These three pairs of sublime choral settings span well over 350 years. The earliest is Allegri's *Miserere*, a work considered so precious it was kept secret until Mozart heard it and famously transcribed it from memory. James MacMillan's 21st century companion piece is a transcendent reply to this challenge from history. Malipiero's and Pizzetti's resumption of a fractured friendship resulted in their mutually dedicated but differing settings of *De profundis*. Puccini's brief but exquisite *Requiem* commemorated the death of Verdi, while Pizzetti, a late admirer of Puccini, revealed his empathy with vocal polyphony in a full setting of the Requiem Mass.

## **DE PROFUNDIS**



1 Ildebrando Pizzetti (1880-1968): De profundis	5:23
<b>②</b> Gian Francesco Malipiero (1882-1973): De profundis*	4:34
3 Gregorio Allegri (1582-1652): Miserere	13:27
4 James MacMillan (b. 1959): Miserere	12:33
5 Giacomo Puccini (1858-1924): Requiem	5:38
6-10 Ildebrando Pizzetti: Messa di Requiem	28:25

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