

Queens Park Singers

present Advent and Christmas music from

Messiah *an Oratorio*

by George Frideric Handel

with Queens Park Junior Singers

Queens Park Strings

Mary Phillips, soprano

Catherine Denley, alto

Nick Madden, tenor

and Peter Burtt-Jones, bass

directed by David Till

Sunday 25th November 2007 at 6.30pm

St Anne and St Andrew, Salusbury Rd NW6

THE MESSIAH.

PART THE FIRST

No. I. Sinfony

No. 2. RECIT. *Accompanied.* (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 xl 1-3*

No. 3.—AIR.—(TENDS.)

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

No. 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. *Isaiah xl 5*

No 5.—RECIT. *Accompanied.*—(BASS.)

Thus said 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! *Haggai ii, 6-7 Malachi iii*

No. 6.—AIR.—(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 iii 2*

No. 7.—CHORUS.

And He shall purify the sons of Levi, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering of righteousness. *Malachi iii 3*

No. 8.—RECIT.—(ALTO.)

Behold! a Virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name EMMANUEL, God with us. *Isaiah vii 14; Matthew i 23*

No. 9.—AIR (ALTO) 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. *Isaiah xi 9; lx 1*

No. 10.—RECIT. *Accompanied.*—(BASS.)

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. *Isaiah ix 2,3*

No. 11.—AIR.—(BASS.)

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.

No. 12.—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 lx 6*

No. 13.—PASTORAL SYMPHONY.

No. 14.—RECIT.—(SOPRANO.)

There were shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flocks by night.

RECIT. *Accompanied.*—(SOPRANO.)

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 ii 8-11*

No. 15.—RECIT.—(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.

No. 16.—RECIT. *Accompanied.* (SOPRANO.)

And suddenly there was with the Angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God, and saying: *Luke ii 13*

No. 17.—CHORUS.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth, goodwill towards men. *Luke ii 14*

No. 18.—AIR.—(SOPRANO.)

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.

Zechariah ix 9,10

No. 19.—RECIT.—(ALTO.)

Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then shall the lame man leap as a hart, and the tongue of the dumb shall sing. *Isaiah xxxv 5,6*

No. 20.—AIR.—(ALTO. SOPRANO)

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. 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. *Isaiah xl ,11 ; Matthew xi*

No. 21.—CHORUS.

His yoke is easy and His burthen is light.

Matthew xi 30

PART THE SECOND

No. 23.—AIR.—(ALTO)

He was despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief. 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. *Isaiah liii 3; 1,6*

No.24.—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. *Isaiah liii 4,5*

No. 42.—RECIT.—(TENOR.)

He that dwelleth in heaven shall laugh them to scorn; the Lord shall have them in derision. *Psalm ii 4*

No. 43.—AIR.—(TENOR.)

Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron;

Thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel. *Psalm ii 4,9*

No. 44.—CHORUS.

HALLELUJAH; 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 for ever and ever. KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS, HALLELUJAH. *Revelation xix 6 - xi,15; xix 16*

PART THE THIRD

No. 45.—AIR.—(SOPRANO.)

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. For now is Christ risen from the dead, the first-fruits of them that sleep. *Job xix 25,26*

No. 46.— 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 Corinthians xv 21,22

No. 50.—RECIT. *Accompanied.*—(BASS.)

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.

No. 51.—AIR.—(BASS.)

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 Corinthians xv 51-54*

No. 56.—CHORUS.

Amen

**There will be a short break after Part the First.
After the concert, light refreshments in the Rotunda.**

Queens Park Singers (directed by David Till)

Sopranos: Anna Mumford, Christina Toner, Erline Johnson, Gillian Hallifax, Hannah Robbins, Jo Hurley, Katy Payne, Lily Barson, Lucy LeFanu, Lucy Mottram, Maria Nowicka, Patricia Towey, Susan Kerrison, Teresa Elkins

Altos: Ala Kowalczyk, Christine MacLoed, Emma Parsons, Frances Freeman, Helen Dymond, Hinda Golding, Jan Lang, Katherine Lawson, Linsay SamiiPour, Liz Till, Maggie Turp, Marion Paul, Monica Healy, Rachel Robbins, Sarah Farrell, Susan Clark

Tenors: Arun Kataria, Chris Kitching, Glyn Jones, Jan Nelder, Tom Rainbow

Basses: Harry Buckoke, Mark Frankel, Mark Hine, Peter Burtt-Jones, Peter Walter, Roger Bloomfield, Simon Judge, Tim Ellerby

Queens Park Junior Singers (directed by Mary Phillips)

Alexandra Kataria, Celeste Collier, Chloe Payne, Connie Mottram, Conor Carleton, Eleanor Beale, Emma Farrell, Florence Longfield-Skeet, Hannah Goodyear, Katie Hurley, Kirsty Pym, Maddy Granger, Marina Anastasi, Matilda Granger, Maxim Uys, Natalie Lawson, Louisa Kataria, Orlando Phipps, Rebecca Hodge, Rhiannon Tripp, Sam Thorpe, Sunita Parsons-Solomon, Tim Carling, Truman Boles

Orchestra (led by Felicity Forster)

Violins: Ann Park, Bill Thorpe, Felicity Forster, Helene Prout, Martin Keuneman, Ruth Kitching

Violas: Amanda Martin, Maura Presly

Cellos: Juliet Solomon, Rosemary Jiggins

Double Bass: John Nissen

Trumpets: Matthew Hardy, Philip Bysh

Timpani: Hannah Robbins

Keyboard: Nicholas Murray

If you would like to sing with the choir or you have children who would like to sing with the Juniors please contact enquiries@queensparksingers.org.uk

For further information about the choir and about forthcoming events please go to our web site: <http://queensparksingers.org.uk>

Christmas Carols in the streets around Queens Park on Tuesday December 18th and Thursday 20th, from 7.30; children must be accompanied by adults. Please bring *Carols for Choirs Book 1* (green) O.U.P. Meet at the corner of Kingswood and Summerfield on Tuesday and outside 7 Kempe Road on Thursday.

