

Four Luther Chorales

for viola and organ

I. Aus Tiefer Not

II. Vom Himmel Hoch

III. Jesus Christus, unser Heiland, der den Tod überwand

IV. Mit Fried und Freud ich fahr dahin

14 minutes

Brooke Joyce (2011)

Commissioned and premiered by Spencer Martin, 2012

Program Note:

*Four Luther Chorales* were written for my friend and colleague, Spencer Martin, and are an attempt to continue the long tradition of chorale preludes that form one of the cornerstones of Lutheran liturgical music. “Aus Tiefer Not” and “Vom Himmel Hoch” are two tunes I’ve known for many years as a church musician, while the final two chorale tunes are recent discoveries.