Choral Music from Luther to Praetorius: Concepts and Repertoire for use in 21st century Worship

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Composers of the Early Reformation Era

Johann Weinmann (1477 – 1542) Martin Luther (1483 - 1546) Martin Agricola (1486 – 1556) Ludwig Senfl (1489-1543) **Johann Kugelmann (1495 – 1542)** Matthaeus Le Maistre (1505 – 1577) **Caspar Othmayr** (1515 – 1553) **Gallus Dressler (1553 – 1589)** Cornelius Sigefrid (1550 – 1604) **Leonhard Lechner (1553 – 1606) Seth Calvisius (1556 – 1615)** Gotthart Erythräus (1560 – 1617) **Andreas Raselius (1563 – 1602) Melchior Vulpius (1570 – 1615)** Nicolaus Gotschovius (1575 – 1624) Erasmus Sartorius (1577 – 1637) Johann H. Schein (1586 – 1627)

Stephan Mahu (1480 – 1541) Balthasar Resinarius (1485 – 1544) **Georg Rhau (1588 – 1548) Benedictus Ducis (1492 – 1544)** Johann Walter (1496 – 1570) **Georg Foster (1510 – 1568)** Leonhard Schroeter (1532 – 1601) **Lucas Osiander (1534 – 1604) Johannes Eccard (1553 – 1611)** Bartholomäus Gesius (1555 – 1613) Adam Gumpeltzhaimer (159 – 1625) Hieronymus Praetorius (1560 – 1629) Hans Leo Hassler (1564 – 1612) Michael Praetorius (1571 – 1621) Erhard Bedenschatz (1576 – 1636) **Melchior Franck (1579 – 1639)** Volckmar Leisring (1588 – 1637)

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Example:

Lo, How a Rose e'er Blooming 4-pt. Vocal or Instrumental Canon

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming - LSB #359



Behold, a Branch is Growing - TLH #645 or CW #47



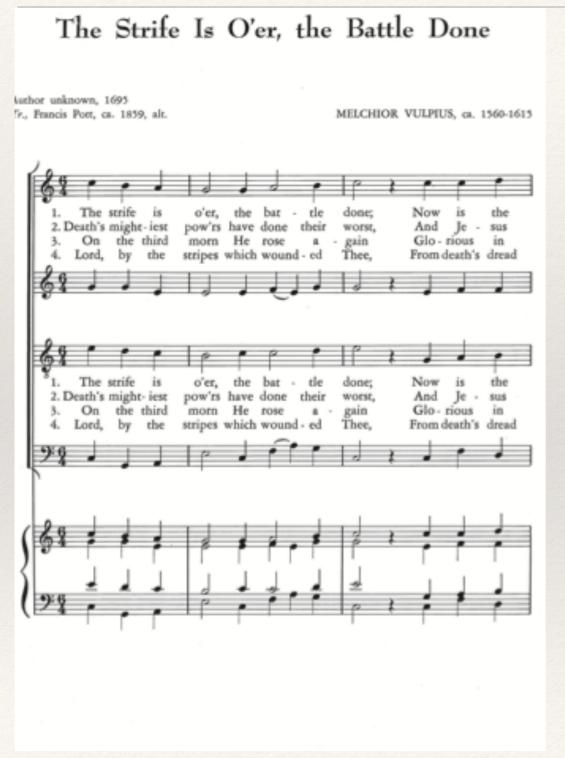
A Great and Mighty Wonder - CW #36 or LSB #383



Melchior Vulpius (c 1570-1615)

German composer, schoolmaster, and writer on music, he was known as a composer of Protestant hymns in his day. He wrote 200+ motets and 400+ hymns writing his music for Lutheran services. His 4-part settings demonstrate a interpretation of text through skillful alternations of graphic polyphony and expressive homophony. He was held in high regard during his life and was the first to use the rhythm of the balletto in hymns. Walter Blankenburg. "Vulpius, Melchior." Grove Music Online. Oxford Music Online. Oxford University Press, accessed May 26, 2017, http://www.oxfordmusiconline.com.wlc.ezproxy.switchinc.org/subscriber/article/grove/music/29738.

Melchior Vulpius





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Michael Praetorius

Born: 1571, near Eisenach - Died: 1621, Wolfenbüttel

Organist at Wolfenbüttel (1595), and appointed Kapellmeister in (1604), visiting musician in Dresden till 1616, Wolfenbüttel till 1619

Praetorius sacred published works include:

- Musae Sioniae, vol. 1-X, 1604-1610
 2-vv to 12-vv settings of mass, Psalm settings, chorale motets
- Eulogodia Sioniae, 2-8vv, 1611
- Hymnodia Sioniae, 3-8vv, 1611
- Megalynodia Sioniae, 5-8vv, 1611
- Missodia Sioniae, 2-8vv, 1611
- Kleine Und Grosse Litany, 5-8vv, 1611
- Urania, und Urano-Chordia, 2-4 choirs, 1613
- Epithalamium, 17vv, 1614
- Concertgesang ..., 2-4 choirs, 1617
- Polyhymnia caduceatrix et panegryica, 1-21vv, 1619
- Polyhymnia exercitatrix seu tryrocinium, 2-8vv, 1620
- Puericinium ... Gesänge, 3-14vv, 1621

Examples:

"Savior of the Nations, Come" SABar. - Musae Soniae IX (Regensburg, 1610)

"How Lovely Sines the Morning Star"
SAB & Keyboard, Musae Soniae IX (Regensburg, 1610)

"Wake Awake for Night is Flying" by Michael Praetorius Vocal or Instrumental Bicinium, Musae Soniae IX (Regensburg, 1610)

"I Shall Not Die, but Live 4 part canon from Praetorius faceplate



Non moriar amini mori morte pia & placida, dam:m:mo: pia & placida.



Me IOV A castigat, necis haud tamen obruit umbra, Gaudeo quod Dominus me premit at g. juvat.

Cui chorus assurgit Musarum & Musica tota, Hac Michael Prætor Musicus est sacie.

Praetorius Faceplate Canon

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Non Moriar I Shall Not Die

Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)



Non mo - ri - ar sed vi - vam et nar - ra - bo o pe ra Do - mi - ni.

I shall not die but live and de-clare the works of the Lord.______

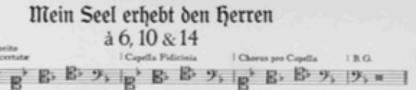


Cum mo - ri - ar da mi-hi mo - ri mor - te pia et pla - ci - da. When I shall die grant that I may__die a gen-tle and peace-ful death.

Michael Praetorius



Example: "Sing Out Dear Children"



Stimmen in ber Capella Fidicinia geltellet merben.

II. Ibem heine Instrumenta perbenben! Jo kann bie Capella Fidicinia mit Vocalisten beltellet! unb allo sub

aufen gelassen werden.

III. Defenn werden, und fin wellte/ so kann man erliche Ders/ die man will/ aufen lassen welchen dann/ wogen der viergulen und Striche/ so ich überall interponiret, gar leicht und füglich geschen kann. Inmahen hierzon beim XL und andern mehrenel in meiner Polykymnia Panegyrien weit-

IV. Die Gebinang aber in biefem ift alle beichaffen:

Cantus co

Im Erften Teil

Died der erste Ders (Mein Sod erhelt den herren) mit allen Stimmen und volligem Chre angefangen/ und dann fast alleit zwischen jedem Ders / gleich als ein Ritornello repetieret und wiederschelet. Den 2. Ders (Denn er hat die Medreigkeit) singet der 1. Cantus ger alleine/ dezu dam die Capella Fidicinia mit violen nicht so gar sehr über klingen wied. Den 3. Ders (Denn er hat gerife Ding) singet der 2. und 3. Desamberzischeit) der L. 2. und 3. Cantus zusammen derzu denn auch die Capella Fidic. kann gedocuscht werden / oder ausgen bleiben. Densat der ganze Chre mit Macht zusamsenfillt (die über dewaucht) und sich personnen der geriftwaart endlich wiederam mit hossierigem. Mat hereite problet: ders 1. Ceil mit dem Ritornello des 1. Derse despektaget.

Jun II. Ceil

Songen bie 3 niebrighe Concertat- ober Favorit-Stimmen: als nimilib der Alt/ Denor und Boğ den 6. Ders an (Er hithet die Gemaltigen) deruff obermabl der erite Dens/ als ein Ritsenelle, jedoch uff eine andere flet/ repetitivet mich. Kis dem der 2. Dens/Die fjungrigen) oen den Concertat-Stimmen affeite priumpen/ bismellen die Capella Fidicinia juglich mit einfallt: und dem miebrum der erfte Ders/ doch eines kürzerer miebesholet / und bisjer 2. Gell dermit brijkleften mich.

3m III. Teil

Singet ber 1. Cantus ben 8. Ders (Er gebenket ber Bermberyigkeit) ger alleine in ble Instrumenta bei der Capella Fidicinia: In folgenden 9. Ders oder (Ebe er gerobt hat) reden und jingen die Favorit-oneerstat-Stimmen ger alleine. Die im 10. Ders (Ebre jes dott dem Dater) die Chier alle miteinander yajemmenfollen: und im (Wie es war von firsjong) der 2. Cantus gar alleine in die Capellam Fidie. Jinget/ und endlich ber gamp Cher abermal (Ibid von Emigheit) yajemmenfolle/ und das Final machet.

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Georg Rhau

Born: 1488, Zittau - Died: 1548, Wittenberg

Kapellmeister at Nuremberg (1601-03), and Colberg (1603-1636)

Some musical works published by Rhau include:

- Selectae harmoniae ... de passione Domini, 1638
 Passio domini nostri Jesu Christ secundum Matthaeum
 by Longueval (attributed to Obrecht)
 Passio domini nostri Jesu Christ secundum Marcum
 by Galliculus
- Responsorum numero octoginta de tempore et festistotius annis, 1542

Passio domini nostri Jesu Christ secundum Johaneum by Resinarius

• Wittembergisch deutdch Gesängbüchlein, 1544 4-5 vv motets on Lutheran chorales by Walter 15 major sacred collections

Example:

"All Praise to Your, Eternal God" by Georg Rhau SATB a Cantional, Newe Deudsche Geistliche ... (Wittenberg, 1544)



Hans Leo Hassler

Born: 1564, Nuremberg - Died: 1612, Frankfurt

Organist at Augsburg (1588-1600), and Nuremberg (1601-1612)

Hassler's sacred published works include:

- Nine Latin Mass Settings, 1591-1597
 4-vv to 8-vv settings of mass ordinary
- Lustgarten neuer Deutscher Gesäng, 1601 Setting of 'Mein Gemüth ist mir verwirret' Tune for 'O Sacred Head Now Wounded'
- Psalm Gesängen und Christliche, 1607
 52 4-vv settings of Lutheran Melodies
- Sacri concentus, 1612
 Forty-eight 5-12 vv motets on sacred texts

Hassler was called to Germany to become private organist to Count Fugger in Augsburg, where he remained with some interruptions to the year 1600. He visited Venice for a time although that influence can be seen early in compositional career. After 1600 he was appointed organist of the Frauenkirche and director of the town band at Nuremberg, but tended to divert his energies from much further musical production

Examples:

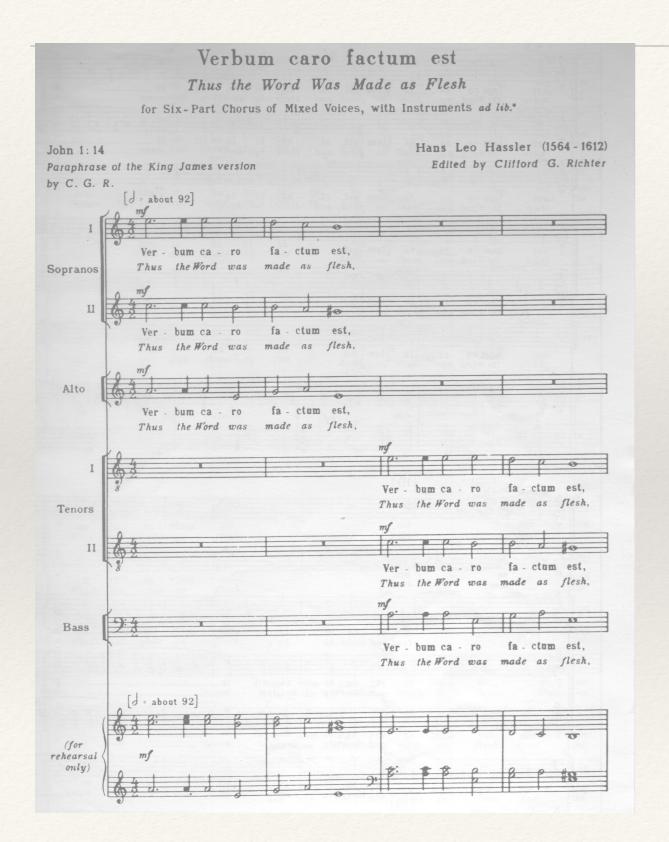
"And the Word became Flesh" by Hans Leo Hassler SB & Keyboard (or 4 solo instruments - NPH: 28N6039)

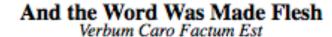
"Kyrie" by Hans Leo Hassler SAB a cappella (CPH: 98-2443)

"Cantate Domino" by Hans Leo Hassler SATB motet (CPH: 98-3147)



Hans Leo Hassler





Two-part mixed choir with instruments or keyboard

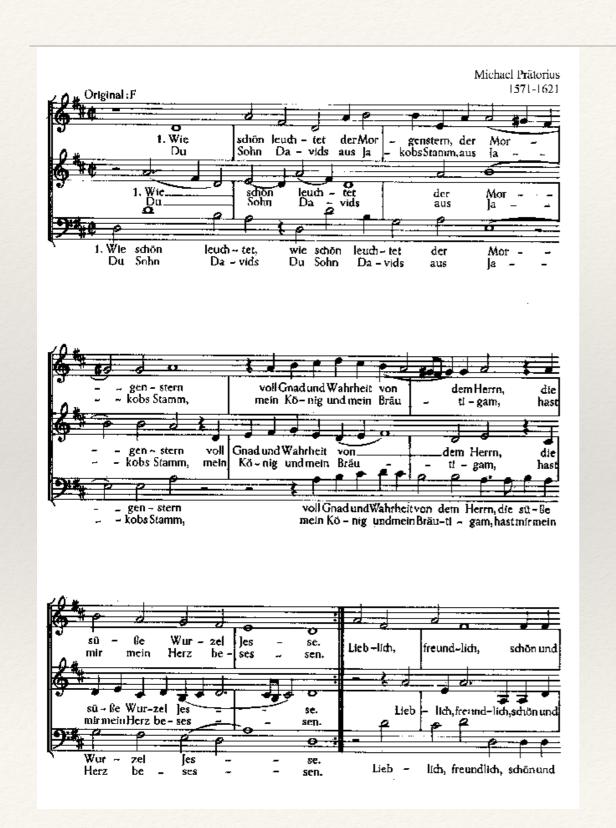


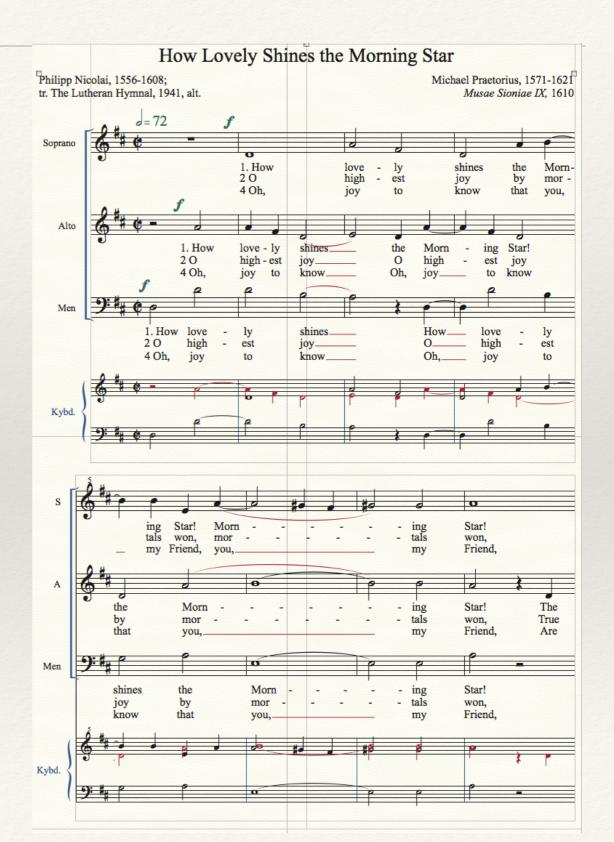
Performance note:

Originally written for six voices, this motet (in keeping with Renaissance performance practices) may be performed with a small number of mixed voices and an instrumental quartet. The instruments can be homogenous in color using two trumpets (Trebles 2,3) and two trombones (Bass 2,3); or an oboe (Treble 2), English horn (Treble 3), and two bassoons (Bass 2,3). Likewise, the instruments may be from families of different tonal color such as two clarinets and two French homs. String instruments may also be used by playing from the parts for the C instruments. Instrumental parts for the male and female vocal lines (Treble 1 and Bass 1) are included. They may be used either to reenforce the vocal parts or to perform the piece strictly as an instrumental sextet. The keyboard part is provided as a reduction of the instrumental quartet parts and may be used if instruments are not available.

The instrumental parts (order number 28N6040E) are available from Northwestern Publishing House.

Michael Praetorius





Seth Calvisius

Born: 1556, Thuringia - Died: 1615, Leipzig

Kapellmeister at Nuremberg (1601-03), and Colberg (1603-1636)

Works published by Calvisius include:

- Melopoeia, 1592
- Compendium musicae, 1594 championed 7 syllable solfege system
- Harmonia cantionum ecclesiasticarum, 1597
 115 4-part chorale setting with melody on top line
- Exercitation musica tertia, 15609 defended his solfege system

Seth Calvisius studied at University of Leipzig and became cantor at the Paulinerkirche in 1581 and then to the Füstenschule, both in Leipzig. After 12 years in this position he was appointed the cantor in the Thomaskirche (a predecessor to Bach). He and was not only a teacher and composer but was also a chronologist and an astronomer. He knew Johannes Kepler and Michael Praetorius and his students include Bodenschatz and Rinckart.

Example:

"Lamb of god Pure and Holy" by Calvisius SATB - cantonal (CPH 97-7347)



Volkmar Leisring

Born: 1588, Thuringia - Died: 1637, Weimar

Composer, Theorist, town Clerk, and Pastor (1618-1637)

Leisring's sacred published works include:

• Cymbalum Davidicum 1618 4-vv to 8-vv settings of motets (35)

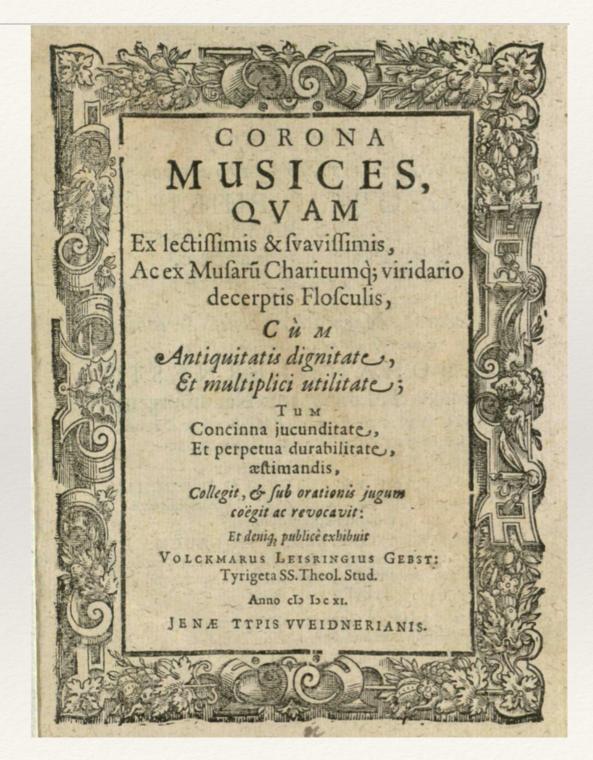
Leisring's theoretical works include:

- "Breviarium artic musicus" (1615)
- "Corona musices" (1611)

Leasing studied theology at Jena. In 1611 he became Rektor, Kantor and town clerk of Schkölen, near Naumburg. In 1618 he became pastor at Nohra, near Erfurt. In the preface to the second edition of his *Cymbalum Davidcum* (1619) he states that because of the divine call to the ministry, he had resolved to give up composing. Hence, most of his music dates from before 1618. Leisring was a conservative composer. Most of his works feature homophonic double-choir writing.

Example:

"O Sons and Daughters" by Volckmar Leisring ST & organ (Hinshaw Music, 2006)



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Example:

Lo, How a Rose e'er Blooming 4-pt. Vocal or Instrumental Canon For Thomas Beineke

Arisen Is Our Holy Lord

SATB, Brass Quartet or Organ

"Erstanden ist der heilig Christ" Böhmische Brüder, 1544

Trans.: K.T.K.

98-3852

Melchior Vulpius, c.1570–1615

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Erasmus Sartorius

Born: 1577, Schleswig - Died: 1637, Hamburg

Composer, and Theorist,

Leisring's sacred published works include:

• Cymbalum Davidicum 1618 4-vv to 8-vv settings of motets (35)

Leisring's theoretical works include:

- Belligerasmus ... (1642)
- Institutional musicarum tractautio... (1635)

Erasmus Sartorius was a choirboy in Holstein a later was appointed Kantor at the Johanneum in Hamburg. He encouraged the performance polychoral music by Lassus, H. Praetorus and Gallus. He established the yearly performance of Passions in Hamburg in 1609. He started engaging instrumentalists for the first time in 1612 also and published theoretical works. Martin Ruhnke and Dorothea Schröder. "Sartorius, Erasmus." His theoretical book Belligerasmus... describes the battle between Bisthon and Orpheus which comments on the effects and advantages of music. His second book serves as a theoretical and practical manual (Solmization, modes, melody)

Grove Music Online. Oxford Music Online. Oxford University Press, accessed May 24, 2017, http://www.oxfordmusiconline.com.wlc.ezproxy.switchinc.org/subscriber/article/grove/music/24608.

Example:

"We Now Implore God the Holy Ghost" by Erasmus Sartorius 4-pt. Vocal or Instrumental Canon

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Johann Walter

Born: 1496, Thuringia - Died: 1570, Torgau.

Singer at Altenburg, (1521-1525, Student at Leipzig 1526-1529, Choirmaster at Torgau (1532-47), Dresden 1548-1554

Walter's sacred works include:

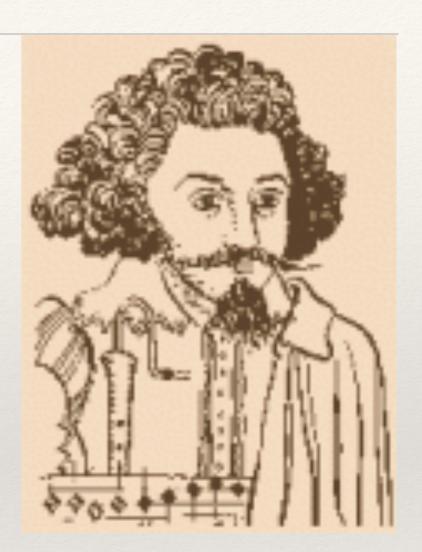
- Geystliches Gesang Büchlein, 1524
- Ein schöner geistlicher und Christlicher Berckreyen, 1552
- Das christlich Kinderlied (Lord, Keep Us 6vv), 1566
- 2 Passion settings
- 17 Motets, Magnificat (MS in Torgau)
- 26 Fugae Tones (Lord, Keep Us 6vv), 1542

Walter was composer and poet who worked with Luther on the hymnody and liturgical settings for the young lUtheran Church. hew started as a bass in Elector of Saxony's Hofkapelle, but settled in Torgau where he instructed the boys in music. He moved to Dresden in 1548 until he retired in 1554. His first collection was an important contribution and was the first Lutheran collection of choral music appearing in the same year as Luther's famous appeal to German cities to maintain Christian schools The hymnbook was intended for young people, who were encouraged to use a spiritual repertory instead of secular songs so that they would become practised in the Christian way of life and in its music. The hymnbook's success is confirmed by its many new editions and contained 38 German settings and only five Latin ones,

Example:

Psalm 117
SATB Psalm chanted falsobourdon style.

"I Shall Not Die, But Live" by Luther and Senfl SATB motet



Ludwig Senfl

Born: c. 1489-91, Basie or Zurich - Died: 1643, Munich.

Student/Composer at Maximilian Court (1598-19), and Munich (1623-1643)

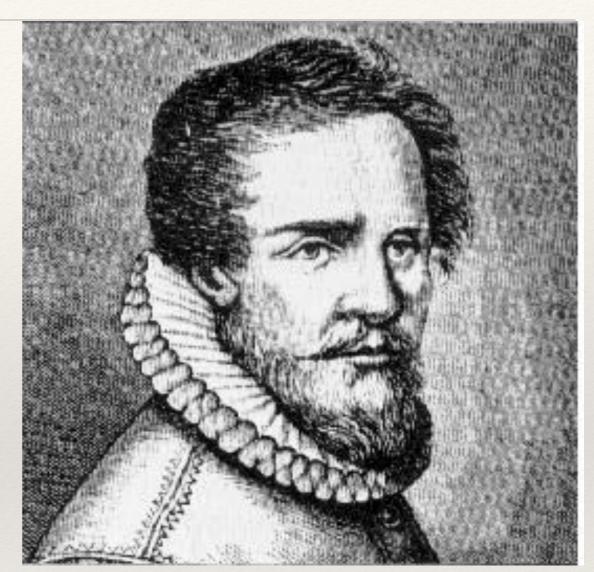
Senfl's sacred works include:

- 8 Mass settings
- 11 Office Proper settings
- Motet and Latin Ode settings
- Mass Proper settings

Senfl was choirboy and student of Henrich Isaac at the court of Maximilian, studied at University of Vienna and returned court to the after 1507 and took over Isaac duties about 1512. After the Emperor Maximilian died in 1519 he tried to receive a new appointment and in 1523 was employed by Duke Wilhelm IV in Munich were he spent the rest of his life. Luther may have met him in Innsbruck in 1510, when Luther was on his way to Rome, or in Augsburg in the year 1518. At any rate, he sent Senfl a very cordial letter in 1530, while he was following the negotiations in Augsburg from the Coburg fortress with mounting impatience and anger. In his melancholy mood he requested the famous composer to arrange for him the antiphon 'In pace in id ipsum' for many voices. Instead, Senfl chose another of Luther's favorite verses, 'I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.' This was the verse Luther had written with its plain-chant notes on the wall of his study on the Coburg. The music of this chant was the cantus firmus upon which Luther based his own motet setting of this text.

Example:

"I Shall Not Die, But Live" by Luther and Senfl SATB motet



Johann Kugelmann

Born: c. 1495, Augsburg - Died: 1542, Königsberg.

Trumpeter/Composer at Augsburg (1518-23), and Königsberg (1540)

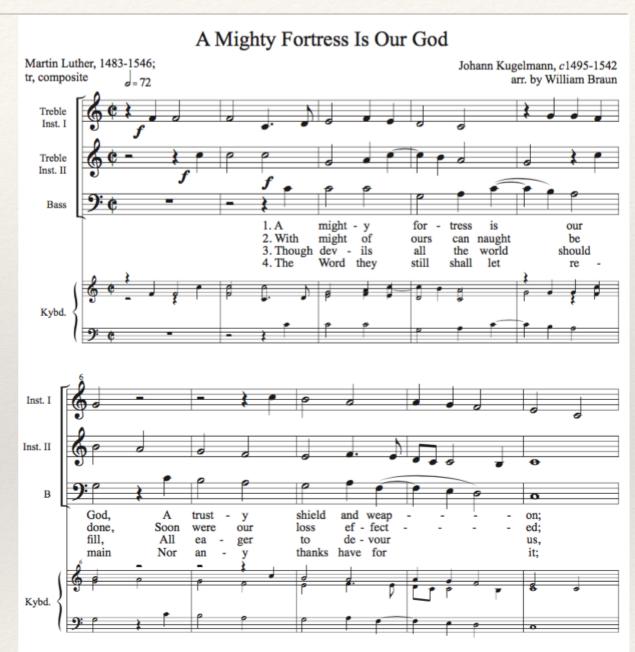
Kugelmann's sacred works include:

- Conceptus novi (collection for school and church use)
- 8 vv setting of Psalm 103 = My Soul Now Bless Your Maker"

Johann Kugelmann was a German composer who served as a trumpeter in the Imperial Hofkapelle in Innsbruck. It was thought he may have been a student of the great organist Hofhaimer. He was later employed by the Fuggers in Augsburg who commission his collection *Concentus novi*, which was used in Augsburg's churches and schools. It was commissioned by Duke Albrecht and contains 39 sacred pieces many of which are by Kugelmann. Kugelmann finished his career at the court of Margrave Albrecht V in Brandenburg where he was the first trumpeter and Kapellmeister in charge of the Kantorei. His conservative style furnished a model for the work of Johannes Eccard.

Example:

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" by Johann Kugelmann SAB motet



Hans Leo Hassler





Michael Praetorius



Example: "Wake, Awake"



Melchior Franck

Born: c. 1579, Zittau - Died: 1639, Coburg.

Kapellmeister at Nuremberg (1601-03), and Colberg (1603-1636)

His works include:

- Sacrarum melodiarum ... tomus primus, 1604
- Melodiae sacrae, 1608
- Opusculum etlicher neuer geistlicher Gesäng, 1611
- Threnodiae Davidicae, 1615
- Gemmulae evangeliorum musicae, 1623
- Phropetia evangelica, 1629
- Gemmulae evangeliorum musicae, 1623
- Paradisus musicus, 1636

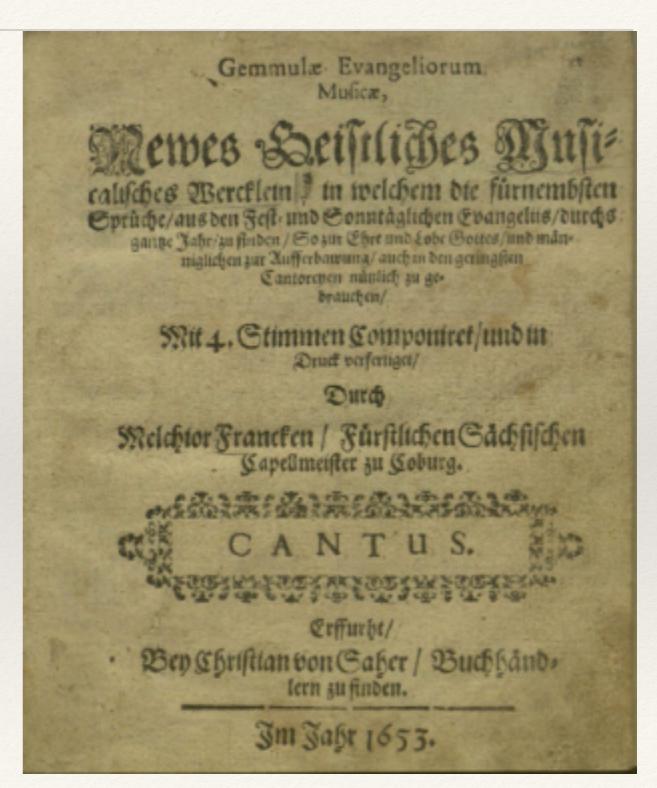
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= Jerusalem, thou City Fair and High Tune based on a piece by M. Franck

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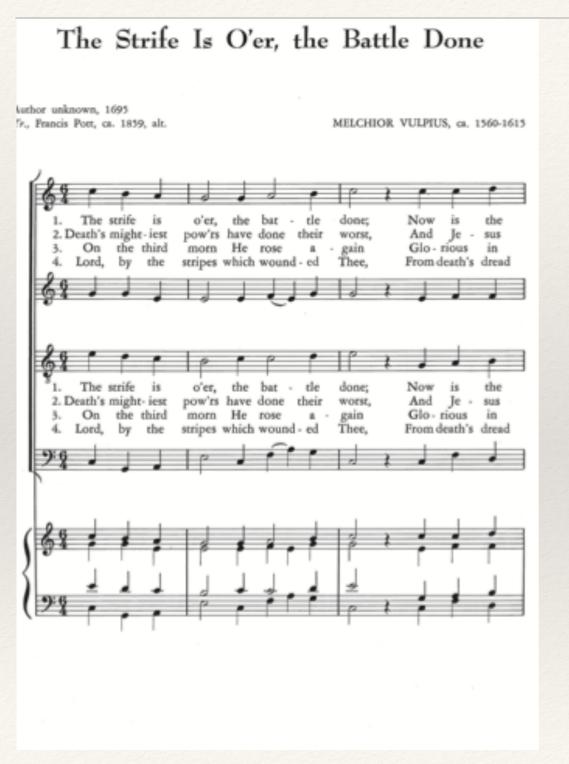


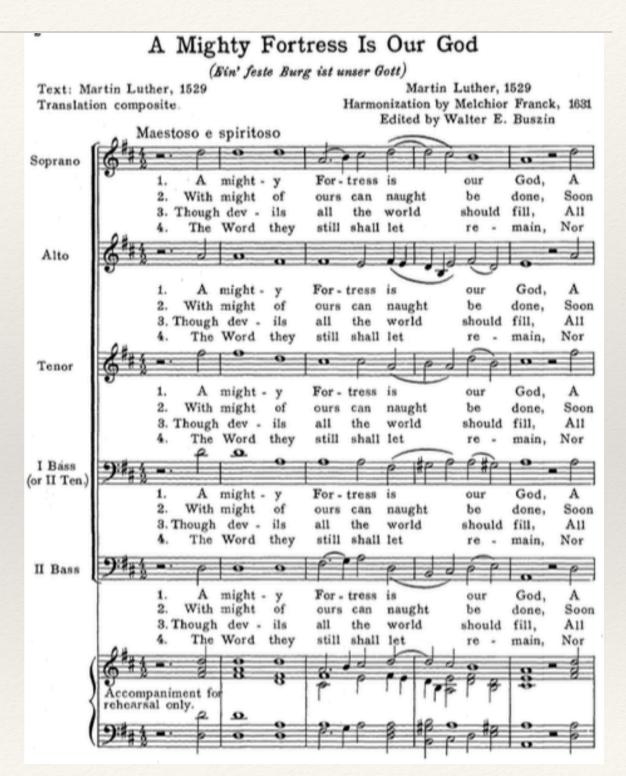
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