

Acclaimed for his sacred choral and organ works, Francis Pott was recognised in 2021 with the Medal of the Royal College of Organists, its highest award. Regarded as an Everest of the organ repertoire, *Christus* is a Passion symphony that traces this dramatic Biblical narrative through evolving tonality, portraying Christ's vast struggle through betrayal and crucifixion towards ultimate triumph. *Christus* here enjoys its first studio recording, made in the presence of the composer. Included also are premieres of *Surrexit Hodie* (a toccata for Easter Sunday) and a commemorative chorale prelude, *Schmücke dich, O liebe Seele*.

Francis
POTT
(b. 1957)
Christus

CD 1

1 Improvisation on *Adeste, Fideles* (2005) 5:53

Christus – Passion symphony for organ (1986–1990)

2 I. Logos 32:41
3 II. Gethsemane 17:11
4 III. Passacaglia (Via Crucis) – Scherzo – Golgotha 16:20

CD 2

1 IV. Viaticum 15:50
2 V. Resurrectio 38:26
3 *Schmücke dich, O liebe Seele* (2013)* 6:02
4 *Surrexit Hodie (Fantasia-Toccata sopra 'O Filii et Filiae')* (2019)* 8:28

*WORLD PREMIERE RECORDING

Tom Winpenny, Organ

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Console assistant: Dewi Rees • Booklet notes: Francis Pott • Recorded in the presence of the composer

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