Overture … Orchestra

The Prophecy

Comfort Ye – Tenor

Comfort ye, comfort ye My people, saith your God. Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned…The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Isaiah 40:1-3

Every Valley – Tenor

Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill made low; the crooked straight and the rough places plain. Isaiah 40:4

And The Glory Of The Lord – Chorus

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it. Isaiah 40:5

Thus Saith The Lord – Bass

For thus saith the Lord of hosts; Yet once, it is a little while and I will shake the heavens and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land; And I will shake all nations; and the desire of all nations shall come… Haggai 2:6-7 …and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to His temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, He shall come, saith the Lord of hosts. Malachi 3:1

But Who May Abide The Day Of His Coming? – Alto & Bass

But who may abide the day of His coming? And who shall stand when He appeareth? For He is like a refiner's fire. Malachi 3:2

Behold A Virgin Shall Conceive – Alto

…Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call His name Emmanuel. ("God with us.") Isaiah 7:14

O Thou That Tellest Good Tidings To Zion – Alto & Chorus

O Zion, that bringest good tidings, get thee up into the high mountain; O Jerusalem, that bringest good tidings, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God! Isaiah 40:9
Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. Isaiah 60:1

For Behold, Darkness Shall Cover The Earth – Bass

For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and His glory shall be seen upon thee. And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and the kings to the brightness of thy rising. Isaiah 60:2-3

The People That Walked In Darkness – Bass

The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.
Isaiah 9:2

For Unto Us A Child Is Born – Chorus

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6

The Fulfillment

Pastoral Symphony – Orchestra

There Were Shepherds Abiding In The Fields – Soprano

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. Luke 2:8-9

And The Angel Said Unto Them – Soprano

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. Luke 2:10-11

And Suddenly There Was With The Angel – Soprano

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, Luke 2:13

Glory To God – Chorus

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. Luke 2:14

Rejoice Greatly, O Daughter Of Zion – Soprano

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion: shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation…and He shall speak peace unto the heathen…Zechariah 9:9-10

Then Shall The Eyes Of The Blind – Alto

And the eyes of the blind shall be opened and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then shall the lame man leap as a hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing… Isaiah 35:5-6

He Shall Feed His Flock Like A Shepherd – Alto & Soprano

He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young. Isaiah 40:11 Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest in your souls. Matthew 11:28-29

His Yoke Is Easy – Chorus

For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light. Matthew 11:30

~ Intermission ~

The Passion

Behold The Lamb Of God – Chorus

…Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.
John 1:29

He Was Despised – Alto

He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief…Isaiah 53:3

Surely He Hath Borne Our Griefs – Chorus

Surely He hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows…But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him… Isaiah 53:4-5

And With His Stripes We Are Healed – Chorus

…and with His stripes we are healed. Isaiah 53:5

All We Like Sheep Have Gone Astray – Chorus

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. Isaiah 53:6

All They That See Him Laugh Him To Scorn – Tenor

All they that see me laugh me to scorn: they shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying, Psalm 22:7

He Trusted In God – Chorus

He trusted on the Lord that He would deliver him: let Him deliver him, seeing he delighted in Him. Psalm 22:8

Thy Rebuke Hath Broken His Heart – Tenor

Reproach hath broken my heart; and I am full of heaviness: and I looked for some to take pity, but there was none; and for comforters, but I found none. Psalm 69:20

Behold, And See If There Be Any Sorrow – Tenor

…Behold, and see if there be any sorrow like unto my sorrow…Lamentations 1:12

He Was Cut Off Out Of The Land Of The Living – Tenor

…for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken. Isaiah 53:8

But Thou Didst Not Leave His Soul In Hell – Tenor

For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption. Psalm 16:10

The Glorification

Lift Up Your Heads – Chorus

Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle. Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, He is the King of glory. Psalm 24:7-8, 10

How Beautiful Are The Feet

… How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!
Romans 10:15

Why Do The Nations So Furiously Rage Together? – Bass

Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and against His anointed. Psalm 2:1-2

He That Dwelleth In Heaven – Tenor

He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision. Psalm 2:4

Thou Shalt Break Them – Tenor

Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them to pieces like a potter's vessel. Psalm 2:9

Hallelujah – Chorus & Soloists

…Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. (The kingdom of this world is become the Kingdom of our Lord, and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever.) …KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS! Revelation 19:6, 16

The Resurrection

I Know That My Redeemer Liveth – Soprano

For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth. And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God. Job 19:25-26
But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept. I Corinthians 15:20

Since By Man Came Death – Chorus

For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.
I Corinthians 15:21-22

Behold I Tell You A Mystery – Bass

Behold, I shew you a mystery, We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump… I Corinthians 15:51-52

The Trumpet Shall Sound – Bass

…for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. I Corinthians 15:52

Worthy Is The Lamb – Chorus

And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book; and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood…Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing. And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever. AMEN Revelation 5:9, 12-13

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