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REQUIEM

for mixed chorus and organ

with soprano, alto, counter-tenor (optional), tenor and bass soloists

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Full Score

Texts selected from the King James Bible,
the Book of Common Prayer
and English translations of the Latin Requiem,
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1. I Am The Resurrection

p.1

I am the Resurrection and the Life, saith the Lord.

He that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live,
and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall not perish, but have everlasting life.

2. I Know That My Redeemer Liveth

p.9

(if no counter-tenor is available this may be sung by a female alto)

counter-tenor solo: I know that my Redeemer liveth,

and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth.

And though after my death worms destroy this body,
yet in my flesh shall I see God, whom I shall see for myself,
and whom mine eyes shall behold, and not another,
for I know that my Redeemer liveth.

3. The Lord Gave...

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The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord.

4. Words At The Burial

p.17

soprano and tenor soli: Man that is born of a woman hath but a short time to live,
and is full of misery. He cometh up, and is cut down like a flower.

He fleeth as it were a shadow, and never continueth in one stay.

chorus: For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass.

soli: The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away.

5. Lord, Have Mercy

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Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

6. Rest Eternal / O Saviour Of The World

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Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.

O Saviour of the world, who by thy cross and precious blood hast redeemed us, save us and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.

7. In The Midst Of Life

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chorus: In the midst of life we are in death: of whom may we seek for succour, but of thee, O Lord, who for our sins art justly displeased?

soprano, alto and tenor soli: Return, O Lord, deliver my soul. O save me for thy mercy's sake. For in death there is no remembrance of thee; in the grave who shall give thee thanks?

chorus: Yet, O Lord God most holy, O Lord most mighty, O holy and most merciful Saviour, deliver us not into the bitter pains of eternal death.

8. Thou Knowest, Lord, The Secrets Of Our Hearts p.55

(sopranos and altos only – but if boy trebles are used, they should ideally sing all four parts if numbers and ability allow, rather than mixing with adult altos)

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts:

shut not thy merciful ears unto our prayers, but spare us, Lord most holy.

O God most holy, O Lord most mighty, O holy and most merciful saviour,
thou most worthy judge eternal,

Suffer us not, at our last hour, for any pains of death, to fall from thee.

9. I Heard A Voice From Heaven p.61

bass solo: I heard a voice from heaven, saying unto me,

“Write: from henceforth blessed are the dead which die in the Lord.

chorus: Even so saith the Spirit.

solo: They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more,

for the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them,

and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters.

chorus: And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

solo with all basses: Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men,

And he shall dwell with them and they shall be his people,

solo: And God himself shall be with them, and be their God.”

10. Sanctus and Hosanna p.67

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

11. Benedictus and Hosanna p.73

Blessed is he who cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

12. O Lamb Of God (Agnus Dei) p.79

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant them rest.

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O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant them rest eternal.

13. Now Is Christ Risen p.83

Now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept.

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.

14. Behold, I Show You A Mystery p.87

all soloists: Behold, I show you a mystery: we shall not all sleep,

but we shall be changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump.

For the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible,

and we shall be changed.

chorus and soli: May the angels guide you into paradise.

May the choir of angels uphold you,

and with Lazarus, who once was poor, may you have eternal rest.