

Laudate eum in cordis
for violin, viola and cello

10 minutes

Brooke Joyce (2010)

Commissioned by the Luther College String Trio
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Program Note:

Laudate eum in cordis ("praise him with stringed instruments") was commissioned to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the founding of Luther College in Decorah, IA, in 1861. The work is divided into six sections, each of which is a musical paraphrase of Psalm 150:

- 1 Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary;
praise him in his mighty heavens!
- 2 Praise him for his mighty deeds;
praise him according to his excellent greatness!
- 3 Praise him with trumpet sound;
praise him with lute and harp!
- 4 Praise him with tambourine and dance;
praise him with strings and pipe!
- 5 Praise him with sounding cymbals;
praise him with loud clashing cymbals!
- 6 Let everything that has breath praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
(English Standard Version)

Woven throughout the work are fragments from the Norwegian hymn "Lad os bede lysets fader," which was sung at many official functions in the early days of the college.

Laudate eum in cordis was premiered by Luther College faculty members Tarn Travers, Spencer Martin and Eric Kutz in October, 2010.