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*Dedicated to my mother,  
whose faith in the living Christ has never wavered*

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**Largo** ♩ = 60

**A**

Soprano Alto

Tenors

Piano

SA

T

Pno.

As we com - mem - or - ate the birth of

*mf*

As we com - mem - or - ate the birth of

A(omit3) /G#

Je - sus Christ, two mil - le - ni - a a - go, we of - fer our tes - ti - mo - ny

A(omit3)/F# /E D A/C# Bm7 E7sus4 E

of the re - al - i - ty of His match - less life and the in - fin - ite

A(omit3) /G# /F# /E

8

SA vir - tue of His great at - on - ing sac - ri - fice. None oth - er has had so pro - found an

T vir - tue of His great at - on - ing sac - ri - fice. None oth - er has had so pro - found an

Pno. D A/C# Bm7 E7sus4 E C#m D(add9)

11

SA in - flu - ence up - on all who have lived and will yet live up -

T in - flu - ence up - on all who have lived and will yet live up -

Pno. A/E Fdim7 F#m7 A/E

13

SA - on the earth. He was the Great Je - ho - vah of the Old Test - a - ment, the Me -

T - on the earth. He was the Great Je - ho - vah of the Old Test - a - ment, the Me -

Pno. Dsus2 A /G#

15

SA - si - ah of the New. Un - der di - rec - tion of His Fath - er He was the cre - a - tor of the earth.

T - si - ah of the New. Un - der di - rec - tion of His Fath - er He was the cre - a - tor of the earth.

Pno. /F# /E Dmaj7 A/C# Bm7 Esus4 E

18

SA "All things were made by him; and with - out him was not an - y thing made that was

T "All things were made by him; and with - out him was not an - y thing made that was

Pno. F#m A/E Dmaj7 A/C# Bm7

21

SA made." Though sin - less, He was bap - tized to ful - fill all right - eous - ness. He

T made" \_\_\_\_\_ He

Pno. Esus4 E F#m(add9) C#m D(add9) Esus4

**rit.**.....

24

SA "went a - bout do - ing good," yet was de - spised for it.

T "went a - bout do - ing good," yet was de - spised for it.

Pno. F#m(add9) /E F#m(add9)/D

**a tempo**

26

SA His gos - pel was a mes - sage of peace and good - will. He en - treat - ed all to

T His gos - pel was a mes - sage of peace and good - will. He en - treat - ed all to

Pno. A(omit3) /G# A(omit3)/F# /E

28

SA fol - low His ex - am - ple. He walked the roads of Pal - e - stine, heal -

T fol - low His ex - am - ple. He walked the roads of Pal - e - stine, heal -

Pno. D A/C# Bm7 E7sus4 E C#m D(add9)

31

SA

T

Pno.

- ing the sick, caus - ing the blind to see, and rais - ing the dead. He taught the

- ing the sick, caus - ing the blind to see, and rais - ing the dead. He taught the

A/E Fdim7 F#m7 A/E Dsus2

34

SA

T

Pno.

truths of e - ter - ni - ty, the re - al - i - ty of our pre - mor - tal ex - ist, -

truths of e - ter - ni - ty, the re - al - i - ty of our pre - mor - tal ex - ist -

A /G# A/F# /E

36

SA

T

Pno.

- ance, the pur - pose of our life on earth, and po - ten - tial for the

- ance, the pur - pose of our life on earth, and po - ten - tial for the

rit.....

D A/C# Bm7 A/C#

**B** Andante ♩ = 85

38

SA sons and daught - ers of God in the life to come.

T sons and daught - ers of God in the life to come.

Pno. D(add9) Esus4 E Am D

41

SA He ins - ti - tut - ed the sac - ra - ment

T He ins - ti - tut - ed the sac - ra - ment

Pno. Am D Am D

45

SA as a re - min - der of His great a - ton - ing sac - ri - fice. \_\_\_\_\_

T as a re - min - der of His great a - ton - ing sac - ri - fice. \_\_\_\_\_ He was ar -

Pno. C/E F(add2) C/G Gsus4 G Am

rit..... a tempo

50

SA

T

Pno.

con - vict - ed\_\_ to sat - is - fy\_\_ a

- rest - ed and con - demned on spur - ious charg - es,

Am(add9) Em/G Fmaj7 Am Em

53

SA

T

Pno.

mob, and sen - tenced to die on Cal - vary's cross.

and sen - tenced to die on Cal - vary's cross. He gave His

Fmaj9 Dm /B Fmaj7 Gsus2 Am

rit.....

56

SA

T

Pno.

to a - tone for the sins A vi - car - i - ous gift in be - half of

life of all man - kind.

Fmaj7 G Am D/F#

a tempo

58

SA  
all who would ev - er live up - on the earth.

T  
all who would ev - er live up - on the earth.

Pno.  
Dm Gsus4 G Am7 D Am

62

SA  
We sol - em - ly tes - ti - fy that His life, which is cent - ral to

T  
We sol - em - ly tes - ti - fy that His life, which is cent - ral to

Pno.  
D Am D C/E

66

SA  
all hu - man his - tory, neith - er be - gan in Beth - le - hem nor con - clud - ed on

T  
all hu - man his - tory, neith - er be - gan in Beth - le - hem nor con - clud - ed on

Pno.  
Fsus2 C/E Fsus2 C/E

70

SA Cal - va - ry. He was the First - born of the Fath - er, the On - ly Be - got - ten

T Cal - va - ry. He was the First - born of the Fath - er, the On - ly Be - got - ten

Pno. F#sus2 Dm7 C/E F

74

rit..... **C** Largo ♩ = 60

SA Son in the flesh, He rose from the grave to "be -

T Son in the flesh, the Re - deem - er of the world. He rose from the grave to "be -

Pno. G#sus4 Dm7 C/E F#sus2 C

**Solo**

78

SA - come the first - fruits of them that slept." As Ris - en Lord, He

T - come the first - fruits of them that slept." As Ris - en Lord, He

Pno. F C F C

82

SA vis - it - ed a - mong those He loved in life. He al - so ooh - - -

T vis - it - ed a - mong those He loved in life. He al - so mi - ni - stered a - mong His

Pno. F C F F

86

SA - ooh - - - - Am - er - i - ca. In the mod - ern world, He and His

T "oth - er sheep" in an - cient Am - er - i - ca. In the mod - ern world, He and His

Pno. G/F C/E Am F

*f* *accel.*

90

SA Fath - er ap - peared to the boy Jos - eph Smith, ush - er - ing in the long - prom - ised "dis - pen -

T Fath - er ap - peared to the boy Jos - eph Smith, ush - er - ing in the long - prom - ised "dis - pen -

Pno. G/F Em7 Am F G

94 D ♩ = 65

SA - sa - tion of the full - ness of times."

T - sa - tion of the ful - ness of times."

*ff*

Pno. G#dim7 Am7 Dm7 G7sus4 C Fm/C

98

SA

T

**Narrator 1:** Of the Living Christ, the Prophet Joseph wrote:  
"His eyes were as flame of fire;

Pno. C Fm/C C Fm/C

102

SA

T

the hair of his head was white like the pure snow; his countenance shown above the brightness of the

Pno. C Fm/C Am

105

SA

T

Pno.

F C Gsus4 G

sun; and his voice was as the sound of the rushing of great waters, even the voice of Jehovah, saying:

108

SA

T

Pno.

Am G/A Am G/A F G C

"I am the first and the last; I am he who liv - eth, \_\_\_\_\_

"I am the first and the last; I am he who liv - eth, \_\_\_\_\_

112

rit.....

SA

T

Pno.

Solo

I am your ad - vo - cate\_with the Fa - ther."\_\_\_\_

I am he who was slain; I am your ad - vo - cate\_with the Fa - ther."\_\_\_\_

Dm7 Am(add9) E F G Fsus2 F

116 **E** a tempo

SA

T

Pno.

**Narrator 2:** Of Him the Prophet also declared:

A(omit3) /G#

118

SA

T

Pno.

"And now, after the many testimonies which have been given of him, this is the testimony, last of all, which we give of him: That he lives!

/F# /E D A/C#

120

SA

T

Pno.

For we saw him, even on the right hand of God; and we heard the voice bearing record that he is the Only Begotten of the Father- That by him, and through him, and of him,

Bm7 E7sus4 E A(omit3) /G# /F# /E

123

SA the worlds are and were created, We de -  
and the inhabitants thereof are begotten sons and daughters unto God." We de -

T

Pno. D A/C# Bm7 E7sus4 E

125 **F**

SA -clare in words of so - lem - ni - ty that His priest - hood and His

T -clare in words of so - lem - ni - ty that His priest - hood and His

Pno. A E/G# F#m7 E A/E Fm<sup>(b5)</sup>

128

SA Church have been re - stored up - on the earth. — "Built up - on the found - a - tion of a -

T Church have been re - stored up - on the earth. "Built up - on the found - a - tion of a -

Pno. D<sup>(add6)</sup> D Bm Bm6/D Esus4 E A A/C#

133

SA  
- post - les and pro - phets, Je - sus Christ him - self be - ing the chief corn - er -

T  
- post - les and pro - phets, Je - sus Christ him - self be - ing the chief corn - er -

Pno.  
D Bm7 A F#m7 D E7

138

SA  
- stone."

T  
- stone."

Pno.  
A

**G**

139

SA  
**Narrator 3:** We testify that He will someday return to the earth. "And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and

T

Pno.  
F G F

**Allegro** ♩ = 77 **accel.....**

142

SA all flesh shall see it together." He will rule as King of Kings and reign as Lord of Lords, and

T He will rule as King of Kings and reign as Lord of Lords, and

Pno. G F G/F F G/F Dm7 G/D C

147

SA e - very knee shall bend\_\_\_\_\_ and e - very tongue shall speak\_\_\_\_\_ in wor - - -

T e - very knee shall bend\_\_\_\_\_ and e - very tongue shall speak\_\_\_\_\_ in wor - - -

Pno. Dm G Em Am F

152

SA - ship\_\_\_\_\_ be - fore Him.\_\_\_\_\_ Each of us will stand

T - ship\_\_\_\_\_ be - fore Him.\_\_\_\_\_ Each of us will stand

Pno. Gsus2 Am Fsus2 F G Am

157 rit.....

SA to be judged of Him ac - cord - ing to our works and the de -

T to be judged of Him ac - cord - ing to our works and the de -

Pno. F G Am F G A

161 Largo ♩ = 60

SA - sir - es of our hearts. H Group Narration: We bear testimony- that Jesus is the

T - sir - es of our hearts. Living Christ,

the immortal Son of God. He is the

Pno. F G G#m(5) A A(omit3) /G# /F# /E

166

SA great King Immanuel, who stands today on the right hand of His Father. He is the

T f He is the

Pno. D A/C# Bm7 E7sus4 E

168 **I**

SA light, the life, and the hope of all the world. His way is the path that leads to hap - pi -

T light, the life, and the hope of all the world. His way is the path that leads to hap - pi -

Pno. C#m D(add9) A/E Fdim7 A/F# /E

171 **accel.**.....

SA - ness in this life, e - ter - nal life in the world to

T - ness in this life, and e - ter - nal life, in the world to

Pno. D(add2) Dsus2 A/B

174

SA come. God be thanked for the match - less gift, the match - less gift of

T come. God be thanked for the match - less gift, the match - less gift of

Pno. Esus4 E D A/C# Am/C Bm7

177 *rit.*.....

SA His di - vine Son! His di - vine Son!

T His di - vine Son! His di - vine Son!

Pno. D Bm7/E F G A

180

SA

T

Pno. Gm(add9) E7sus4(♯5) A