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De profundis 01 De Profundis Clamavi 16:01 02 Requiem aeternam 05:46 Quare fremuerunt gentes 03 Quare fremuerunt gentes 04 Reges eos in virga ferrea 06:07 Te decet hymnus 05 Te decet hymnus Deus 10:40 06 Praeparans montes 05:50 07 Rivos ejus inebria 06:49 08 Nisi Dominus 09:11 Les Pages et Les Chantres de Versailles (Choir) Musica Florea (Ensemble) Olivier Schneebeli - conductor

Chosen by Louis XIV in 1663 to conduct the music of his Chapel, Pierre Robert spent the next twenty years, in alternation with Henry Du Mont, composing the works that accompanied the daily services of the court of France. The creator with Du Mont and Lully, of the grands motets the emblematic genre of a 'French style' admired by all Europe, Robert was one of the last heirs to the great French polyphonic tradition which he brought to a high degree of contrapuntal complexity and rhetorical refinement, as can be seen in his 'Motets pour la chapelle du Roy' published in 1684. ---arkivmusic.com

The performances themselves are stylish, accomplished and heartfelt, enough to make an auspicious introduction to an unjustly neglected composer. ---Gramophone, march 2010

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