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Lamentations

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Lamentations, Settings by Palestrina, Gesualdo, et al

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Polyphonic settings of the Old Testament mourning verses of Jeremiah spread like wildfire during the 16th century, creating a distinguished repertoire of works associated with the haunting Holy Week service of Tenebrae. Nordic Voices offers a selection drawn from the finest Lamentations, opening with four expressive settings by Victoria and shaping sublime performances of a pair of Gesualdo's tortured Tenebrae Responses. There's a simple eloquence about the singing, part product of refined corporate musicianship, part of allowing expressive effects to speak naturally without affectation. Top-class work from Norway's leading vocal ensemble. **AS**
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