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# Wir Danken dir, Gott Cantatas

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## To the glory of God and the Burgomaster

Bach's appointment as *director musices* of the city of Leipzig in 1723 brought with it, among his other functions, the duty of providing an annual liturgical cantata specifically intended for performance during the ceremony of the opening of the session of the new Municipal Council. At least twelve such cantatas were written during the long years he spent in the pious town, of which no more than a third have survived intact. The almost martial accents of *Preise, Jerusalem, den Herrn*, the invocation of prosperity and blessing of *Gott, man lobet dich in der Stille* and the astonishing parodies of the third Partita for solo violin in *Wir danken dir, Gott* - the three cantatas on this recording - are all somewhat unabashed combinations of the glorification of God and municipal pride.



## Artists

- Deborah York  
Soprano
- Ingeborg Danz  
Contralto
- Mark Padmore  
Tenor
- Peter Kooy  
Bass
- Collegium Vocale Gent  
Vocal ensemble
- Philippe Herreweghe  
Conductor

## Composers

- Johann Sebastian Bach

## Contents

### Gott, man lobet dich in der Stille BWV 120

A toi, ô Dieu, louange est due

*God, thou art praised in silence*

- 1. Arie *Gott, man lobet dich in der Stille zu Zion* (5'19)
- 2. Chor *Jauchzet, ihr erfreuten Stimmen* (6'22)
- 3. Rezitativ *Auf, du geliebte Lindenstadt!* (1'16)
- 4. Arie *Heil und Segen* (5'03)
- 5. Rezitativ *Nun, Herr, so weihe selbst das Regiment* (0'44)
- 6. Choral *Nun hilf uns, Herr, den Dienern dein* (1'09)

### Preise, Jerusalem, den Herrn BWV 119

Jérusalem, célèbre l'Eternel

*Praise, O Jerusalem, the Lord*

- 1. Chor *Preise, Jerusalem, den Herrn* (4'59)
- 2. Rezitativ *Gesegnet Land! Glückselge Stadt!* (1'16)
- 3. Arie *Wohl dir, du Volk der Linden* (3'40)
- 4. Rezitativ *So herrlich stehst du, liebe Stadt!* (1'47)
- 5. Arie *Die Obrigkeit ist Gottes Gabe* (2'48)
- 6. Rezitativ *Nun, wir erkennen es und bringen dir* (0'52)
- 7. Chor *Der Herr hat Guts an uns getan* (5'40)
- 8. Rezitativ *Zuletzt!* (0'38)
- 9. Choral *Hilf deinem Volk, Herr Jesu Christ* (0'52)

**Wir danken dir, Gott, wir danken dir** BWV 29

Nous te rendons grâce, ô Dieu

*We thank thee, o God*

- 1. Sinfonia (3'13)
- 2. Chor *Wir danken dir, Gott, wir danken dir* (2'28)
- 3. Arie *Halleluja, Stärk und Macht* (5'49)
- 4. Rezitativ *Gottlob! es geht uns wohl!* (0'54)
- 5. Arie *Gedenk an uns mit deiner Liebe* (5'28)
- 6. Rezitativ *Vergiß es ferner nicht, mit deiner Hand* (0'26)
- 7. Arie *Halleluja, Stärk und Macht* (1'36)
- 8. Choral *Sei Lob und Preis mit Ehren* (1'56)