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Judith Lang Zaimont is internationally recognized for her distinctive style, which is characterized by its expressive strength and dynamism. The works featured on this CD, spanning a creative period of twenty years, attest to the composer's breadth of musical vision. Her *Sacred Service for the Sabbath Evening*, for soloist, chorus, and symphony orchestra, is a beautiful concert setting of great liturgical and poetic texts. In a very different vein, *Parable: A Tale of Abram and Isaac* is a compact music-drama that fuses an archetypal biblical story with the World War I-inspired poetry of Wilfred Owen to offer a startling and thought-provoking vision. A setting of the beloved poem "A Woman of Valor" and two uplifting *Meditations at the Time of the New Year* complete this musical portrait of a uniquely gifted composer.



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Judith Lang Zaimont (b. 1945)

Sacred Service for the Sabbath Evening (excerpts) (1976)

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| 1. I. | "The Lord Reigneth" | 5:43 |
| 2. II. | "God and Father" | 4:42 |
| 3. IV. | "Why Do We Deal Treacherously?" | 3:28 |
| 4. VI. | "O Lord, How Can We Know Thee?" | 5:36 |
| 5. VII. | Sh'ma yisra'el | 2:45 |
| 6. VIII. | "Thou Shalt Love the Lord" | 7:15 |

*James Maddalena, baritone**Ernst Senff Choir (Sigurd Brauns, chorusmaster)**Rundfunk-Sinfonieorchester Berlin***Gerard Schwarz, conductor*7. **A Woman of Valor (eshet hayil) (1977)** 6:39*Margaret Kohler, soprano**Everest String Quartet**Stephen Rose, violin**Jeanne Preucil Rose, violin**Joan DerHovsepian, viola**Brant Taylor, cello**Samuel Adler, conductor*8. **Parable: A Tale of Abram and Isaac (1986)** 16:35*Frances Lucey, soprano**John Aler, tenor**Randall Scarlata, baritone**Rabbi Rodney Mariner, speaker**Harold Lester, harpsichord**The Ruskin Ensemble**Laudibus Choir**Michael Brewer, conductor*

Meditations at the Time of the New Year (1997)

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| 9. I. | Dawn | 5:58 |
| 10. II. | Hope | 7:07 |

*Martha Cowan, soprano**Kimball Wheeler, mezzo-soprano**Theresa Diamond, glockenspiel**Timm Boatman, tubular bells**Choral Society of Southern California**Nick Strimble, conductor*

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Time
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