

# The English Anthem Orchestrated

# The Choirs of The Redeemer The Redeemer Festival Orchestra

Andrew Senn, Director of Music Alexander Leonardi, Assistant Organist and Michael Stairs Organ Scholar

# Sunday, March 10th 5pm



### Sir Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918)

I was glad when they said unto me,
We will go into the house of the Lord.
Our feet shall stand in thy gates, O Jerusalem.
Jerusalem is builded as a city that is at unity in itself.
O pray for the peace of Jerusalem, they shall prosper that love thee.
Peace be within thy walls, and plenteousness within thy palaces.

Psalm 122: 1-3,6,7



#### A special note...

When the theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer was awaiting his fate in a German prison, having participated in an effort to end the rule of Hitler's Third Reich, he wrote an Advent letter to his friend Eberhard Bethge, in which he state that

"It is only when one knows the unutterability of the name of God that one can utter the name of Jesus Christ;

It is only when one loves life and the earth so much that without them everything seems to be over that one may believe in the resurrection and a new world; It is only when one submits to God's law that one may speak of grace; It is only when God's wrath and vengeance are hanging as grim realities over the heads of one's enemies that something of what it means to love and forgive them can touch our hearts."

The following three anthems give voice to the depth of Bonhoeffer's observation. The beauty of Isaiah's vision is not just hopeful. It is a reply to the unfathomable anguish and wrenching despair of the Psalmist, for whom there is no future except one of violence and revenge. When set against this, Isaiah's proclamation becomes truly prophetic: dependent on God alone. And this is reiterated, then, in Revelation's description of the holy city, where all the violence of "the former things are passed away" and "there shall be no more death" - which is the Gospel.

Peter Vanderveen

### The Spirit of the Lord (Prologue to 'The Apostles', Op. 49)

#### Sir Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

reduced orchestration by Andrew Senn

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He hath anointed me to preach the Gospel to the poor: He hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord; To give unto them that mourn a garland for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified. For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.

Isaiah 61:1-3,11

#### By the Waters of Babylon

Samuel Coleridge-Taylor (1875-1912)

Yea, if I prefer not Jerusalem in my mirth.

Remember the children of Edom, O Lord,
In the day of Jerusalem,
How they said, down with it, down with it,
Even to the ground.
O daughter of Babylon,
Wasted with misery,
Yea, happy shall he be that rewardeth thee,
As thou hast served us.

Blessed shall he be that taketh thy children,
And throweth them against the stones.

Psalm 137

#### And I Saw a New Heaven

Edgar Bainton (1880-1956) orchestrated by Andrew Senn

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth:

For the first heaven and the first earth were passed away;

And there was no more sea.

And I John saw the holy city,

New Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven,

Prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying,

Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men,

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

And God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes;

And there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying,

Neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

Revelation 21:1-4

#### Te Deum in Bb

#### Sir Charles Villiers Stanford

Alexander Leonardi, conductor

(1852-1924)

We praise thee, O God, we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.
All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting.
To thee all Angels cry aloud, the Heavens, and all the Powers therein.

To thee Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry:

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;

Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty of thy glory.

The glorious company of the Apostles praise thee.

The goodly fellowship of the Prophets praise thee.

The noble army of Martyrs praise thee.

The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee;

The Father of an infinite Majesty;

Thine honorable, true, and only Son;

Also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.

Thou art the King of Glory, O Christ.

Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.

When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man,

thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.

When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death,

thou didst open the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers.

Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father.

We believe that thou shalt come to be our Judge.

We therefore pray thee, help thy servants,

whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.

Make them to be numbered with thy Saints in glory everlasting.

O Lord, save thy people, and bless thine heritage.

Govern them and lift them up for ever.

Day by day we magnify thee, and we worship thy name, ever world without end.

Vouchsafe, O Lord to keep us this day without sin.

O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.

O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us, as our trust is in thee.

O Lord, in thee have I trusted let me never be confounded.

Ambrosian Hymn, AD 387

#### **Tantum Ergo**

Jessica French (b. 1984) orchestrated by Andrew Senn

Tantum ergo sacramento
Veneremur cernui,
Et antiquum documentum
Novo cedat ritui.
Praestet fides supplementum
Sensuum defectui.

Genitori genitoque
Laus et jubilatio,
Salus, honor, virtus quoque
Sit et benedictio!
Procententi ab utroque
Compar sit laudatio! Amen.

Down in adoration falling, Lo! the Sacred Host we hail, Lo! o'er ancient forms departing Newer rites of grace prevail; Faith for all defects supplying, Where the feeble senses fail.

To the Everlasting Father,
And the Son Who reigns on high
With the Holy Ghost proceeding
Forth from Each eternally,
Be salvation, honor, blessing,
Might, and endless majesty. Amen.

St Thomas Aquinas, c. 1264

#### Verleih uns Frieden

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Alexander Leonardi, conductor

Verleih uns Frieden gnädiglich, Herr Gott, zu unsern Zeiten. Es ist doch ja kein andrer nicht, der für uns könnte streiten, denn du, unser Gott, alleine.

Mercifully grant us peace, Lord God, in our times. For there is no other Who could fight for us But you alone, our God.

Martin Luther (1483-1586)

#### Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

**Parry** 

(Originally, "Long Since in Egypt's Plenteous Land", from the oratorio 'Judith')

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
Forgive our foolish ways;
Reclothe us in our rightful mind;
In purer lives, thy service find,
In deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs, who heard,
Beside the Syrian sea,
The gracious calling of the Lord,
Let us, like them, without a word,
Rise up and follow thee.

Drop thy still dews of quietness,
Till all our strivings cease;
Take from our souls the strain and stress,
And let our ordered lives confess
The beauty of thy peace.

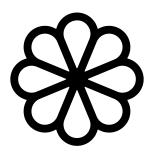
Breathe thro' the heats of our desire
Thy coolness and thy balm;
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
Speak thro' the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still, small voice of calm.

John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892)

Blest Pair of Sirens Parry

Blest pair of Sirens, pledges of Heaven's joy, Sphere-born harmonious sisters, Voice and Verse, Wed your divine sounds, and mixed pow'r employ, Dead things with inbreathed sense able to pierce; And to our high-raised phantasy present That undisturbed song of pure content, Aye sung before the sapphire-colored throne To Him that sits thereon, With saintly shout, and solemn jubilee, Where the bright Seraphim in burning row Their loud uplifted angel-trumpets blow, And the Cherubic host in thousand quires Touch their immortal harps of golden wires, With those just Spirits that wear victorious palms, Hymns devout and holy psalms Singing everlastingly: That we on earth with undiscording voice May rightly answer that melodious noise; As once we did, till disproportioned sin Jarred against nature's chime, and with harsh din Broke the fair music that all creatures made To their great Lord, whose love their motion swayed In perfect diapason, whilst they stood In first obedience, and their state of good. O may we soon again renew that song, And keep in tune with Heaven, till God ere long To His celestial concert us unite, To live with Him, and sing in endless morn of light.

At a Solemn Musick - John Milton (1608-1674)



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Curtis student and Michael Stairs Assistant Organist, Alexander Leonardi plays works for organ and piano, showcasing pieces by lesser known and underplayed composers.

Suggested Donation \$20

# May 14th at 4 o'clock *Garden Party*

Join the choirs of The Redeemer for an afternoon of delicious treats, fun musical performances, and a silent auction. Don your straw hats, bowties, seersuckers, bonnets, and sun dresses. All proceeds benefit the choir's choral pilgrimage to Canterbury Cathedral in August 2025.

Tickets \$50

# June 9th at 4 o'clock *Josh Lee and the Extended Family*

For the second year in a row, The Redeemer's churchyard will be filled with big band swing tunes. This concert is offered in collaboration with *Artcinia*, and all proceeds go toward the work they do to bring music to the under-served communities.

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