

# MESSIAH

## GEORGE FRIDERIC HANDEL

STEPHAN CASURELLA CONDUCTOR

5 DECEMBER 2021  
3:00PM

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL  
318 E. FOURTH STREET CINCINNATI



# THE PROGRAM

## THE CHOIR

### *Soprano*

Claudia Neff  
Alexandra Schoeny  
Jackie Stevens  
Valerie Vinzant

### *Alto*

Kate Gardin  
Ellen Graham  
Shannon Keegan  
Tess Klibanoff

### *Tenor*

Jordan Loyd  
Ryan Montgomery  
Mitchell Sturges  
Joe Rivers

### *Bass*

Stephen Hanna  
Jon Gentry  
Seth Mitchell  
Michael Young

*Vocal Contractor*  
Krista Cornish Scott

*\*All singers in today's performance have either provided proof of full vaccination for COVID-19 or have tested negative within the last 24 hours. In addition to these mitigations, some of the singers may make a personal choice to wear a mask while singing.*

## PART THE FIRST

1. Sinfonia
2. Recitative      Comfort ye
3. Aria              Ev'ry vally
4. Chorus           And the glory of the Lord
5. Recitative       Thus saith the Lord
6. Aria              But who may abide
7. Chorus           And He shall purify
8. Recitative       Behold, a virgin shall conceive
9. Aria+Chorus     O thou that tellest
10. Recitative      For behold, darkness
11. Aria              The people that walked in darkness
12. Chorus           For unto us a child is born
13. Pifa
14. Recitative      There were shepherds
14. Recitative      But lo, the angel of the Lord
15. Recitative      And the angel said unto them
16. Recitative      And suddenly there was with the angel
17. Chorus           Glory to God
18. Aria              Rejoice greatly
19. Recitative      Then shall the eyes of the blind
20. Aria              He shall feed his flock
21. Chorus           His yoke is easy

*There will be a ten minute intermission*

## PART THE SECOND

22. Chorus          Behold the Lamb of God
23. Aria              He was despised
24. Chorus          Surely He hath borne our griefs
25. Chorus          And with His stripes
26. Chorus          All we, like sheep
27. Recitative      All they that see Him
28. Chorus          He trusted in God
29. Aria              Thy rebuke hath broken His heart
30. Aria              Behold and see
31. Recitative      He was cut off
32. Aria              But Thou didst not leave
33. Chorus          Lift up your heads
34. Recitative      Unto Which of the Angels
35. Chorus          Let all the angels

36. Aria                   Thou art gone up on high  
 37. Chorus                The Lord gave the word  
 38. Aria                   How beautiful are the feet  
 39. Chorus                Their sound is gone out  
 40. Aria                   Why do the nations  
 41. Chorus                Let us break their bonds  
 42. Recitative            He that dwelleth in heaven  
 43. Aria                   Thou shalt break them  
 44. Chorus                Hallelujah

## PART THE THIRD

45. Aria                   I know that my Redeemer liveth  
 46. Chorus                Since by man came death  
 47. Recitative            Behold, I tell you a mystery  
 48. Aria                   The trumpet shall sound  
 49. Recitative            Then shall be brought to pass  
 50. Duetto                O death, where is thy sting?  
 51. Chorus                But thanks be to God  
 52. Aria                   If God be for us  
 53. Chorus                Worthy is the lamb  
 54. Chorus                Amen

## THE TEXT

### PART THE FIRST

#### Sinfonia (Overture)

#### Accompagnato (Ryan Montgomery)

Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God. Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplish'd, 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. (Isa. 40 : 1-3)

#### Air (Ryan Montgomery)

Ev'ry valley shall be exalted, and ev'ry mountain and hill made low; the crooked straight, and the rough places plain. (Isa. 40 : 4)

## THE ORCHESTRA

### *Violin*

Manami White  
 Amy Kiradjieff

### *Viola*

Leslie Dragan

### *Cello*

Tom Guth

### *Bass*

Chris Roberts

### *Oboe*

Mark Ostoich  
 Dylan Reynallt

### *Bassoon*

Elizabeth Beeche

### *Trumpet*

Stephen Campbell  
 Wesley Woolard

### *Timpani*

Brady Harrison

### *Harpichord & Organ*

Michael Unger

## **Chorus**

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

## **Accompagnato (Seth Mitchell)**

Thus saith the Lord, the Lord of Hosts; Yet once a little while and I will shake the heav'ns and the earth, the sea and the dry land: And I will shake all nations; and the desire of all nations shall come. (Hag. 2 : 6-7)  
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. (Mal. 3 : 1)

## **Air (Ellen Graham)**

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

## **Chorus**

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

## **Recitative (Kate Gardin)**

Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call his name Emmanuel, GOD WITH US. (Isa. 7 : 14; Matt. 1 : 23)

## **Air (Kate Gardin) & 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! O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion, Arise, shine, for thy Light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. (Isa. 40 : 9; Isa. 60 : 1)

## **Accompagnato (Stephen Hanna)**

For behold, 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 kings to the brightness of thy rising. (Isa. 60 : 2-3)

## **Air (Stephen Hanna)**

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

## **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. (Isa. 9 : 6)

## **Pifa (Sinfonia pastorale)**

## **Recitative (Jackie Stevens)**

There were shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flocks by night. (Lk. 2 : 8)

## **Accompagnato (Jackie Stevens)**

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. (Lk. 2 : 9)

## **Recitative (Jackie Stevens)**

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. (Lk. 2 : 10-11)

## **Accompagnato (Jackie Stevens)**

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

## **Chorus**

Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth, good will towards men. (Lk. 2 : 14)

## **Air (Jackie Stevens)**

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. (Zech. 9 : 9-10)

**Recitative (Tess Klibanoff)**

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. (Isa. 35 : 5-6)

**Aria (Claudia Neff & Tess Klibanoff)**

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. (Isa. 40 : 11)

Come unto Him, all ye that labour, come unto Him that 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. (Matt. 11 : 28-29)

**Chorus**

His yoke is easy, and his burden is light. (Matt. 11 : 30)

**PART THE SECOND****Chorus**

Behold the Lamb of God, that taketh away the sin of the world. (John 1 : 29)

**Air (Kate Gardin)**

He was despised and rejected of men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. (Isa. 53 : 3)

He gave His back to the smiters, and His cheeks to them that plucked off the hair: He hid not His face from shame and spitting. (Isa. 50 : 6)

**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. (Isa. 53 : 4-5)

**Chorus**

And with His stripes we are healed. (Isa. 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. (Isa. 53 : 6)

**Accompagnato (Jordan Loyd)**

All they that see Him laugh Him to scorn; they shoot out their lips, and shake their heads, saying: (Ps. 22 : 7)

**Chorus**

He trusted in God that He would deliver Him; let Him deliver Him, if He delight in Him. (Ps. 22 : 8)

**Accompagnato (Jordan Loyd)**

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. (Ps. 69 : 20)

**Arioso (Jordan Loyd)**

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

**Accompagnato (Valerie Vinzant)**

He was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgressions of Thy people was He stricken. (Isa. 53 : 8)

**Air (Valerie Vinzant)**

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

**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. 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 of Hosts, He is the King of Glory. (Ps. 24 : 7-10)

**Recitative (Joe Rivers)**

Unto which of the angels said He at any time: Thou art My Son, this day have I begotten Thee? (Heb. 1 : 5)

**Chorus**

Let all the angels of God worship Him. (Heb. 1 : 6)

**Air (Shannon Keegan)**

Thou art gone up on high; Thou hast led captivity captive, and received gifts for men; yea, even from Thine enemies, that the Lord God might dwell among them. (Ps. 68 : 18)

**Chorus**

The Lord gave the word; great was the company of the preachers. (Ps. 68 : 11)

**Air (Claudia Neff)**

How beautiful are the feet of them: that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things. (Rom. 10 : 15)

**Chorus**

Their sound is gone out into all lands, and their words unto the ends of the world. (Rom. 10 : 18 / Ps. 19 : 4)

**Air (Jon Gentry)**

Why do the nations so furiously rage together, and why 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. (Ps. 2 : 1-2)

**Chorus**

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

**Recitative (Mitchell Sturges)**

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

**Air (Mitchell Sturges)**

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

**Chorus**

Hallelujah! for the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth. (Rev. 19 : 6)

The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord, and of His Christ; and He shall reign for ever and ever. (Rev. 11 : 15)

King of Kings, and Lord of Lords. (Rev. 19 : 16)  
Hallelujah!

**PART THE THIRD****Air (Alexandra Schoeny)**

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. (I Cor. 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. (I Cor. 15 : 21-22)

**Accompagnato (Michael Young)**

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. (I Cor. 15 : 51-52)

**Air (Michael Young)**

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. (I Cor. 15 : 52-53)

**Recitative (Tess Klibanoff)**

Then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: Death is swallowed up in victory. (I Cor. 15 : 54)

**Duet (Tess Klibanoff & Joe Rivers)**

O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. (I Cor. 15 : 55-56)

## Chorus

But thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Cor. 15 : 57)

## Air (Alexandra Schoeny)

If God be for us, who can be against us? (Rom. 8 : 31)  
Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect?  
It is God that justifieth, who is he that condemneth?  
It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again,  
who is at the right hand of God, who makes intercession for us. (Rom. 8 : 33-34)

## 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.  
(Rev. 5 : 12-13)

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