

Penderecki's *Utrenja* was inspired by the Orthodox liturgy for Holy Saturday with its focus on the lamentation of Christ's death and the Easter Sunday morning service commemorating the Resurrection. The composer remarks that '*Utrenja* is a combination of pure, a cappella vocal writing and orchestral effects (for strings and percussion) very much connected with electronic music'. Enthusiastically received by audiences, it stands beside his *Polish Requiem* (8.557386-87) and *St Luke Passion* (8.557149) as one of the towering masterpieces of modern Polish music.

Krzysztof
PENDERECKI

(b. 1933)

Utrenja

1-5 Part I: Złożenie Chrystusa do grobu
(The Entombment of Christ) (1970) **40:13**

6-13 Part II: Zmartwychwstanie Pańskie
(The Resurrection of Christ) (1971)* **34:38**

Iwona Hossa, Soprano • Agnieszka Rehlis, Mezzo-soprano
Piotr Kusiewicz, Tenor • Piotr Nowacki, Bass
Gennady Bezzubenko, Basso profondo • Warsaw Boys' Choir*
Warsaw Philharmonic Choir and Orchestra • Antoni Wit

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