

Orlando Gibbons' exquisite tunes and rock-solid bass-lines for the first English hymn-book, *Hymnes and Songs of the Church* (1623), were written to be sung and played both at home and in church. Specially realized by Antony Pitts and Alexander L'Estrange for this recording, the complete collection is interleaved with new English hymns and arranged in eight sequences following the Church's liturgical year.

Orlando  
**GIBBONS**  
(1583-1625)

**Hymnes and Songs of the Church**

The complete Orlando Gibbons melodies as published in 1623,  
with new realizations and original settings by L'Estrange and Pitts

<b>1-6</b>	<b>Songs of joy</b>	<b>7:15</b>	<b>22-27</b>	<b>Songs of triumph</b>	<b>10:47</b>
<b>7-12</b>	<b>Songs of love</b>	<b>13:12</b>	<b>28-33</b>	<b>Songs of unity</b>	<b>8:40</b>
<b>13-16</b>	<b>Songs of sacrifice</b>	<b>8:58</b>	<b>34-39</b>	<b>Songs of faith</b>	<b>8:50</b>
<b>17-21</b>	<b>Songs of lamentation</b>	<b>10:19</b>	<b>40-42</b>	<b>Songs of hope</b>	<b>3:41</b>

**TONUS PEREGRINUS**

Joanna Forbes, Soprano • Rebecca Hickey, Soprano • Kathryn Oswald, Alto

Alexander L'Estrange, Countertenor, Double bass (Mo Clifton, 2002)

Richard Eteson, Tenor • Alexander Hickey, Tenor • Francis Brett, Bass • Nick Flower, Bass

Antony Pitts, Director, Chamber organ (John Byfield, London 1766, Finchcocks Collection)

A full track list can be found on the last page of the booklet  
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