THE MESSIAH

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revised according to Handel's original score

- (1) Overture
- (2) Isa 40:1-3 "Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God. Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare [appointed time] is accomplished, that her iniquity pardoned: The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness: Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the dessert a highway for our God.
- (3) Isa 40:4 "Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill made low: the crooked shall be made straight, rough places plain:"
- (4) Isa 40:5 "And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, all flesh [the Body] shall see it together: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it."
- (5) Hag 2:6-7 "Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Yet once, it is little while, and I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land; And I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come:"
- Mal 3:1 "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."
- (6) Mal 3:2 "But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner's fire,"
- (7) Mal 3:3 "And he shall purify the Sons of Levi, that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness."
- (8) Isa 7:14 "Behold, a virgin [young maiden] shall conceive, and bear a son and shall call his name Immanuel. (God with us.)"
- (9) Isa 40:9 "0 thou that tellest good tidings to Zion, get thee up into the high mountain; 0 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!"
- Isa 60:1 "Arise and shine for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.
- (10) Isa 60:2-3 "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."
- (11) Isa 9:2 "The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined."

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- (12) Isa 9:6 "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."
- (13) Pastoral [Instrumental]
- (14) Luke 2:14 "Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest. And peace on earth, goodwill toward men."
- [15-17 omitted (inserted into Scripture by Jerome)]
- (18) Zec 9:9-10 "Rejoice greatly, 0 daughter of Zion; shout, 0 daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: *He is the righteous Saviour,* and he shall speak peace unto the heathen [people, tribes]:"
- (19) Isa 35:5-6 "Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped. Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing:"
- (20) Isa 40:11 "He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: and he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young."
- Mat 11:28-29 "Come unto him, all ye that labour and are heavy laden and he shall 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."
- (21) Mat 11:30 "His yoke is easy, and his burden is light."
- (22) John 1:29 "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away [upon himself] the sins of the world."
- (23) Isa 53:3 "He was despised and rejected of men: a man of and acquainted with grief"
- Isa 50:6 "He gave his back to the smiters, and his cheek that plucked off the hairs: He hid not his face from shame and spitting."
- (24) Isa 53:4-5 "Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried sorrows: He was wounded for our transgressions, he bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him...
- (25) Isa 53:5 "...And with his stripes we are healed."
- (26) Isa 53:6 "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have gone every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all."

- (27) Psa 22:7 "All they that see *him* laugh *him* to scorn: they shoot out their lip, and shake their heads, saying:"
- (28) Psa.22:8 "He trusted in God that He would deliver him: Let Him deliver him, if He delight in him."
- (29) Psa 69:20 "Thy rebuke hath broken his heart; he is heaviness: He looked for some to have pity on him, but there was no man; neither found he any to comfort him."
- (30) Lam 1:12 "Behold, and see if there be any sorrow like unto his sorrow,"
- (31) Isa 53:8 "He was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of Thy people was he stricken."
- (32) Psa 16:10 "But Thou didst not leave his soul in hell; neither did thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption."
- (33) Psa 24:7-10 "Lift up your heads, 0 ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. Who is the 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 the King of glory? The LORD of hosts, He is the King of glory."
- (34) Heb 1:5 "Unto which of the angels [messengers or prophets] said He at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee?"
- (35) Heb 1:6 "Let all the angels of God worship him."
- (36) Psa 68:18 "Thou art gone up on high, thou hast led captivity captive: and received gifts for men; yea, for them thy enemies, that the LORD God might dwell among them."
- (37) Psa 68:11 "The Lord gave the word: great was the company of the preachers."
- (38) Isa 52:7,9 "How beautiful are the feet of him that bringeth glad tidings, tidings of salvation, that saith to Zion: Thy God reigneth! ...Break forth into Joy!" [Rom 10:15]
- (39) Rom 10:18 "Their sound is gone out into the land, and their words unto the ends of the world."
- (40) Psa 2:1-2 "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 [Messiah, Christ] [saying:]"
- (41) Psa 2:3 "Let us break their bonds asunder, and cast yokes from us."

- (42) Psa 2:4 "He that *dwelleth* in heaven shall laugh *them to scorn:* the Lord shall have them in derision."
- (43) Psa 2:9 "Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."
- (44) Rev 19:6 "Hallelujah: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth."
- Rev 11:15 "The kingdom of this world *is* become the kingdom of our LORD, and of His Christ [Messiah, Anointed One]; and he shall reign forever."
- Rev 19:16 "KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS, Hallelujah!"
- (45) Job 19:25-26 "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:"
- 1 Cor 15:20 "For now is Christ risen from the dead, the firstfruits of them that sleep."
- (46) 1 Cor 15:21-22 "Since by man came death, by man came also resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive."
- (47) 1 Cor 15:51-52 "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...
- (48) 1 Cor 15:52-53 "...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."
- (49) 1 Cor 15:54 "Then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: Death is swallowed up in victory."
- (50) 1 Cor 15:55-56 "0 death, where is thy sting? 0 grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the Law."
- (51) 1 Cor 15:57 "But thanks be to God, Who giveth us the victory through [by way of] our Lord Jesus Christ."
- (52) Rom 8:31, 33-34 "If God be for us, who can be against us?" ... Who shall lay any thing 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 even at the right hand of God, who makes intercession for us."
- (53) Rev 5:12-13 "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 honor, and glory, and blessing. Blessing, and honor, glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever. Amen."