bros. Publications has re-released this long popular collection of organ pedal exercises and tips by the queen of pedaling. This book contains every conceivable type of pedaling found from the most basic to actual musical examples from standard repertoire. Helpful notes by Joyce Jones are included throughout, explaining patterns, techniques, etc. to improve pedaling by all organists. A must!

Originally published: New York: G. Schirmer, 1889.

Studies in English Organ Music is a collection of essays by expert authors that examines key areas of the repertoire in the history of organ music in England. The essays on repertoire are placed alongside supporting studies in organ building and liturgical practice in order to provide a comprehensive contextualization. An analysis of the symbiotic

relationship between the organ, liturgy, and composers reveals how the repertoire has been shaped by these complementary areas and developed through history. This volume is the first collection of specialist studies related to the field of English organ music.

Using Voice Palette stops on the Roland/Rodgers Church Organs

Comprised of music for almost every occasion of the church year, this publication is a hearty and abundant resource of approachable organ music. Like the first volume, it is a godsend for those planning their church year and enriching their organ library. Of the forty-nine pieces contained within, thirty-one are newly composed for this volume.

This collection features church and concert works for the organ and includes such popular pieces as Bach's "Toccatina" and "Fugue in D Minor" and the "Toccatina" from Charles-Marie Widor's 5th Organ Symphony."

Features works for organists who prefer to play without pedals, including J. S. Bach's Partite diverse sopra, O Gott, du frommer Gott!; Pachelbel's Canon in D; plus works by Mozart, Haydn, Beethoven, Handel, Liszt, and others.

French romantic organist and composer Alexandre Guilmant wrote beautiful works for organ throughout his life. This collection, which consists of Books 1-6 of his "Pieces in Different Styles," contains 24 pieces, many for which Guilmant was well known, written primarily for church services. This volume is copied directly from the 3rd Edition of 1892, and contains a wealth of historical information, making it an essential part of the organist's library. Titles: * Allegretto * Allegro * Amen (Deux) * Andante Con Moto * Cantilene Pastorale * Caprice * Communion No. 1 * Communion No. 2 * Epiphanie * Grand Choeur en Re * Invocation * Iste Confessor * Marche Religieuse * Marche Funebre * 1re.

Meditation * 2de. Meditation * Melodie * Noels * Priere en Fa * Priere en Mi-flat * Quasimodo * Scherzo * Verset

This is the first and easiest book in a 4-book collection of preludes, interludes, and postludes compiled and arranged by Carlo Rossini for performance on pipe, electronic or reed organs, and with Hammond registrations included. No separate pedal notation staff is included, however many examples indicate notes for the pedals. The Liturgical Organist provides the average organist with an orderly collection of liturgical compositions for church use and for possible performance even on the smallest instrument. The compositions include works from the baroque, classical and romantic eras.

This classic method for beginners provides a brief history of the instrument, an explanation of organ construction, a discussion of the various stops and their management, a section devoted to practical study, and several pieces.

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The sound of the choir of King's College, Cambridge - its voices perfectly blended, its emotions restrained, its impact sublime - has become famous all over the world, and for many, the distillation of a particular kind of Englishness. This is especially so at Christmas time, with the broadcast of the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols, whose centenary is celebrated this year. How did this small band of men and boys in a famous fenland town in England come to sing in the extraordinary way they did in the twentieth and early twenty-first centuries? It has been widely assumed that the King's style essentially continues an English choral tradition inherited directly from the Middle Ages. In this original and illuminating book, Timothy Day shows that this could hardly be further from the truth. Until the 1930s, the singing at King's was full of high Victorian emotionalism, like that at many other English choral foundations well into the twentieth century. The choir's modern sound was brought about by two intertwined revolutions, one social and one musical. From 1928, singing with the trebles in place of the old lay clerks, the choir was fully made up of choral scholars - college men, reading for a degree. Under two exceptional directors of music - Boris Ord from 1929 and David Willcocks from 1958 - the style was transformed and the choir broadcast and recorded until it became the epitome of English choral singing, setting the benchmark for all other choral foundations either to imitate or to react against. Its style has now been taken over and adapted by classical performers who sing both sacred and secular music in secular settings all over the world with a precision inspired by the King's tradition. I Saw Eternity the Other Night investigates the timbres of voices, the enunciation of words, the use of vibrato. But the singing of all human beings, in whatever style, always reflects in profound and subtle ways their preoccupations and attitudes to life. These are the underlying themes explored by this book.

The Church Organist's Library is a general-use anthology containing easy organ music from all historical periods primarily for manual only, and for manuals with easy pedal.

Urtext editions are used whenever possible. The music is presented to show what the composer wrote and what was published in the first edition. Any editorial suggestions, additions, or alterations are enclosed in brackets and/or indicated by footnotes. The Church Organist's Library contains works previously published in The Organist's Companion.

This revised collection includes both original works and familiar hymn arrangements by noted composer and organist Robert Hebble. The pieces range from grandiose to reflective, and are useful in worship settings or concerts. A history of the actual Crystal Cathedral organ is also included along with an update on additions by Fred Swann. Titles:

* Celebration * Diptych (Orientis Partibus) * Heraldings * Meditation on My Shepherd Will Supply My Need * Nave (Divinum Mysterium) * Toccatina on Old Hundredth * Pastel * Prelude on I Wonder As I Wander * Psalm Prelude * Schematics (Ton y Botel and Ebenezer) * Seven Palette Sketches of Utrillo * Soft Stillness and the Night

A collection of exercises, for Organ, composed by A.P.F. Boely.

The renowned Flor Peeters is known as an organist and composer from his native Belgium to all of Europe and both Americas. Little Organ Book, consisting of hymn tunes and

original compositions, has won special favor among teachers and students because of the clear presentation of elementary rules for organ playing.

The Liturgical Organist, Vol 1: Easy Compositions -- Preludes, Interludes & Postludes for Pipe Or Reed Organ Warner Bros Publications

This is the final book in a 4-book collection of preludes, interludes, and postludes compiled and arranged by Carlo Rossini for performance on pipe, electronic or reed organs, and with Hammond registrations included. No separate pedal notation staff is included, however many examples indicate notes for the pedals. The Liturgical Organist provides the average organist with an orderly collection of liturgical compositions for church use and for possible performance even on the smallest instrument. The compositions include works from the baroque, classical and romantic eras.

Sacred Music Library's A Catholic Book of Hymns goes beyond merely being notes and words on a page for a congregation to sing. It has other books to assist organists in mastering the art of playing hymns by writing out the hymns as organ music. There are techniques that are required to play hymns. As organ teachers are even harder to find than organists today, we have created this book which simplifies the hymns while still supporting the singing of the hymns. Our regular ORGAN EDITION has the organist playing the same notes the people are singing, but adapted to the organ to make the organ sound at its best and fully support singing as a trained organist with years of experience would do. In this book we have preserved the Soprano Melody and the Bass Line exactly as they are in the hymn and composed a middle part to carry the harmony, derived from the Alto & Tenor parts. This makes playing the hymn much easier for the new organist or organists who are short on time to practice and prepare the hymns each week. And it also gives confidence to the new organist. To fulfill the needs of organists to accompany hymns, we offer two books with the hymns scored for organ - meaning that when an organist plays. We also provide suggested stop registration for all 295 hymns, once again, to give new organists suggestions that assist them in playing. For those who also play piano and keyboards for rehearsals and Mass, this book and the standard ORGAN EDITION can be very helpful as well. Hymnals are written for singers, not for organists pianists or keyboard players!

This book has been considered by academicians and scholars of great significance and value to literature. This forms a part of the knowledge base for future generations. So that the book is never forgotten we have represented this book in a print format as the same form as it was originally first published. Hence any marks or annotations seen are left intentionally to preserve its true nature.

Hymns are hard to play - hymnbooks are written for singers, not organists. Playing hymns is easy if you have the music written out for them and even easier if your are playing 3 part settings of them. Add a chorale prelude for organ to each of these 126 hymns and you have the ability to introduce new hymns over a few weeks by playing the chorale prelude and then rest easy with the playable 3 part hymn to play. This is from An Organist's Book of Hymns Series, which also offers 4 part organ hymn arrangements and more. This is the 2nd in a 4-book collection of preludes, interludes, and postludes compiled and arranged by Carlo Rossini for performance on pipe, electronic or reed organs, and with Hammond registrations included. No separate pedal notation staff is included, however many examples indicate notes for the pedals. The Liturgical Organist provides the average organist with an orderly collection of liturgical compositions for church use and for possible performance even on the smallest instrument. The compositions include works from the baroque, classical and romantic eras.

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