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J. S. BACH: Sacred Cantatas for Alto

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Bach's two hundred cantatas – comprising large-scale works for soloists and chorus as well as solo cantatas – are amongst his greatest works. Intimately bound up with the Lutheran tradition, the sacred cantatas defy a generalised description such as their infinite variety, wealth of musical invention, technical mastery and religious devotion. Of particular interest are *Vergnügte Ruh* (Cantata No. 170), where for the first time Bach uses the organ as an obbligato instrument given its own line, and the extraordinarily poignant *Widerstehe doch der Sünde* (Cantata No. 54) with its clear denunciation and rejection of sin.

Johann Sebastian

**BACH**

(1685-1750)

<b>1-5</b>	<b>Vergnügte Ruh, beliebte Seelenlust, BWV 170</b>	<b>20:22</b>
<b>6-8</b>	<b>Widerstehe doch der Sünde, BWV 54</b>	<b>11:23</b>
<b>9-15</b>	<b>Gott soll allein mein Herze haben, BWV 169 *</b>	<b>22:23</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>Bekennen will ich seinen Namen, BWV 200</b>	<b>2:33</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>Schlage doch gewünschte Stunde, BWV 53</b>	<b>5:49</b>

Marianne Beate Kielland, Alto

Cologne Bach Choir \* • Cologne Chamber Orchestra

Helmut Müller-Brühl

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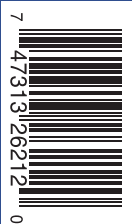
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