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## Parry's Songs of Farewell

London Concord Singers' first live concert since December 2019 sees them returning to Hubert Parry's moving, late masterpiece, *Songs of Farewell*, written during the turmoil of the First World War when a number of Parry's pupils at the Royal College of Music were being killed in action. Parry's choice of texts is thought to reflect a yearning to escape the violence of a world at war and to find peace in the heavenly realm. This was a work that Parry was never able to hear complete.

The choir also performs a group of well-loved motets by Bruckner, *Locus Iste*, *Os Justi* and *Christus Factus est*, and William Byrd's great masterpiece *Mass for Five Voices*, written for use in domestic chapels maintained, often at great personal risk, by recusant Catholics.

### Parry's Songs of Farewell

Thursday, 9 December 2021 7.30pm

Church of St Bartholomew the Less, West Smithfield, London

*Bruckner - Locus Iste Christus Factus Est Os Justi*

PROGRAMME - 2021-2022, Christmas & New Year, 2021

Byrd - *Mass for Five Voices*

Parry - *Songs of Farewell*

London Concord Singers

Conductor Jessica Norton

Admission Free

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