



The Messiah

An Oratorio

for

Soprano, Alto, Tenor, and Bass Solo
with Chorus
Organ and Piano

by

George Frederic Handel

Earl R. Gilbert, Director

First Methodist Church

Easter Sunday Evening

at 8:00 o'clock

April 21, 1946

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Soloists:

Mrs. Elton B. Woodford	Soprano
Mrs. Ira Sanger	Soprano
Mrs. Harry Chambers	Soprano
Mrs. A. C. Sonneland	Contralto
Mrs. Edwin A. Porch	Contralto
Mr. Stanley Blunt	Tenor
Mr. Willard Duff	Tenor
Mr. John W. Mains	Bass
Mr. L. J. Eigsti	Bass
Mrs. E. R. Sharman, Mrs. Stanley Blunt	—Organists
Mrs. Fred W. Reiter	—Pianist



Program

- Prayer.....Dr. Benjamine Eitelgeorge
1. Overture
 2. Recitative for Tenor.....“Comfort Ye My People”
 3. Air for Tenor.....“Every Valley Shall Be Exalted”
Mr. Blunt
 4. Chorus.....“And the Glory of The Lord”
 5. Recitative for Bass.....“Thus Saith the Lord”
 6. Air for Base, “But Who May Abide the Day of His Coming”
Mr. Mains
 13. Instrumental.....“Pastoral Symphony”
 8. Recitative for Alto.....“Behold! A Virgin Shall Conceive”
 9. Air for Alto and Chorus.....
“Oh Thou That Tellest Good Tidings to Zion”
Mrs. A. C. Sonneland
 10. Recitative for Bass.....
“For Behold Darkness Shall Cover the Earth”
 11. Air for Bass.....“The People That Walked in Darkness”
Mr. Eigsti
 12. Chorus.....“For Unto Us a Child Is Born”

14. Recit. for Soprano—"There Were Shepherds Abiding
in the Field," "And Lo! The Angels of the Lord Came
Unto Them"
15. Recit. for Soprano-----"And the Angel Said Unto Them"
16. Recit. for Soprano-----
-----"And Suddenly There Was With the Angel"
Mrs. Woodford
17. Chorus-----"Glory to God"
18. Air for Soprano---"Rejoice Greatly, O Daughter of Zion"
Mrs. Woodford
19. Recit. for Alto-----
-----"Then Shall the Eyes of the Blind Be Opened"
20. Air for Alto---"He Shall Feed His Flock Like a Shepherd"
Mrs. Porch

PART II

22. Chorus-----"Behold the Lamb of God"
23. Air for Alto-----"He Was Despised"
Mrs. Sonneland
24. Chorus-----"Surely He Hath Born Our Grief"
26. Chorus-----"All We Like Sheep Have Gone Astray"
29. Recit. for Tenor-----"Thy Rebuke Hath Broken His Spirit"
30. Air for Tenor---"Behold, And See If There Be Any Sorrow"
Mr. Duff
33. Chorus-----"Lift Up Your Heads O Ye Gates"
34. Recit. for Tenor-----"Unto Which of the Angels Said He"
Mr. Blunt
35. Chorus-----"Let All the Angels of God Worship Him"
38. Air for Soprano---"How Beautiful Are the Feet of Them"
Mrs. Sanger
39. Chorus-----"Their Sounds Is Gone Out Into All Lands"
41. Chorus-----"Let Us Break heir Bonds Asunder"

OFFERTORY

PART III

45. Air for Soprano-----"I Know That My Redeemer Liveth"
46. Chorus-----"Since By Man Came Death"
49. Recit. for Alto-----"Then Shall Be Brought to Pass"
Mrs. Porch
50. Duet for Alto and Tenor---"Oh Death, Where Is Thy Sting"
Mrs. Porch and Mr. Blunt
51. Chorus-----"But Thanks Be To God"
52. Air for Soprano-----
-----"If God Be For Us, Who Can Be Against Us?"
Mrs. Woodford
53. Chorus-----"Worthy Is the Lamb That Was Slain"
44. Chorus-----Hallelujah

SOPRANOS

Donna Bishop
Mary Bittner
Opal Brickell
Nancie Bonner
Elnor Chambers
Lois Coleman
Ruth Davis
Edith Devine
Elizabeth Eaton
Ruth Eitelgeorge
Lovetta Ellyas
Mary Firkins
Mrs. H. W. Gordon
Marilyn Gray
Myrtle Hartford
Shirley Higbee
Rosemary Higbee
Mrs. J. D. Hinshaw
Bertha Johnson
Katherine Johnson
Lillie Mae Land
Mrs. Harold Lawrence
Margrette Lyman
Jacqueline Madison
Mildred Mann
Greta Muller
Edith Ohlson
Sula Marie Peterson
Norma Ruth Poet
Bernice Porter
Mrs. Leslie L. Roberts
Lucile Sanger
Carol Simpkins
Cora Lee Stahl
Edna Thomas
Estella Thomas
Julia Ann Thomas
Doris Watkins
Charlotte White
Gwen Williams
Marie Woodford
Carolyn Young

TENORS

Stanley Blunt
H. S. Bowden
Normany Boyd
Willard W. Duff
Henry Johns
O. J. Kindall
Dean McCullough
R. C. Morris
William S. Neely
J. C. Strickland
Paul E. Strickland
J. Avery Watkins
James T. Wilson

ALTOS

Mary Pearl Auert
Opal Olmsted Bates
Gladys Bohlander
Virginia Blunt
Ruth Bruney
Sue Arlene Capps
Frances Cummings
Miriam Wells Decker
Vivian L. Gilbert
Betty Jo Groom
Martha S. Hardy
Beverly Hollman
Donna Marie Kindall
Virginia Kindall
Dorothy Kirk
Mrs. Paul S. Knight
Lillian Lewis
Mary Louise Linneer
Jacqueline Porch
Clare Sonneland
Leah Strickland
Eloise Waugh
Ruth Weinheimer
Ada H. Welch
Berdanine Wilson
Betty Wilson

BASS

James Buford
Vern Crotinger
L. J. Elgsti
W. H. Firkins
R. M. Hixson
Harold Lawrence
John W. Mains
W. J. Morgan
S. S. Welch
Elton Woodford
Harry R. Zerbee

