



Organ Society of Queensland Workshop

“Organ Music for Lent, Passiontide & Easter”

Saturday 6th March 2010, 10am-12noon
All Saints Anglican Church, Chermside

Presenter: Dr Steven Nisbet

Some to the Church repair, not for the doctrine but for the music there.
(Alexander Pope, 18th Cent.)

We may never know how many stay at home because of the music there.
(Professor Miriam Duncan, Lawrence University, Wisconsin, 1992)

Principles:

1. Music is part of worship and enriches worship.
2. The seasons of Lent, Passiontide and Easter range in content, mood and emotion from penitence during Lent, and quiet reflection at Passiontide, to the joy at Easter.
3. The seasons of Lent, Passiontide and Easter have inspired composers to write appropriate music for worship.
4. Much music for these seasons is based on chorales and hymns – both ancient and modern.
5. Some composers have composed original music for the seasons.
6. Musicians should be careful in selection of music, bearing in mind the themes and texts for the day.
7. Depending on various church traditions and practices, organ voluntaries may be offered during the organ prelude, offering, communion, prayers, and as the postlude.
8. Musicians should be diligent in their preparation of their music choices.

Some suggestions:

Composer	Title	Publication
Johann Sebastian Bach	O man thy grievous sin bemoan Christ is risen O sacred head sore wounded	Orgelbuchlein (Little Organ Book, Novello) Introduction to Bach (Bayley & Ferguson)
Dietrich Buxtehude	Through Adam's fall O sacred head sore wounded 'Ere yet the dawn hath filled the skies	Six Organ Chorale Preludes (Oxford)
Johannes Brahms	O blessed Jesu My heart is filled with longing	Eleven Chorale Preludes (Novello)
Michael Burkhardt	Hosanna, loud hosanna (Ellacombe)	Five Lenten Hymn Improvisations (Morning Star)
Donald Busarow	Lift high the cross	Concordia
Emma Lou Diemer	Crown him with many crowns	Preludes to the Past (Sacred Music Press)
Kristina Langlois	All glory, praise and honour The day of resurrection Lord enthroned in heavenly splendour	Eight Miniatures for the Seasons of Lent, Easter and Pentecost (Morning Star)
Paul Manz	Jesus, lead thou on Jesus, I will ponder now Now rest beneath night's shadows (O world I must leave thee) At the Lamb's high feast Lift high the cross Christ the Lord is risen today	Five Hymn Improvisations (Morning Star) Chorale Improvisations Sets 1 to 10 (Concordia – Morning Star)
Flor Peeters	Christ the life of all the living O sons and daughters, let us sing The strife is o'er	Hymn Preludes for the Liturgical Year, Volume 2 (C.F. Peters)
Noel Rawsthorne	Christ the Lord is risen today	The Complete Organist (Kevin Mayhew)
Gordon Young	Christus	Organ Solos for the Worship Service & Recital (Shawnee Press)