James Whitbourn is known for his 'boundless breadth of choral imagination' (The Observer) resulting in compositions of brilliance and power. His extraordinary work for choir, saxophone and organ, Son of God Mass, receives a new recording from the young voices of one of Westminster Choir College of Rider University's finest chamber choirs under the leading American choral conductor James Jordan. It is heard alongside a collection of première recordings of other works associated with life and death, including the Requiem canticorum and Living Voices, a work to commemorate the dead of 9/11 with a poem by Andrew Motion.

## James

## WHITBOURN

(b. 1963)

## Living Voices and other choral works

1	Son of God Mass (2001) Introit	27:15 1:18	12 A brief story of Peter Abelard (2006/11)*	7:33
2	Kyrie	4:07	13 A Prayer from	
	Kyrie meditation	2:58	South Africa (2009)*	1:58
	Gloria	3:45	<b>14</b> Living Voices (2001)*	3:15
	Lava me	4:56	_	
6	Sanctus and Benedictus	3:00	Requiem canticorum (2010)*	13:32
7	Pax Domini	2:25	15 Introit	5:31
8	Agnus Dei	2:20	16 Pie Jesu	2:21
9	Amen	2:25	17 Alleluia	2:13
			18 De profundis	1:48
10	Winter's Wait (2010)*	4:12	19 Lux aeterna	1:40
11	Give us the wings		20 All shall be Amen	
	of faith (2002)*	2:39	and Alleluia (2009)*	4:15

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Jeremy Powell, Soprano saxophone 1 3 5 7 9 12 14-18 Ken Cowan, Organ 1-12 15-20 • Ronn Carroll, Reader 14 Jonathan Palmer Lakeland, Piano 20 • Jacob Ezzo, Percussion 20 Westminster Williamson Voices • James Jordan

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