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Organist and Trumpeter William Picher plays traditional and popular organ favorites on this premiere recording of the organ at the Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle in St. Petersburg, Florida. 17 MP3 Songs

CLASSICAL: Traditional, EASY LISTENING: Mature Details: WILLIAM PICHER, A.A.G.O., organist and trumpeter, was born to a musical family in Portland, Maine and began taking organ lessons with his father, Frank Picher, at the age of 7. At age 13, he began study of trumpet, and has continued playing both instruments throughout his career. Dr. Picher holds music degrees from the University of Maine, Eastman School of Music and Catholic University of America. He has served in director of music/organist positions at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception (Portland, Maine) and the Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle (St. Petersburg, Florida). He also served for eight years as a trumpet instrumentalist with the United States Navy Band in Washington DC. Additionally, he has served on the music faculty of the University of Maine, University of Southern Maine, St. Petersburg College, Pinellas County Center for the Arts, and he was also the house organist at Portland, Maine's historic State Theatre. Recent recital performances have included Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception (Washington DC), Holy Name Cathedral (Chicago), the National Cathedral (Washington DC), St. Mary's Cathedral (San Francisco), and the Marly Room at the Museum of Fine Arts (St. Petersburg). He is composer member of B.M.I., and an Associate of the American Guild of Organists. He has produced several published works for brass ensembles. Three CD recordings of Dr. Picher playing organ and trumpet have been recently released on the Stemik Music label. In 2000, Dr. Picher was awarded the St. Jude Medal by Bishop Robert Lynch in recognition for his service to the Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle and the Diocese of St. Petersburg. Currently, Dr. Picher is Director of Music Ministries and Organist at the Mary, Queen of the Universe Shrine, Florida.

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