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A note on the programme

St Peter is a key figure not only in the Roman Catholic Church, which recognises him as its first Pope, but also in the Gospels, where he is always named first in any list of the twelve Apostles, and is at the centre of many incidents. That Jesus himself assigned Peter a leading role is clear from his much cited words 'You are Peter, and on this rock I shall build my church', which are the text of the first motet in this programme and recur later both in 'Quem dicunt homines' and in the anonymous Introit for the Feast of St Peter and St Paul.

Sometimes he acts as spokesman for the Apostles collectively, as in Quem dicunt homines, when he replies to two questions put by Jesus: 'Who do people say that I am?' and 'Who do you say that I am?'

He is also seen at his work as a fisherman, for example in two parallel incidents involving miraculous catches of fish. One of them occurs during an appearance by Jesus after his resurrection, and this is the one quoted in Dixit Jesus discipulis suis.

Guerrero's Dixit Dominus Petro – which takes up the story of the same incident – appears to be an elaborate play on words, in that the main text

(Jesus said to Peter: 'Follow me') is illustrated by one soprano voice repeating, and so 'following', exactly what the other has just sung.

All four gospels report that, after Jesus's arrest, Peter denied having known him. *Jesus had predicted that he would:* 'Before the cock crows twice, you will deny me thrice.' On hearing the cock, Peter realised that the prediction had come true, and was filled with remorse. Although this dramatic episode would later be recounted, for example, in Bach's Passions, it is rarely mentioned in Renaissance musical works, perhaps out of respect for Peter's role as Pope. A notable exception is Lassus's cycle of 21 sacred madrigals (with Italian texts, and not intended for use in church) on the subject of Peter's tears: Le Lagrime di San Pietro. *The first three of the cycle* are included in today's programme. This work was Lassus's swansong: he presented it to Pope Clement VIII just three weeks before his own death.

The Lassus madrigals are followed by three works for the feast of St Peter and St Paul. The Introit Nunc scio vere comes from Jena in eastern Germany, where a whole series of works devoted to this feast are preserved. It is impossible to identify the composer of this sonorous 15th-century work, which refers to an

incident during the ministry of St Peter when he had miraculously escaped from prison. Hodie Simon Petrus is concerned with the martyrdoms of St Peter and St Paul. Peter's martyrdom is not recorded in the Bible but, according to tradition, happened in Rome under the Emperor Nero. It is said that, because he did not consider himself worthy to die in the same way as Jesus, he was crucified upside down. Byrd's motet does not dwell on the pain of the saint's death, focusing instead on his (and St Paul's) arrival in Heaven, a most happy event, as the music makes abundantly clear.

The remainder of the programme for this concert is not concerned with St Peter. but instead comprises music for a miscellany of the church's feasts, from March till November. In most cases, the texts will speak for themselves, but one or two notes may be added. Dufay's setting of the well-known hymn Ave maris stella takes the Gregorian chant and adapts it freely, imparting strict rhythm to it, then adding two extra voices which often move in parallel with the melody: indeed, the two top voices move strictly in step, a fourth apart, in a classic demonstration of the 'fauxbourdon' style. Verses sung to polyphony in this manner alternate with verses sung to the original plainchant.

Alfonso Ferrabosco worked in England for a number of years, where he was a friend of William Byrd: his works *included the vespers motet* Salva nos domine. Marenzio is best known as a composer of madrigals, a form which he did much to develop; however, as Mulier quae erat in civitate shows, his less well-known – and less numerous – sacred works are anything but negligible, albeit less innovative. The simple songs recorded in the 12thcentury Codex Calixtinus were intended for pilgrims to sing who came to visit the shrine of St James the Apostle at his burial place in Santiago de Compostela, on the Atlantic coast of Spain.

Many tributes to Josquin Desprez were composed after his death, including those by Nicolas Gombert and Hieronymus Vinders which have figured in previous concerts by the Art of Music. Musae Jovis by Benedictus Ducis is somewhat unusual among them, in that it seems to have been written fully ten years after the composer's death, and by a musician who was a Lutheran pastor in Germany, bearing witness to how universally admired Josquin was.

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Tu es Petrus a6

Tu es Petrus et super hanc petram aedificabo ecclesiam meam. Alleluia.

Quem dicunt homines a6

Quem dicunt homines esse Filium hominis? Respondens Petrus dixit: Tu es Christus, filius Dei vivi.

Et ait Jesus: Beatus es Simon Petre, quia caro et sanguis

non revelavit tibi sed

Pater meus qui est in caelis.

Et ego dico tibi, quia tu es Petrus, et super hanc petram ædificabo ecclesiam meam. Alleluia.

Dixit Jesus discipulis suis

quos prendidistis nunc. Ascendit autem Simon Petrus,

et traxit rete in terram,

plenum magnis piscibus. Alleluia.

Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto:

Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculorum.

Amen.

William Byrd (1539-1623)

You are Peter, and upon this Rock I will build my church. Alleluia.

Jean Pionnier († 1573) (Matthew 16: 13, 16-18)

Whom do men say that the Son of man is? Peter answered and said:

Thou art Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus answered, Blessed art thou, Simon

Peter: for flesh and blood

hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.

And I say to thee that thou art Peter; and upon this rock I will build

my church. Alleluia.

Plainchant; Antiphon for Wednesday in Easter Week

(John 21:10-11)

Dixit Jesus discipulis: Afferte de piscibus Jesus said to the disciples, 'Bring some of the fish

you have just caught.'

So Simon Peter climbed back into the boat and

dragged the net ashore.

It was full of large fish. Alleluia. Glory be to the Father, the Son

and the Holy Spirit,

as it was in the beginning, is now,

and shall be for ever.

Amen.

Dixit Dominus Petro a6

Francisco Guerrero (1528-1599) (*Largely as John 21:19-22*)

Dixit Dominus Petro sequere me. sequentem quem diligebat Iesus, qui et

recubuit

in caena supra pectus eius

et dixit: Domine quis est

The Lord said to Peter, 'Follow me!' Conversus Petrus vidit illum discipulum Peter turned and saw that the disciple whom Jesus loved was following them. (This was the one who had leaned back

against Jesus at the supper

and had said, 'Lord, who is going to

qui tradet ter? Hunc ergo cum vidisset Petrus, dicit Iesu: Domine hic autem quid? Dicit ei Iesus: si eum volo manere donec veniam quid ad te? Tu me sequere.

Le Lagrime di San Pietro I, II & III a7

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Il magnanimo Pietro, che giurato avea tra mille lance e mille spade al suo caro Signor morir a lato, quando s'accorse, vinto da viltade, nel gran bisogno aver di fè mancato, la vergogna e 'l dolore e la pietade del proprio fallo e de l'altrui martiro di mille punte il petto li feriro.

II.

Ma gli archi che nel petto gli avventaro le saette più acute e più mortali fur gli occhi del Signor, quando il miraro: gli occhi fur gli archi

e i guardi fur gli strali, che, del cor non contenti, se 'n passaro fin dentro a l'alma; e vi fer piaghe tali che bisognò, mentre ch'ei visse poi, ungerle col licor de gli occhi suoi.

III.

Tre volte aveva a l'importuna, audace ancella, al servo ed a la turba rea detto e giurato che già mai seguace non fu del suo Signor, né 'l conoscea. E'l gallo pubblicato'l contumace il dì chiamato in testimon v'avea, s'incontrar gli occhi suoi con quei di Cristo. his own eyes met those of Christ.

betray you three times?') When Peter saw him, he asked Jesus, 'Lord, what about him?' Jesus answered, 'If I want him to remain alive until I return, what is that to you? You must follow me.'

Orlandus Lassus (1532-1594) Text: Luigi Tansillo

I.

When the generous Peter, who had sworn to die amidst a thousand spears and swords at the side of his dear Lord, realised that, overcome by cowardice, his faith had failed him in his great need, the pain, shame and sorrow for his own failure and the other man's agony stabbed his chest with a thousand cuts.

II.

But the bows that hurled towards his chest the fiercest and most deadly arrows were the eyes of the Lord, when they saw him: those eyes were the bows

and that gaze was the arrows which, not content with his heart, bored into his soul; causing wounds so deep that he needed, for the rest of his life, to anoint them with the tears of his own eyes.

III.

Three times he had declared and sworn to the insolent, brazen handmaid, the servant, and the whole wicked crowd that he had never been in the retinue of his Lord, nor knew him. And when the cock announced his guilt, calling in the new day as witness, quando, del suo gran fallo a pena avvisto, and he was suddenly aware of his great failure,

Aurea luce et decore roseo

Aurea luce et decore roseo, lux lucis, omne perfudisti saeculum, decorans caelos inclito martyrio hac sacra die, quae dat reis veniam.
Ianitor caeli, doctor orbis pariter, iudices saecli, vera mundi lumina, per crucem alter, alter ense triumphans, vitae senatum laureati possident.
Sit Trinitati sempiterna gloria, honor, potestas atque iubilatio, in unitate, cui manet imperium ex tunc et modo

Plainchant

Vespers hymn for the feast of St Peter & St Paul

Light of lights, you filled the whole world with golden radiance and a roseate glow, embellishing the heavens with your illustrious martyrdom on this holy day, which brings pardon for the wicked.

One the keeper of Heaven's gate, the other the teacher of all: judges of the world, true lights of the earth, one triumphing by the cross, the other by the sword: they possess the crown of life.

May eternal glory, honour, power and praise be to the Trinity, three in one, in whom authority has been vested in the past and present, and so it will remain

for ever and ever. Amen.

Petri et Pauli, Introitus a4

per aeterna saecula. Amen.

Nunc scio vere,
quia misit Dominus angelum suum:
et erípuit me de manu Herodis,
et de omni expectatione plebis Iudeorum.
Domine, probasti me, et cognovisti me:
tu cognovisti sessionem meam. Alleluia.
Tu es Petrus et super hanc petram
aedificabo ecclesiam meam.

Anonymous (Jena 15th century)

Introit for the Feast of St Peter & St Paul

(Acts 12:11; Psalm 138:2)

Now I know indeed

that our Lord hath sent his angel, and delivered me out of Herod's hand, and from all the expectation of the Jewish people.

Lord, thou hast proved me, known me: thou hast known my sitting down. Alleluia.

You are Peter, and upon this Rock

I will build my church.

Hodie Simon Petrus a6

Hodie Simon Petrus ascendit crucis patibulum, alleluia. Hodie clavicularius regni gaudens migravit ad Christum. Hodie Paulus apostolus, lumen orbis terrae, inclinato capite pro Christi nomine, martyrio coronatus est, alleluia. William Byrd

Magnificat antiphon, Vespers, St Peter & St Paul

Today Simon Peter ascended the gibbet of the cross, alleluia:

today he, keeper of the keys of the kingdom,

with joy departed hence to Christ:

today the Apostle Paul, the light of the whole world,

bowed his head, and for Christ's Name's sake received the crown of his martyrdom, alleluia.

Edi beo thu, hevene Quene a2

Edi beo thu, hevene quene, Folkes froure and engles blis, Moder unwemmed and maiden clene, Swich in world non other nis. On thee hit is wel eth sene, Of all wimmen thu havest thet pris; Mi swete levedi, her mi bene And reu of me yif thi wille is. Thu asteghe so the daiy rewe *The deleth from the deorke nicht;* Of thee sprong a leome newe That al this world haveth ilight. Nis non maide of thine heowe Swo fair, so schene, so rudi, swo bricht; Swete levedi, of me thu reowe And have merci of thin knicht. Tho Godes Sune alighte wolde On eorthe al for ure sake, Herre teghen he him nolde Thene that maide to been his make; Betere ne mighte he thaigh he wolde, *Ne swetture thing on eorthe take.* Levedi, bring us to thine bolde And sschild us from helle wrake.

Anonymous (English, 13th century) 25 March, the Annunciation

Blessed be you, queen of heaven, people's comfort and angels' bliss, mother unblemished and pure maiden, such as no other in the world is. In you it is easily seen: of all women you are the nonpareil. My sweet lady, hear my plea and take pity on me if it be your will. You ascend like the ray of dawn which separates us from the dark night. From you sprang a new light that has lit all this world. There is no maid of your kind, so fair, so beautiful, so rosy, so bright. Sweet lady, have compassion and take pity on your knight. When God's son wished to come down to earth, all for our sake, he wished no better than to ally himself with that maiden. He could not have done better, nor taken a sweeter thing on earth. My lady, bring us to your abode and shield us from hell's vengeance.

Defecit in dolore a5

Defecit in dolore vita mea, et anni mei in gemitibus. Infirmata in paupertate virtus mea, et dolor meus renovatus est. Sed tu Domine refugium factus es mihi, et in misericordia tua consolatus sum. William Byrd (from Psalms 30:11 & 38:3; & free text) Lent/General

My life is consumed by anguish and my years by groaning; my strength fails because of my affliction, and my pain is renewed.
But thou, Lord, art become a refuge unto me, and in thy mercy am I comforted.

Interval of about 12 minutes

Ave maris stella a3

Ave, maris stella, Dei mater alma, atque semper virgo, felix cœli porta.

Sumens illud 'Ave' Gabrielis ore, funda nos in pace, mutans Evæ nomen.

Solve vincla reis, profer lumen cæcis, mala nostra pelle, bona cuncta posce.

Monstra te esse matrem, sumat per te precem qui pro nobis natus tulit esse tuus.

Virgo singularis, inter omnes mitis, nos culpis solutos mites fac et castos.

Vitam præsta puram, iter para tutum, ut videntes Jesum semper collætemur.

Sit laus Deo Patri, summo Christo decus, Spiritui Sancto tribus honor unus. Amen.

Salva nos, Domine a6

Salva nos, Domine, vigilantes, Custodi nos dormientes, Ut vigilemus cum Christo Et requiescamus in pace. *Guillaume Dufay (c.1397-1474)*

31 May, the Visitation

Hail, star of the sea,

Nurturing Mother of God,

And ever Virgin,

Happy gate of Heaven.

Receiving that 'Ave' (hail) From the mouth of Gabriel,

Establish us in peace,

Transforming the name of 'Eva' (Eve).

Loosen the chains of the guilty, Send forth light to the blind, Our evil do thou dispel,

Entreat (for us) all good things.

Show thyself to be a Mother:

Through thee may he receive prayer

Who, being born for us, Undertook to be thine own.

O unique Virgin, Meek above all others,

Make us, set free from our sins,

Meek and chaste.

Bestow a pure life, Prepare a safe way: That seeing Jesus, We may ever rejoice.

Praise be to God the Father,

To the Most High Christ (be) glory,

To the Holy Spirit

Be honour, to the Three equally. Amen.

Alfonso Ferrabosco I (c.1543-1588)

Vespers motet

Save us, Lord, while we are awake,

Protect us when we sleep,

That we may be awake with Christ

And rest in peace.

Pater superni luminis

Pater superni luminis, Cum Magdalenam respicis, Flammas amoris excitas, Geluque solvis pectoris.

Amore currit saucia Pedes beatos ungere, Lavare fletu, tergere Comis et ore lambere.

Astare non timet cruci: Sepulcro inhaeret anxia, Truces nec horret milites: Pellit timorem caritas.

O vera, Christe, caritas, Tu nostra purga crimina, Tu corda reple gratia, Tu redde caeli praemia.

Patri simulque Filio, Tibique Sancte Spiritus, Sicut fuit, sit jugiter, Saeclum per omne gloria. Amen.

Mulier quae erat in civitate a4

Mulier, quae erat in civitate peccatrix, attulit alabastrum unguenti: et stans retro secus pedes Domini, lacrimis coepit rigare pedes ejus, et capillis capitis sui tergebat.

Salve festa dies

Salve festa dies Iacobi veneranda tropheo qua celos subiit proximus ille Deo.

Ad Domini primam vocem Iacobus Zebedei patrem rete ratem post posuit fidei.

Plainchant

O Father of celestial light, when you look at the woman from Magdala, you waken the flames of love and melt the ice in her breast.

Filled with love she hurries to anoint your blessed feet, to bathe them in her tears, dry them with her hair and kiss them.

She stands unafraid beside the cross: she waits anxiously at the grave, not fearing the rough soldiers: for pure love drives away fear.

O true love, O Christ, cleanse us from our sins, fill our hearts with your grace, offer us the reward of heaven.

To the Father and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, as it was, may there, continually, through all eternity, be glory. Amen.

Luca Marenzio (1556-1599) 22 July, St Mary Magdalene

A woman who was in the city, a sinner, brought an alabaster box of ointment: and standing behind the Lord at his feet, began to wash his feet with her tears, and wiped them with the hair of her head.

Codex Calixtinus (12th century) 25 July, St James

Hail festal day venerating James's victory, by which he gained heaven and a place near God.

At the Lord's first call James the son of Zebedee left his father's boat and nets for the sake of his faith. Impugnans hereses

nullius eget racionis, castigat reprobos,

subveniendo bonis.

Omnibus a populis

adiri pro meritis sancti iure colenda

eadem se gaudet

viri, qui morbis hominum confert culpisque levamen.

Subveniat nobis:

subcine cantor amen.

O frondens virga

O frondens virga, in tua nobilitate stans sicut aurora procedit.

Nunc gaude et laetare et nos debiles dignare a mala consuetudine liberare, atque manum tuum porrige ad erigendum nos.

Gloria patri...

Beatus Franciscus a5

Beatus Franciscus, dum morti appropinguaret,

lacrimosis oculis

in coelum intendens dixit: voce mea ad Dominum clamavi

voce mea ad Dominum deprecatus sum: with my voice I have prayed to the Lord:

educ de custodia animam meam ad confitendum nomini tuo

me expectant justi donec retribuas mihi. He fought against heresy

with reason,

and set sinners right

by helping them with good works.

[Galicia] rejoices

to be visited by all peoples

for the blessings of the holy man

who must be revered, who for man's ills

and faults brings relief. May he come to our aid!

Cantor, sing amen!

Hildegard of Bingen (1098-1179)—15 August, Assumption / 8 September, Nativity of the Virgin

O leafy branch,

standing in all your nobility, like the dawning light of day,

rejoice now and be glad, and by your grace release us,

weak as we are, from our evil ways and stretch forth your hand

to raise us up.

Glory be to the Father...

Jerónimo de Aliseda (1548-1591)

Psalm 142:1 & 7 4 October, St Francis

When the blessed Francis

was close to death. with tears in his eyes

he looked up to heaven, and said: 'I have cried aloud to the Lord;

Set my soul free from its prison, that I may praise your name.

The righteous will be waiting for me

as soon as you grant me this.'

De profundis a5

Josquin Desprez (1455-1521)

(Psalm 129/130) 2 November, All Souls

De profundis clamavi ad te, Domine:

Out of the depths I have cried out to you, O Lord;

exaudi vocem meam;

Lord, hear my voice.

fiant aures tuae intendentes in vocem deprecationis meae. *Let your ears be attentive* to the voice of my supplication.

Si iniquitates observaveris,

If you, Lord, were to mark iniquities,

Domine, quis sustinebit? Quia apud te propitiatio est, et propter legem tuam

who, O Lord, shall stand? For with you is forgiveness; and because of your law, *I stood by you, Lord.*

sustinuit anima mea in verbo eius; speravit anima mea in Domino.

My soul has stood by His word. My soul has hoped in the Lord.

A custodia matutina usque ad noctem

From the morning watch, even until night,

speret Israel in Domino;

sustinui te, Domine;

let Israel hope in the Lord.

quia apud Dominum misericordia, et copiosa apud eum redemptio,

For with the Lord there is mercy, and with Him is plenteous redemption.

et ipse redimet Israel

And He will redeem Israel

ex omnibus iniquitatibus eius.

from all his iniquities.

Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine, et lux perpetua luceat eis.

and may perpetual light shine upon them. Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy,

Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison, Pater noster.

Lord have mercy, Our father.

Grant them eternal rest, Lord,

Musae Jovis a4

Benedictus Ducis (1492-1544) (Lament on the death of Josquin)

Musae Jovis ter maximi, Proles canora, plangite.

Ye Muses, melodious offspring

The cypress draws in its leaves.

Ramos cypressus comprimat;

of thrice-greatest Jupiter, make lamentation.

Judocus ille occidit,

Josquin himself is dead,

Templis et decus vestris.

and he was the glory of your temples.

Severa mors, et improba, Quae templa dulcibus sonis

who deprives the temples

Grim and merciless Death,

Privas et aulas principis,

and princely courts of sweet sounds,

Nos quoque dico vulnere

I say that you injure us too through Josquin's death.

Josquini morte feris.

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Our programme in April next year will be entitled 'Mary, the flower of paradise'. The named composers will include Robert Fayrfax, Robert Carver, Jacquet of Mantua, Jacob Obrecht, Nicolas Gombert, Josquin Desprez, Wacław of Szamotuły, Jean Mouton and John Sheppard. The anonymous compositions will include a Kyrie from 'The Art of Music', the source from which our ensemble takes its name.

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