

hlp-19

Prayer of Saint Anselm

for flute and organ

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Sw: 8' Fl
Gt: 8' + 2' Fl.
Pd: 16' Fl (opt.)

for the Monks of Saint Anselm Abbey
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Meditation on Proslogion I

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Andante (♩ = 92)

Flute

mp

mf

p

Organ

Sw. mp

+16'

-16'

10

mp

mf

mp

mf

mp

20

mp

cresc.

cresc.

29

mf

Gt.

mf

mp

39

mf

Gt.

48

mp

Sw.

mp

Sw.

58

mp

mf

mp

67

mp

mf

mf

mp

mf

76

mp *mf* *mf*

mf Gt.

84

f *mf* *mp*

Sw. *f* *mf* *mp*

Sw.

93

mf *f*

mf Gt. + 16' *f*

102

mf

-16' *mf*

Sw.

109

mf

Sw.

mp

p

rit.

rit.

"For I have found a joy that is full, and more than full." (Proslogion XXVI)

Allegro

Allegro

Gt.

mf

124

mf

130

f

136 *mf*

142 *poco rit.* *Moderato* *mp* Sw.

148 *poco accel.* *mp* Sw. *p* *mp* *poco accel.*

155 *mf* *Allegro* *mf* *cresc.* *Allegro* *mp* +4'

161

f

Gt.

mf

f

Gt.

166

f

Sw. (+4')

f

+16'

171

rall.

rall.

175

Maestoso

Maestoso

Notes:

“Prayer of Saint Anselm” references Anselm’s treatise on the existence of God which he titled “Proslogion”, that is, a discourse.

The first of the two sections of this music is a meditation on the first chapter of “Proslogion” where Anselm challenges us to truly seek God. I tried to musically express God’s reaching out to us, our questioning and doubts, and the conversation that develops as our relationship to God grows. I used a style that recalls the music of the time of Anselm (late 11th century) and have also included a few melodic fragments of “Victimae Paschali Laudes”, written by Wipo in the early 11th century and still used today.

The second section is a musical expression of the joy that Jesus offers us in John 16:24: “Ask and you will receive, that your joy may be full.” This joy is the focus of the last chapter of “Proslogion”.