

A native of Leipzig and steeped in the musical tradition of J.S. Bach, Helmut Walcha was one of the most influential organists of the 20th century. Building on Baroque examples, Walcha started composing the *Chorale Preludes* during the war years and they became popular teaching pieces as well as ideal vehicles for expressing the clarity and colour of organs both historic and new. As one of Walcha's most renowned students, Wolfgang Rübsam's interpretations are uniquely authoritative. This is the first of four volumes of Walcha's complete *Chorale Preludes*.

**Helmut
WALCHA**
(1907–1991)

**Chorale Preludes
Volume 1**



Wolfgang Rübsam
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Organ Opus 35
First Presbyterian
Church,
Springfield, Illinois

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| 1 | No. 1 Nun Komm, der Heiden Heiland | 2:09 |
| 2 | No. 2 O Heiland, reiß die Himmel auf | 1:41 |
| 3 | No. 3 Macht hoch die Tür | 2:25 |
| 4 | No. 4 Mit Ernst, o Menschenkinder | 3:16 |
| 5 | No. 5 Gelobet seist du, Jesu Christ | 2:09 |
| 6 | No. 6 Den die Hirten lobten sehre | 1:39 |
| 7 | No. 7 Fröhlich soll mein Herze springen | 1:14 |
| 8 | No. 8 Zu Bethlehem geboren | 1:34 |
| 9 | No. 9 Weicht ihr Berge, fallt ihr Hügel | 1:36 |
| 10 | No. 10 Herzliebster Jesu, was hast du
verbrochen | 3:14 |
| 11 | No. 11 Erhalt uns, Herr, bei deinem Wort | 3:34 |
| 12 | No. 12 Herr, nun selbst den Wagen halt | 1:48 |
| 13 | No. 13 Ach Gott, vom Himmel sieh darein | 3:21 |
| 14 | No. 14 Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott | 2:41 |
| 15 | No. 15 Ach bleib bei uns, Herr Jesu Christ | 2:03 |
| 16 | No. 16 Nun freut euch, lieben Christen g'mein | 2:17 |
| 17 | No. 17 Es ist das Heil uns kommen her | 2:29 |
| 18 | No. 18 Ich ruf zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ | 3:59 |
| 19 | No. 19 Ist Gott für mich, so trete | 2:31 |
| 20 | No. 20 Wer nur den lieben Gott läßt walten | 3:22 |
| 21 | No. 21 Mitten wir im Leben sind | 3:16 |
| 22 | No. 22 Wer weiß, wie nahe mir mein Ende | 3:39 |
| 23 | No. 23 Mit Fried und Freud ich fahr dahin | 3:35 |
| 24 | No. 24 Nun sich der Tag geendet hat | 2:02 |
| 25 | No. 25 Morgenglanz der Ewigkeit | 3:19 |

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