

Giacomo Carissimi was one of the most admired of seventeenth-century Italian composers. The *maestro* from Marino, near Rome, acquired a Europe-wide fame at an early age and excelled in church music. Commonly employing texts that modify or amplify passages from the scriptures, rather than taking those texts verbatim, Carissimi employed all his genius for vocal melodic lines and accompanying instrumentation to fashion a sequence of spellbinding masterpieces. Foremost among these is *Usquequo peccatores* which, through its size and length, blurs the very distinction between motet and oratorio. This is the fourth Naxos release of music by Carissimi from this ensemble.

Giacomo
CARISSIMI
(1605-1674)
Eight Motets

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| 1 | Audivi vocem for three voices, two violins, lute, theorbo and basso continuo | 8:18 |
| 2 | Christus factus est for two choirs and basso continuo | 4:32 |
| 3 | Usquequo peccatores for three choirs, two violins, lute and basso continuo | 20:21 |
| 4 | Dixit Dominus for two choirs and basso continuo | 5:52 |
| 5 | Silentium tenebant for three voices, two violins and basso continuo | 6:05 |
| 6 | Sustinuimus in pacem for six voices and basso continuo | 6:06 |
| 7 | Timete Dominum for five voices and basso continuo | 6:07 |
| 8 | Hodie Salvator Mundi for six voices, two violins and basso continuo | 8:18 |

Consortium Carissimi

Heather Cogswell, Soprano • Linh Kauffman, Soprano • Marita Link, Soprano • Clara Osowski, Mezzo-soprano
Lisa Drew, Alto • Linda Kachelmeier, Alto • Roy Heilman, Tenor • Mike Pettman, Tenor • Michael Tambornino, Tenor
Douglas Shambo II, Bass • Mike Schmidt, Bass • Eric Sorum, Bass
Margaret Humphrey, Violin • Terry Elliot, Violin • Elizabeth Motter, Baroque harp • Mike Pettman, Archlute
Paul Berget, Theorbo • Garrett Lahr, Sackbutt • Annalisa Pappano, Lirone/Viola da gamba
Mary Virginina Burke, Viola da gamba • Sara Thompson, Violone • Bruce Jacobs, Organ • Don Livingston, Organ

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