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Rorate Caeli

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SATB a cappella

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Robert W. Lehman, conductor, organist, harpsichordist and composer, holds degrees in organ performance, conducting, church music, and an earned doctorate in liturgical musicology where his particular focus is the ecclesiastical music of the English Middle Ages beginning with chant and culminating in the complex polyphony of the late fifteenth-century Eton Choirbook.

He has served on the staff of several distinguished churches, including the Washington National Cathedral (of which he is a Fellow), the Princeton University Chapel, and Saint Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, New York City. For fourteen years he served as organist and choirmaster of historic Christ Church, New Haven, Connecticut where, under his leadership, the choir and music program gained an international reputation for excellence. He has appeared with major symphony orchestras and chamber ensembles as conductor and soloist, has recorded an extensive discography, and his work is heard regularly over NPR and the BBC. In 2008 he joined the staff of the Episcopal Church of St. Michael & St. George in St. Louis as Organist and Choirmaster.

For Michael Murray

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SATB a cappella

Isaiah 45:8; 35:1-2a

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With great expression ♩ = 48

p poco a poco cresc. drop down,

Soprano

Drop down, drop, drop down, drop, drop down,

Alto

Drop down, drop, drop down, drop

Tenor

Drop down, drop, drop down, drop, drop

Bass

mf Drop

4 drop down, *f*

drop, drop down, drop, drop down, drop down ye heav - ens

down, Drop down, *f* drop, drop down, ye heav - ens

down, drop down, drop, drop down, drop down ye heav - ens

f

down, ye heav-ens from a - bove, drop down ye heav - ens

7

from a-bove and let the clouds rain down right-eous-ness,
 from a-bove, let the clouds rain down right-eous-ness,
 from a-bove, let the clouds rain down right-eous-ness,
 from a-bove, let the clouds rain down right-eous-ness,

11 *p* *pp* **Moving ahead** ♩ = 68

rain down right-eous-ness, right-eous-ness: *Ro-ra-te cae-li, ro-ra-te*
 rain down right-eous-ness, right-eous-ness: *Ro-ra-te cae-li, ro-ra-te*
 rain down right-eous-ness, right-eous-ness:
 rain down right-eous-ness, right-eous-ness: *Ro-ra-te cae-li, ro-ra-te*

16

cae - li, ro - ra - te cae - li, ro - ra - te cae - li, ro - ra - te

cae - li, ro - ra - te cae - li, ro - ra - te cae - li, ro - ra - te

mp

Let the earth be o - pened, and blos - som

cae - li, ro - ra - te cae - li, ro - ra - te cae - li, ro - ra - te

21

mf

cae - li, ro - ra - te cae - li de - su - per Let the

mp

cae - li, ro - ra - te cae - li de - su - per, ro - ra - te cae - li, ro -

mp

forth a Sav - iour. Ro - ra - te cae - li,

mp

cae - li, ro - ra - te cae - li de - su - per, ro - ra - te cae - li, ro -

26 earth be o - pened and *f* blos - som
 earth be o - pened, and blos - som forth a
 ra - te cae - li, ro - ra - te, ro - ra - te
 ro - ra - te cae - li, blos - som forth,
 - li, ro - ra - te cae - li, ro - ra - te cae -

31 *mf* *allarg.* *pp* //
 Sav - iour. Ro - ra - te cae - li de - su - per...
mf *pp* //
 cae - li, ro - ra - te, ro - ra - te cae - li de - su - per...
pp //
 blos - som forth a Sav - iour. Ro - ra - te cae - li de - su - per...
mf *pp* //
 - li, ro - ra - te, ro - ra - te cae - li de - su - per...

As at the beginning ♩ = 48

poco a poco cresc.

drop down,

36 *p*

Drop down, drop, drop down, drop, drop down,

Drop down, drop, drop down, drop

Drop down, drop, drop down, drop, drop

mf
Drop

39 drop down,

f

drop, drop down, drop, drop down, drop down ye heav - ens

down, Drop down, drop, drop down, ye heav - ens

down, drop down, drop, drop down, drop down ye heav - ens

down, ye heav-ens from a - bove, drop down ye heav - ens

42

from a - bove and let the clouds rain down

from a - bove, let the clouds rain down

from a - bove, let the clouds rain down

from a - bove, let the clouds rain down

45

p *rit.* *pp*

right - eous - ness, rain down right - eous - ness, right - eous - ness.

p *pp*

right - eous - ness, rain down right - eous - ness, right - eous - ness.

p *pp*

right - eous - ness, rain down right - eous - ness, right - eous - ness.

p *pp*

right - eous - ness, rain down right - eous - ness, right - eous - ness.