

G.F. Handel - Messiah

Part the first

Symphony (instrumentaal)

Accompagnato

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. (Jesaja 40, 1-3)

Air

Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill made low, the crooked straight and the rough places plain. (Jesaja 40, 4)

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. (Jesaja 40, 5)

Accompagnato

Thus saith the Lord of Hosts; Yet once, a little while, and I will shake the heavens and the earth, the sea and the dry land; and I will shake all nations; and the desire of all nations shall come. 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. (Maleachi 3, 1)

Air

But who may abide the day of His coming, and who shall stand when He appeareth? For He is like a refiner's fire. (Maleachi 3, 2)

Chorus

And He shall purify the sons of Levi, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness. (Maleachi 3, 3)

Recitative

Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Emmanuel, "God with us". (Jesaja 7, 14; Mattheus 1, 23)

Air and Chorus

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

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! (Jesaja 9, 6)

Pfifa (Pastoral symphony)

Recitative

There were shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.
(Lucas 2, 8)

Accompagnato

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. (Lucas 2, 9)

Recitative

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.
(Lucas 2, 10-11)

Accompagnato

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying...
(Lucas 2, 13)

Chorus

Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth, goodwill towards men. (Lucas 2, 14)

Air

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion, shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: He is the righteous Saviour, and He shall speak peace unto the heathen. (Zacharias 9, 9-10)

Recitative

Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb shall sing. (Jesaja 35, 5-6)

Duet

He shall feed His flock like a shepherd, and He shall gather the lambs with His arm; and carry them in His bosom, and gently lead those that are with young. (Jesaja 40, 11)
Come unto Him, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and He will give you rest. Take His yoke upon you, and learn of Him, for He is meek and lowly of heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls.
(Mattheus 11, 28-29)

Chorus

His yoke is easy and His burthen is light. (Mattheus 11, 30)

Pauze

Part the second

Chorus

Surely He hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows! He was wounded for our transgressions; He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon Him. (Jesaja 53, 4-5)

Chorus

And with His stripes we are healed. (Jesaja 53, 5)

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. (Jesaja 53, 6)

Accompagnato

Thy rebuke hath broken His heart; He is full of heaviness. He looked for some to have pity on Him, but there was no man, neither found He any to comfort Him. (Psalm 69, 21)

Arioso

Behold, and see if there be any sorrow like unto His sorrow. (Klaagliederen Jeremias 1,12)

Accompagnato

He was cut off out of the land of the living; for the transgression of Thy people was He stricken. (Jesaja 53, 8)

Air

But Thou didst not leave His soul in hell; nor didst Thou suffer Thy Holy One to see corruption. (Psalm 16, 10)

Air

Thou art gone up on high; Thou hast led captivity captive, and received gifts for men, yea, even for Thine enemies, that the Lord God might dwell among them. (Psalm 68, 19)

Chorus

The Lord gave the word, great was the company of the preachers. (Psalm 68, 12)

Air

Why do the nations so furiously rage together, and who do the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth rise up, and the rulers take counsel together against the Lord, and against His Anointed. (Psalm 2,1-2)

Chorus

Let us break their bonds asunder, and cast away their yokes from us. (Psalm 2, 3)

Recitative

He that dwelleth in heaven shall laugh them to scorn; the Lord shall have them in derision. (Psalm 2, 4)

Air

Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; Thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel. (Psalm 2, 9)

Chorus

Hallelujah: for the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth. The kingdom of this world has become the kingdom of our Lord, and of His Christ; and He shall reign for ever and ever. King of Kings, and Lord of Lords. Hallelujah! (Openbaring Johannes 19,6; 11,15; 19,16)

Part the third**Air**

I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth; and though worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God. (Job 19, 25-26)
For now is Christ risen from the dead, the first fruits of them that sleep. (1.Korinthiers 15, 20)

Chorus

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. (1.Korinthiers 15, 21-22)

Accompagnato

Behold, I tell 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 trumpet. (1.Korinthiers 15, 51-52)

Air

The trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. (1.Korinthiers 15, 52-53)

Recitative

Then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, death is swallowed up in victory.
(1.Korinthiers 15, 54)

Chorus

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain, and hath redeemed us to God by His blood, to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory and blessing. Blessing and honour, glory and power be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb, for ever and ever. Amen.
(Openbaring Johannes 5, 12-14)