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Forgotten Masters from Granada Cathedral
Beatus Franciscus PATRIMONIO

Regina coeli

Jeronimo de Aliseda (ca. 1548-1591) Luis de Aranda

(chapelmaster from 1592-1627)

The Great Masters

Maria Magdalene

Missa "Maria Magdalene"

Kyrie

Gloria

Credo

Sanctus

Agnus Dei

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Intermission

(sung from the rear organ gallery)

The New World and Spanish Organ Masters
Deus in adjutorium meum intende

Juan Gutierrez de Padilla (ca. 1590-1664)

Tiento del 5º Tono

Tiento de medio registro de Tiple de Segundo Tono Obra de 8º tono, Ensalada Antonio de Cabezon (1510-1566) Francisco Correa de Arauxo (1576-1654) Sebastian Aguilera de Heredia (ca. 1565-1627)

Gayle C. Kirkwood, organ

Mirabilia testimonia tua

Juan Gutierrez de Padilla

PROGRAM NOTES

The music of Spain's golden age of exploration has languished in undeserved neglect for far too long. Thankfully, renewed interest in this splendid repertory has been sparked by the upcoming celebrations of Columbus's voyage to the New World.

Music flourished on an unprecedented scale during the reign of the Catholic monarchs, Ferdinand and Isabella. Isabella lavished much of her time and resources on the Castilian royal chapel, personally involving herself in such details as correcting singers' mispronunciations and misplaced syllables.

Pedro de Escobar, a Portugese composer active chiefly in Spain, served as a singer in Queen Isabella's chapel between 1489 and 1499. His motet <u>Clamabat autem</u> was "considered such fine music that it is called the foremost of motets" according to a 1549 account. Indeed, the musical structure of this story of the woman of Canaan is highly unusual. It is a dramatically intense work: the top voice sings the direct speech of both the woman and Jesus while the three lower voices relate the bulk of the text. Voice ranges are restricted, perhaps inspired by the insistent hovering of the woman who would not be dismissed. Her "crying after" Jesus is rendered by a strict canon, one voice imitating another.

Martin de Rivafrecha enjoyed a great reputation; his contemporaries regarded him as second only to Penalosa, one of Isabella's favorite composers. His expressive motets <u>Vox dilecti mei</u> and <u>Anima mea liquefacta est</u> draw their texts from the Song of Songs. They are preserved in the Biblioteca Colombina, Seville, the personal collection of Ferdinand Columbus, the explorer's son.

Following his early training at Salamanca Cathedral, Juan Escribano served as a soprano falsettist at the Papal Chapel in Rome for 37 years. His motet <u>Paradisi porta</u> for the Nativity of Our Lady is a highly learned piece, yet beautifully expressive. Symbolism abounds in its structural references to the mystical number 7 (associated with the Virgin), while the upper voices intone the plainsong antiphon <u>Mativitas tua</u> in a strict canon. The importance of the Virgin in reopening the gates of Heaven to humanity is underscored at the word "porta" by the opening of the chant <u>Salve regina</u> sung by the alto voice.

Granada figures prominently in Spanish history; the last of the Moorish kings were conquered in 1482. The musical tradition at Granada Cathedral has recently been examined by noted Spanish musicologist Jose Lopez-Calo, who has kindly made the following works available to the Camerata. Jeronimo de Aliseda's motet Beatus Franciscus is a moving account of the Saint's lamentation on his approaching death. Luis de Aranda's setting of the well-known Marian text "Regina coeli" captures the vitality imparted by Christ's Resurrection.

In his day Francesco Guerrero's reputation far exceeded that of his more well-known contemporaries, Cristobal de Morales and Tomas-Luis da Victoria. In contrast to the Roman positions of his fellow composers, Guerrero remained attached to Seville, the city in which he was born. After long years of service he became maestro di capilla at Seville Cathedral in 1574. Despite his strictly Iberian career, Guerrero's works were well-known internationally. His works even arrived in the Jesuit cathedrals and libraries of the New World before those of Morales and Victoria. Guerrero's music is marked by long, flowing lines combined with expressive harmony.

Alonso Lobo served with Guerrero at Seville Cathedral before being appointed maestro di capilla at Toledo Cathedral. His mass Maria Magdalene is a parody on Guerrero's motet. In the Renaissance, borrowing material from one composition as the basis of another was commonplace, especially for the mass. It was both a means of paying homage to another composer and of competing with him. The whole substance of Guerrero's motet is reworked in Lobo's mass setting: themes, rhythms, and chord progressions are absorbed and freely varied. Lobo's unerring ear for vocal sonority deserves to be more widely appreciated.

Seville Cathedral functioned as the mother church of New Spain, serving as the model for the Cathedrals at Puebla and Mexico City in matters of ecclesiastical organization and practices. Juan Gutierrez Padilla began his career in Spain, but his importance lies in his position as *maestro di capilla* at Puebla Cathedral, Mexico, a post he held from 1629 until his death. His resourceful and varied music includes masses, motets, lamentations, hymns and a great number of sacred villancicos. Many consider him the finest Mexican master of the 17th century. Great choirbooks of his music were ordered to be made during his old age, and are still preserved in Puebla Cathedral. Mirabilia testimonia tua, a setting of Psalm 118 for the Office of None, is notable for the way in which it consistently maintains rhythmic vigor while basking in a splendidly rich sonority. Mirabilia shares the music of its "Gloria" with that of the brief Deus in adiutorium, suggesting that these two works were conceived for the same liturgical service. Both works are for two choirs of four voices each.

Brilliant reeds and singing principals and flutes were the contrasting hallmarks of Spanish organs during the 16th and 17th centuries. Antonio de Cabezon's Tiento 5° tono explores a sectional imitative texture highly idiomatic to the organ. It is heard on the principal stops of the Positive division (that section of the organ closest to the congregation, housed on the choir loft rail). Cabezon -- dubbed the "Spanish Bach" by the great 19th century Spanish musicologist and composer Felipe Pedrell -- was blind from early childhood. He was appointed organist to Queen Isabella's chapel in 1526 and, following her death in 1539, accompanied Philip II on his travels to Italy, Germany, the Netherlands and England, where he had profound influence on the young William Byrd.

Correa de Arauxo's tiento was conceived for a unique characteristic of early Spanish organs: divided stops or *medios registros*. This innovation made it possible to play a solo line and its accompaniment all on the same keyboard, yet with contrasting registrations (colors). Here, the highly florid right hand is heard on the solo cornet stop, while the slow-moving accompaniment is intoned on a single principal stop. Drawn from among the last pieces in Correa's Libro de tientos y discursos de musica practica (1626), a collection arranged by increasing degree of difficulty, it illustrates the extreme virtuosity and, one might argue, excess of Spanish keyboard ornamentation.

"Spanish" or *en chamade* trumpets are powerful horizontal reeds that project from the front of the organ case. Sebastian Aguilera de Heredia's delightful <u>Ensalada</u> or "mixture" illustrates the brilliant fanfares that Spanish baroque organists so delighted in hearing. The piece derives its title from its sectional structure; thematically unrelated sections are enlivened with alternating duple and triple meters, evoking the rhythmic vitality of Spanish dance.

TEXTS AND TRANSLATIONS

Vox dilecti mei

Vox dilecti mei pulsantis, en dilectus meus loquitur mihi: Aperi mihi, soror mea. Expoliavi me tunica mea, quomodo induar illa? Lavi pedes meos, quomodo inquinabo illos? Surge propera, amica mea. Surrexit ut aperirem dilecto meo. Pessulum ostii mei aperui dilecto meo. At ille declinaverat atque transierat.

The voice of my beloved knocking.
Lo, my beloved speaks to me:
Open to me my sister.
I have plundered myself from my tunic.
How may I be clothed by it?
I have washed my feet.
How shall I defile them?
Arise, hurry my love.
She got up so that I might open for my beloved.
I opened the bolt of my door for my beloved, but he had turned aside and passed by.
Song of Songs

Anima mea

Anima mea liquefacta est, ut dilectus locutus est.

Quaesivi et non inveni illum, R I M vocavi et non respondit mihi.

Adiuro vos, filiae lerusalem: si inveneritis dilectum meum, ut nuntietis ei quia amore langueo.

My soul melted when my beloved spoke. I have sought him and not found him. I called and he did not answer me. I beseech you, daughters of Jerusalem: if you find my beloved, tell him that I am languishing for love. Song of Songs

Clamabat autem mulier

Clamabat autem mulier Cananea ad Dominum Iesum dicens:
Domine Iesu Christe, fili David, adiuva me:
Filia mea male a daemonio vexatur.
Respondens ei, Dominus dixit:
Non sum missus nisi ad oves, quae perierunt domus Israel.
At illa venit, et adoravit eum, dicens:
Domine, adiuva me.
Respondens Iesus, ait illi:
Mulier magna est fides tua, fiat tibi sicut vis.

And there also cried after Jesus a woman of Canaan saying:
"Lord Jesus, Son of David, help me; my daughter is vexed by an evil spirit." Replying to her, the Lord said:
"I am not sent to any except the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and worshipped Him, saying:
"Lord, help me."
Jesus replying said to her,
"Woman, great is thy faith, be it unto thee as thou desired."

Matthew 15: 22-26

Paradisi porta

Paradisi porta per Evam cunctis clausa est, et per Mariam Virginem iterum patefacta est. Alleluya. The gate of paradise, through Eve, was closed for all, and through the Virgin Mary it was again laid open.
Alleluia.

Beatus Franciscus

Beatus Franciscus,
dum morti appropinquaret,
lacrimosis oculis
in coelum
intendens dixit:
voce mea a ad
Dominum clamavi;
voce mea a ad
Dominum deprecatus sum:
educ de custodia animam meam,
ad confitendum nomini tuo;
me expectant Justi
donec retribuas mihi.

Blessed Francis,
while he was approaching death
with tearful eyes,
stretching his arms
toward the sky, spoke:
"With my voice I have
shouted toward the Lord,
with my voice I have
prayed to the Lord.
Lead out my spirit from confinement,
for acknowledging your name,
the righteous await me until
you restore [it] to me."

Regina coeli

Regina coeli, laetare, alleluja: quia quem meruisti portare, alleluja: resurrexit sicut dixit, alleluja. Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluja. Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia: for He whom you were worthy to bear has risen as He promised, alleluia: pray for us to God, alleluia.



Maria Magdalene

Maria Magdalene, et altera Maria emerunt aromata ut venientes ungerent Iesum. Et valde mane una Sabatorum veniunt ad monumentum orto iam sole. Alleluia.

Et introeuntes in monumentum viderunt iuvenem sedentem in dextris, coopertum stola candida, et obstupuerunt.

Qui dicit illis, Iesum quem quaeritis Nazarenum crucifixum: surrexit, non est hic, ecce locus ubi posuerunt eum.

Alleluia.

Mary Magdalene and the other Mary [the mother of James] had brought spices that they might come and anoint Him.

And very early on the first day of the week, they came unto the sepulchre, at the rising of the sun.

Alleluia.

And they entered into the sepulchre and saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a long white garment; and they were affrighted.

And he said unto them:

Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, crucified:
He is risen; He is not here:
behold the place where they laid Him.

Alleluia.

Mark 16: 1-7

Missa "Maria Magdalene"

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Kyrie

Kyrie, eleison. Kyrie, eleison. Kyrie, eleison.

Christe, eleison. Christe, eleison. Christe, eleison.

Kyrie, eleison. Kyrie, eleison. Kyrie, eleison. Lord, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.

Gloria

Gloria in excelsis deo. Glory to God on high, Et in terra pax hominibus and on earth peace bonae voluntatis. to men of good will. Laudamus te. We praise you, Benedicimus te, we bless you, Adoramus te. we adore you, Glorificamus te, we glorify you, Gratias agimus tibi we give you thanks for your great glory: propter magnam gloriam tuam: Domine Deus, Rex caelestis, O Lord God, heavenly King, Deus Pater omnipotens. God the Father almighty! Domine Fili unigenite. O Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son; lesu Christe; Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, O Lord God, Lamb of God, Filius Patris: Son of the Father: Qui tollis peccata mundi, who takes away the sins of the world, miserere nobis; have mercy on us; Qui tollis peccata mundi, who takes away the sins of the world, suscipe deprecationem nostram; receive our prayer; Oui sedes ad dexteram Patris, who sits at the right hand of the Father, miserere nobis. have mercy on us. Quoniam tu solus Sanctus, RIM O Nor you alone are holy, Tu solus Dominus, you alone are the Lord, Tu solus Altissimus: you alone, O Jesus Christ, Iesu Christe, are most high. Cum Sancto Spiritu: in gloria Together with the Holy Spirit, in the Dei Patris. Amen.



glory of God the Father. Amen.

Credo in unum Deum. I believe in one God. the Father almighty, Patrem omnipotentem, creator of heaven and earth, factorem caeli et terrae, visibilium omnium. and of all things visible et invisibilium. and invisible. I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, Et in unum Dominum Iesum Christum, the only-begotten Son of God, Filium Dei unigenitum. born of the Father before all ages; Et ex Patre natum ante omnia saecula. God of God, Light of Light, Deum de Deo, lumen de lumine, true God of true God: Deum verum de Deo vero; Begotten not made, of one substance Genitum, non factum, with the Father, through whom consubstantialem Patri: all things were created. per quem omnia facta sunt. Qui propter nos homines, For us men and for our salvation et propter nostram salutem He came down from heaven. descendit de caelis. And by the Holy Spirit was made flesh Et incarnatus est de Spiritu Sancto of the Virgin Mary; and became man. He was crucified also for us. ex Maria Virgine: suffered under Pontius Pilate, Et homo factus est. Crucifixus etiam pro nobis: TRIMONIO and was buried. And on the third day He rose, sub Pontio Pilato according to the Scriptures, passus, et sepultus est. and He ascended into heaven. Et resurrexit tertia die, secundum Scripturas. He is seated at the right hand of the Father. Et ascendit in caelum: And He shall come again in glory sedet ad dexteram Patris. to judge the living and the dead; Et iterum venturus est cum gloria judicare vivos et mortuos: of whose reign there shall be no end. cujus regni non erit finis. I believe in the Holy Spirit, Lord and giver of life, Et in Spiritum Sanctum, who proceeds from the Father Dominum et vivificantem: qui ex Patre Filioque procedit. and the Son. Who together with the Father and Qui cum Patre et Filio the Son is adored and glorified; simul adoratur. who spoke through the prophets. et conglorificatur: qui locutus est per Prophetas. I believe in one, holy, catholic and Et unam sanctam catholicam apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the et apostolicam Ecclesiam. Confiteor unum baptisma remission of sins. in remissionem peccatorum. And I look forward to the resurrection Et exspecto resurrectionem mortuorum. of the dead and the life of the Et vitam venturi saeculi. Amen. world to come. Amen.

Sanctus

Sanctus, Sanctus
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.
Osanna in excelsis.
Benedictus qui venit in
nomine Domini.
Osanna in excelsis.

Holy, Holy, Holy
Lord God of Hosts!

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

Agnus Dei

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem. Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,

grant us peace.

PATRIMONIO UC Deus in adiutorium meum intende

Deus in adiutorium meum intende:
Domine ad adiuvandum me festina.
Gloria Patri, et Filio,
et Spiritui Sancto.
Sicut erat in principio,
et nunc, et semper,
et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.
Alleluia.

O God, reach forth to my aid;
O Lord, hasten to help me.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.
Alleluia.



Mirabilia testimonia tua

Mirabilia testimonia tua. ideo, scrutata est, ea anima mea. Declaratio sermonum tuorum illuminat, et intellectum dat parvulis. Os meum aperui, et attraxi spiritum, quia mandata tuam desiderabam. Aspice in me, et miserere mei, secundum iudicium diligentium nomen tuum. Gressus meos dirige, secundum eloquium tuum, et non dominetur mei omnis injustitia. Redime me a calumniis hominum. ut custodiam mandata tua. Faciem tuam illumina super servum tuum. et doce me iustificationes tuas. Exitus aquarum deduxerunt oculi mei, quia non custodierunt legem tuam. PATRIMO lustus es, Domine, et rectum judicium tuum. Mandasti justitiam testimonia tua et veritatem tuam nimis. Tabescere me fecit zelus meus. quia obliti sunt verba tua inimici mei. Ignitum eloquium tuum vehementer, et servus tuus dilexit illud. Adolescentulus sum ego et contemptus; iustificationes tuas non sum oblitus. Iustitia tua, iustitia in aeternum, et lex tua veritas. Tribulatio et angustia invenerunt me; mandata tua meditatio mea est. Aequitas testimonia tua in aeternum; intellectum da mihi, et vivam. Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto. Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

Wonderful are Thy testimonies, hence my soul studieth them. The doctrine of Thy word giveth light, maketh wise the simple. I open my mouth and draw breath, for I long for Thy precepts. Turn Thou to me and show me mercy, according to Thy word to them that love Thee. Establish my steps in Thy promises, let no unrighteousness rule over me. Deliver me from the oppression of men, that I may keep Thy commandments. Let Thy face shine upon Thy servant, and teach me Thy statutes. Streams of tears flow from mine eyes, because they do not keep Thy law. Thou are just, O Lord, and upright is Thy judgement. In righteousness hast Thou ordained Thy testimonies, and in truth exceedingly. My zeal consumeth me because my enemies are unmindful of Thy words. Thoroughly fire-tried is Thy word and Thy servant taketh delight therein. A youth am I and despised, yet Thy judgements I do not forget. Thy justice is justice eternally, and Thy law is truth. Trouble and anguish have befallen me, yet are Thy precepts my delight. Thy testimonies are forever just, give me understanding that I may live. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. world without end. Amen.

Psalm 118: 129-144 (Vulgate)

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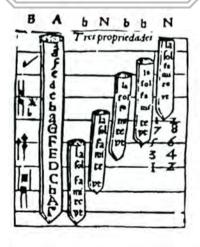
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