

Messiah

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AN

ORATORIO.

As it is Perform'd at the

THEATRE-ROYAL

IN

COVENT-GARDEN.

Set to Musick by Mr. HANDEL.

MAJORA CANAMUS.

*And without Controversy, great is the Mystery of Godliness:
God was manifested in the Flesh, justified by the Spirit,
seen of Angels, preached among the Gentiles, believed on
in the World, received up into Glory.*

In whom are hid all the Treasures of Wisdom and Knowledge.

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MESSIAH.

PART I.

RECITATIVE, *accompany'd.*



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.

SONG.

Every Valley shall be exalted, and every Mountain and Hill

made low, the crooked straight, and the rough Places plain.

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.

RECITATIVE, *accompany'd.*

Thus saith 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.

RECITATIVE.

But who may abide the Day of his coming?
And who shall stand when he appeareth?
For he is like a Refiner's Fire.

CHORUS.

And he shall purify the Sons of Levi, that they may offer unto the Lord an Offering in Righteousness.

RECITATIVE.

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive, and bear a Son, and shall call his Name *Emmanuel*, GOD WITH US.

SONG 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.

RECITATIVE, accompany'd.

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.

SONG.

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.

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.

RECITATIVE.

There were Shepherds, abiding in the Field, keeping Watch
over their Flock by Night.

RECITATIVE, *accompany'd.*

And lo, an Angel of the Lord came upon them, and the Glory of
the Lord shone round about them, and they were sore
afraid.

RECITATIVE.

And the Angel saith 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.

RECITATIVE, *accompany'd.*

And suddenly there was with the Angel a Multitude of the
Heavenly Host, praising God, and saying,

CHORUS.

*Glory to God in the Highest, and Peace on Earth, good Will
towards Men.*

SONG.

*Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Sion, shout O Daughter of
Jerusalem, behold thy King cometh unto thee.*

*He is the righteous Saviour, and he shall speak Peace unto the
Heathen.* [Da Capo.]

RECITATIVE.

*Then shall the Eyes of the blind be open'd, and the Ears of the
Deaf unstopped then shall the lame Man leap as a Hart,
and the Tongue of the Dumb shall sing.*

SONG.

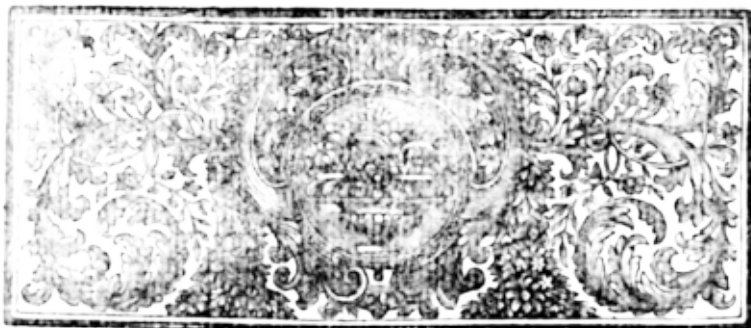
*He shall feed his Flock like a Shepherd: And he shall gather
the Lambs with his Arm, and carry them in his Bosom, and
gently lead those that are with young.*

*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.*

CHORUS.

His Yoke is easy, and his Burden is light.



PART II.

CHORUS.



Ehold the Lamb of God, that taketh away the Sin of the World.

SONG.

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. [Da Capo.]

CHORUS.

Surely he hath borne our Grievs, and carry'd our Sorrows: He was wounded for our Transgressions, he was bruised for our Iniquities, the Chastisement of our Peace was upon him.

And with his Stripes we are healed.

CHORUS.

All we like Sheep have gone astray, we have turned every one to his own way.

And the Lord hath laid on him the Iniquity of us all.

RECITATIVE, *accompany'd.*

All they that see him laugh him to scorn; they shoot out their Lips, and shake their Heads, saying,

CHORUS.

He trusted in God that he would deliver him: Let him deliver him if he delight in him.

RECITATIVE, *accompany'd.*

Thy Rebuke hath broken his Heart, he is full of Heaviness: He looked for some to have pity on him, but there was no Man, neither found he any to comfort him.

SONG.

Behold and see if there be any Sorrow like unto his Sorrow.

RECITATIVE, *accompany'd.*

He was cut off out of the Land of the Living, for the
Transgression of thy People was he stricken.

SONG.

*But thou didst not leave his Soul in Hell, nor didst thou suffer
thy Holy One to see Corruption.*

SEMI-CHORUS.

*Lift up your Heads, O ye Gates, and be ye lift up ye everlasting
Doors, and the King of Glory shall come in.*

SEMI-CHORUS.

Who is this King of Glory?

SEMI-CHORUS.

The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in Battle.

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The Lord of Hosts: He is the King of Glory.

CHORUS.

The Lord of Hosts: He is the King of Glory.

RECITATIVE.

Unto which of the Angels said He at any time, Thou art my
Son, this Day have I begotten thee?

CHORUS.

Let all the Angels of God worship him.

RECITATIVE.

Thou art gone up on high, thou hast led Captivity captive, and
received Gifts for Men, yea even for thine Enemies, that
the Lord God might dwell among them.

CHORUS.

*The Lord gave the Word, great was the Company of the
Preachers.*

SONG.

How beautiful are the Feet of them that preach the Gospel of Peace, and bring glad Tidings of good Things.

CHORUS.

Their Sound is gone out into all Lands, and their Words unto the Ends of the World.

SONG.

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.

CHORUS.

Let us break their Bonds asunder, and cast away their Yokes from us.

RECITATIVE.

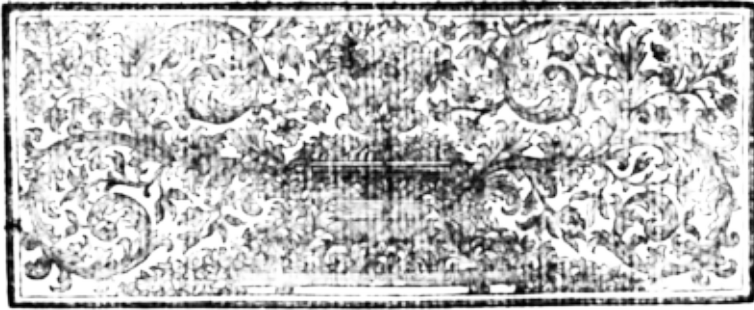
He that dwelleth in Heaven shall laugh them to scorn: The Lord shall have them in Derision.

SONG.

Thou shalt break them with a Rod of Iron, thou shalt dash them in pieces like a Potter's Vessel.

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.



PART III.

SONG.



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.

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.*

RECITATIVE, *accompany'd.*

Behold I tell you a Mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall be all changed in a Moment, in the twinkling of an Eye, at the last Trumpet.

SONG.

*The Trumpet shall sound, and the Dead shall be raised
incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this
Corruption must put on Incorruption, and this Mortal
must put on Immortality.* [Da Capo.]

RECITATIVE.

Then shall be brought to pass the Saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in Victory.

DUET.

*O Death, where is thy Sting?
O Grave, where is thy Victory?
{ The Sting of Death is Sin,
{ And the Strength of Sin is the Law,*

CHORUS.

But Thanks be to God who giveth us the Victory, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

SONG.

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 comdemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather that is risen again, who is at the right Hand of God, who maketh Intercession for us.

CHORUS.

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 Honour and Glory, and Blessing.

*Blessing and Honour, Glory and Power be unto him that sitteth upon the Throne, and unto the Lamb, for ever and ever.
Amen.*

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