## **COME, SING HOSANNA!**

for S.A.B. voices, accompanied, with opt. trumpet and snare drum (hand drum)\*

Words and arrangement by **PATRICK M. LIEBERGEN** 

from CELEBRATE THIS FESTIVAL by HENRY PURCELL (ca. 1659-1695)



<sup>\*</sup> Parts for Bb trumpet and snare drum (hand drum) may be found on pages 10 and 11, respectively.

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Come, Sing Hosanna! is an exuberant chorus found in Purcell's ode Celebrate This Festival. Purcell composed a number of odes to honor members of England's royal family. Celebrate This Festival was commissioned for the April 30, 1693, birthday of Queen Mary.

Henry Purcell (ca. 1659-1695) was one of the greatest English composers of all time. A musical genius who lived in the Baroque era, he served as organist of Westminster Abbey from 1679 until his death. His greatness can be seen in the large number and variety of works of the highest quality which he wrote during his short life of only thirty-six years. Besides many odes and welcome songs for chorus and orchestra, cantatas, songs, catches, anthems, services, fancies, chamber sonatas and keyboard works, he wrote incidental music for forty-nine plays and an opera.

The source for this edition is *Henry Purcell*, *Complete Works*, Volume 24, published by the Purcell Society in London (1926). The original has been transposed down a perfect fourth. Purcell scored this chorus for S.A.T.B. voices with an accompaniment of trumpets, oboes, strings and continuo. This arrangement for S.A.B. voices features a new accompaniment for keyboard with optional trumpet and snare drum parts. Modern clefs, tempo and dynamic indications, English words and an eight measure introduction have also been added to this arrangement.

This masterwork chorus is appropriate for performance by both school and church choirs. When performed by church choirs, it may be sung throughout the year but especially on Palm Sunday or Christ the King Sunday. Suggested corresponding lectionary readings include Psalm 118, Matthew 25: 31-46, Philippians 2: 5-11 and Revelation 15: 3.4.

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