

William Mathias was one of the foremost British composers of the 20th century and one of the very few of his generation from Wales who established an international reputation. The lively Christmas sequences *Ave Rex* and *Salvator Mundi* contrast with the splendour and tenderness of the rarely-performed anthem *An Admonition to Rulers*. Also included are the joyful *Wassail Carol*, the popular organ solo *Toccata Giocosa*, and première recordings of *All thy works shall praise thee* and *The Lord's Prayer* – respectively the composer's first and last choral works.

William MATHIAS

(1934-1992)

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| 1 Lift up your heads,
O ye gates (1969) | 2:27 | 10 Toccata Giocosa (1967) | 3:37 |
| 2-5 Ave Rex (1969) | 12:43 | 11 All thy works shall
praise thee (1961) | 3:33 |
| 6 Wassail Carol (1964) | 2:13 | 12 The Lord's Prayer (1992) | 4:26 |
| 7 As truly as God
is our Father (1987) | 6:26 | 13 An Admonition
to Rulers (1969) | 12:20 |
| 8-9 Magnificat and
Nunc Dimittis (1971) | 7:19 | 14-20 Salvator Mundi (1982) | 16:39 |

Peter Foggitt, Piano primo **14-20**

Michael Papadopoulos, Organ **1-9 11-13** and Piano secondo **14-20**

Orchestra Nova **14-20** • St Albans Abbey Girls Choir **1-9 11-20**

Lay Clerks of St Albans Cathedral Choir **1-9 11-13**

Tom Winpenny, Solo Organ **10** and Conductor

A detailed track list can be found on page 2 of the booklet. The sung texts can be found inside in the booklet, and may also be accessed at www.naxos.com/libretti/573523.htm

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