

MESSIAH

An Oratorio by

G.F. Handel

OPEN SCORE

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3.1 Air

Larghetto

Violini unisoni

Soprano

Bassi

6 7

10

I

19

know that my Re - deem - er liv - eth, and that he shall stand at the

p

lat - - - ter day up-on the earth. I

30

f

4

40

p

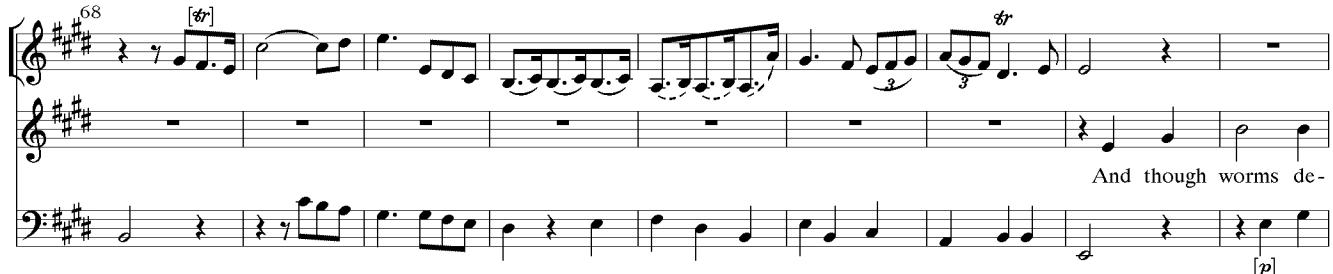
know that my Re-deem-er liv-eth, and that He shall stand at the lat - ter day up-on the

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earth, up-on the earth; I know that my Re - deem - er liv - eth, and that he shall

59

 stand at the lat - - ter day up-on the earth_____, up-on the earth.

 68

 And though worms de-

 77

 stroy this bo-dy,
 yet in my flesh shall I see God, yet in my

 86

 flesh shall I see God.
 I know that my Re-deem-er liv-eth,

 97

 and though worms de-stroy this bo-dy, yet in my flesh shall I see God,

 105

 yet in my flesh_____, shall I see God, shall I see God. I know that my Re-deem-er liv-eth.

116

For now is Christ ri-sen from the dead,
the

6

126

first fruits of them that sleep, of them that sleep, the first

135

fruits of them that sleep;
for now is Christ ri-sen, for now is Christ

6+ 6‡

145

Adagio

ri-sen from the dead, the first fruits of them that sleep.

f

156 [ff]

[ff] [ff] [ff] [ff]

ri-sen from the dead, the first fruits of them that sleep.

ff

3.2 Soli and Chorus

Grave

Violino I

Violino II

Viola

Soprano

Since by man came death, since by man came death, By man came

Alto

Since by man came death, since by man came death, By man came

Tenore

Since by man came death, since by man came death, By man came

Basso

Since by man came death, since by man came death, By man came

Tutti Bassi

Allegro

The musical score consists of six staves. The top three staves (Violin I, Violin II, Viola) are in treble clef C major, while the bottom three (Soprano, Alto, Tenore, Basso) are in bass clef C major. The vocal parts (Soprano, Alto, Tenore, Basso) sing the same melody in unison. The 'Tutti Bassi' part provides harmonic support with sustained notes. The tempo changes from 'Grave' to 'Allegro' at the end. The lyrics 'Since by man came death' are repeated three times, followed by a final phrase 'By man came'.

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The musical score consists of six staves of music. The top three staves are treble clef, the bottom three are bass clef. The key signature changes from G major (two sharps) to F major (one sharp) at the beginning of the third measure. The lyrics are written below the bass staves.

al - so the re - sur - rec-tion of the dead, by man came al - so the re-sur - rec-tion of the dead, by man came
 al - so the re - sur - rec-tion of the dead, by man came al - so the re - sur - rec-tion of the dead, by man came
 al - so the re - sur - rec-tion of the dead, by man came al - so the re - sur - rec-tion of the dead, by man came
 al - so the re - sur - rec-tion of the dead, by man came al - so the re - sur - rec-tion of the dead, by man came

14

Grave

al - so the re-sur - rec - tion of the dead. For as in A - dam all die, for as in A - dam all
 al - so the re-sur - rec - tion of the dead. For as in A - dam all die, for as in A - dam all
 8 al - so the re-sur - rec - tion of the dead. For as in A - dam all die, for as in A - dam all
 al - so the re-sur - rec - tion of the dead. For as in A - dam all die, for as in A - dam all
 b

22

Allegro

die, Ev-en so in Christ shall all be made a - live, ev-en so in Christ shall all be made a -
 die, Ev-en so in Christ shall all be made a - live, ev-en so in Christ shall all be made a -
 8 die, Ev-en so in Christ shall all be made a - live, ev-en so in Christ shall all be made a -
 die, Ev-en so in Christ shall all be made a - live, ev-en so in Christ shall all be made a -
 10 6 6+ 6 6+

27

live, ev-en so in Christ shall all _____, so in Christ shall all be made a-live, e'en so in
live, ev-en so in Christ shall all _____, so in Christ shall all be made a - live, e'en so in
live, ev-en so in Christ shall all _____, so in Christ shall all be made a-live, e'en so in
live, ev-en so in Christ shall all _____ be made a-live, e'en so in

6 # 6 # 6

32

Christ shall all, shall all be made a - live.

Christ shall all, shall all be made a - live.

Christ shall all, shall all be made a - live.

Christ shall all, shall all be made a - live.

6 #

3.3 Recit. accomp.

Violino I

Violino II

Viola

Basso

Bassi

Be - hold, I tell you a my - ste - ry! We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be
chang'd, in a mo - ment, in the twink - ling of an eye, at the last trum - pet.

3.4 Air

Pomposo, ma non allegro

Tromba

Violino I

Violino II

Viola

Basso

Bassi

10

20

The trum - pet shall

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30

sound _____, and the dead shall be rais'd, and the dead shall be rais'd in - cor - rup-

40

ti - ble, the trum - pet shall sound _____, and the dead shall be

50

rais'd in - cor - rup - ti - ble, in - cor - rup - ti - ble, and

59

[f]

[f]

[f]

[f]

we shall be chang'd _____, and we shall be chang'd.

[f]

69

The

6+ 6 6+ 6+

79

trum-pet shall sound _____, the trum-pet shall sound _____, and the dead shall be rais'd _____

89

in - cor - rup - ti - ble,

99

and we shall be chang'd, be chang'd _____, and we shall be

108

chang'd, and we shall be chang'd _____, we shall be chang'd _____

118

—, and we shall be chang'd, and we shall be chang'd —

128

—, and we shall be chang'd, we shall be chang'd —, and

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$6+$

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Adagio

[f]

[f]

[f]

we shall be chang'd, we shall be chang'd.

[f]

148

For this cor - rup - ti - ble
(Fine) [p]

159

must put on in - cor - rup - tion,
for this cor - rup - ti - ble must put on,
must put on ____

171

_____, must put on, must put on in - cor - rup - tion,
and this

182

mortal must put on im-mor-ta -

192

- li-ty, and this mortal must put on im-mor-ta -

203

§

Adagio

li-ty, im-mor-ta - li-ty. The

Dal Segno §

3.5 Recitative

Contr'alto

Then shall be brought to pass the say-ing that is writ-ten, Death

Bassi

is swal-low'd up in vic-to-ry.

3.6A Duet

Andante

Contr'alto

O death, O death! where, where is thy sting, O death! where is thy

Tenore

O grave, O

Bassi

sting? O death, O death, where is thy sting, O death,

grave! where, where is thy vic-to-ry, where is thy vic-to-ry? O grave, where is thy

where is thy sting, where is thy sting? O death, where is thy sting, O death, O

vic - to-ry, where is thy vic - to-ry? O grave, where is thy vic - to-ry? O death, where is thy

death, where__, O death__, where is thy sting, where__, where is thy sting? O grave____, where, O grave

sting, O death, O death, where__, where is thy sting? O grave____, O grave, where, O

16

—, where is thy vic-to-ry, O grave, O grave, where is thy vic-to-ry? O
grave, where is thy vic-to-ry? O death! O death, where is thy sting, O death!

20

death, O grave, O death, where is thy sting? O grave —, where is thy vic-to-ry, O grave? O
O grave, O death, where is thy sting? O grave, O grave, where is thy vic-to-ry? O death!

24

death, O death! where, where is thy sting, where? O grave! where is thy vic-to-ry? O death!
where, where is thy sting, where, where is thy sting? O grave! where is thy vic-to-ry, O grave? O

28

where, where is thy sting? O grave —, O grave! where is thy vic-to-ry, O grave, where is thy
death, where, where is thy sting, O grave, O grave! where is thy vic-to-ry, O grave, where is thy

33

vic - to-ry? The sting of death is sin, the sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is
vic - to-ry? The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin

37

the law, the sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law.
is the law, the sting of death is sin, the sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law.

(v. Chorus, mvt. 3.7)

3.6B Duet

Andante

Contr'alto

O death, O death! where, where is thy sting, O death! where is thy

Tenore

O grave, O

Bassi

6

4

sting? O grave! where is thy vic-to-ry, O grave? O death O death! where,

grave! where, where is thy vic-to-ry, where is thy vic-to-ry? O death! where, where is thy

6

8

where is thy sting, where? O grave! where is thy vic-to-ry? O death! where, where is thy

sting, where, where is thy sting O grave! where is thy vic-to-ry, O grave? O death, where,

6

12

sting? O grave_____, O grave! where is thy vic-to-ry, O grave, where is thy vic-to-ry? The sting

where is thy sting, O grave, O grave! where is thy vic-to-ry, O grave, where is thy vic-to-ry?

of death is sin_____, the sting of death is sin, and____ the strength of sin is____ the law,

The sting____ of death is sin, and the strength of sin____ is the law, the sting

6

21

the sting ____ of death is sin, and the strength ____ of sin ____ is ____ the law.
of death is sin____, the sting of death is sin, and____ the strength of sin is____ the law.

(v. Chorus, mvt. 3.7)

3.6C Recitative

Contr'alto

O death, where is thy sting, o grave, where is thy vic-to-ry? The sting of death is sin,

Bassi

and the strength of sin is the law.

3.7 Chorus

Violino I

Violino II

Viola

Soprano

Alto

Tenore

Basso

Tutti Bassi

But thanks___, but thanks, thanks, thanks be to God, but thanks, but

But thanks, but thanks, thanks, thanks be to God, to God, thanks be to

But thanks, but thanks, thanks, thanks be to God, thanks be to

But thanks, but thanks, thanks, thanks be to God, thanks be to

4

thanks, thanks, thanks be to God, who giv - eth us the vic - to-ry, the vic - to-ry, through

God, thanks be to God, who giv - eth us the vic - to-ry, through

God, thanks be to God, who giv - eth us the vic - to-ry, through

God, thanks be to God,

7

our Lord Je-sus Christ, who giv-eth us the
our Lord Je-sus Christ, who giv-eth us the vic-to-ry, who giv-eth us the
our Lord Je-sus Christ, who giv-eth us the vic-to-ry, who giv-eth us, who giv-eth us the
who giv-eth us the vic-to-ry, the vic-to-ry, through our Lord Je-sus

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11

vic-to-ry, through our Lord Je-sus Christ;

vic-to-ry, through our Lord Je-sus Christ; but thanks, but thanks, thanks, thanks be to God

vic-to-ry, through our Lord Je-sus Christ; but

Christ, through our Lord Je-sus Christ;

15

but thanks, but thanks, but thanks, but thanks,
 , thanks be to God, thanks be to God,
 thanks, but thanks, thanks, thanks be to God, to God, thanks be to
 but thanks, but thanks, but

18

thanks be to God, thanks be to God, but
 but thanks, thanks be to God, to God, but thanks
 God, to God, but thanks _____ be to God,
 thanks____ be to God, thanks be to God, but thanks, but thanks, thanks

21

thanks, but thanks, thanks___, thanks, thanks be to God, thanks, thanks be to God, thanks___ be___ to ___ be to God,

but thanks, but thanks, thanks, thanks be to God, thanks___ be to God, to

be to God,

25

God, who giv-eth us the vic - to-ry, the vic-to-ry, through our Lord

who giv-eth us the vic - to-ry, who giv-eth us the vic-to-ry, through our Lord

God, who giv-eth us the vic-to-ry, who giv-eth us the vic-to-ry, through our Lord

who giv - eth us the vic-to-ry, through our Lord

29 [sf]

Je - sus Christ; but thanks be to God, but thanks, but thanks, thanks be to God, to
Je - sus Christ; but thanks, thanks be to God, but thanks, but thanks, thanks be to
Je - sus Christ; but thanks be to God, but thanks, but thanks, thanks be to
Je - sus Christ; but thanks be to God, but thanks, but thanks, thanks be to

33

God, who giv - eth us the vic - to-ry, who giv - eth us the vic - to-ry, who giv - eth us the
God, who giv - eth us the vic - to-ry, the vic - to-ry, who giv - eth us the
God, who giv - eth us the vic - to-ry, the vic - to-ry, who giv - eth us the
God, who giv - eth us the vic - to-ry, the vic - to-ry, who giv - eth us the

36

[*ff*]

vic - to - ry, through our Lord Je - - sus Christ;

vic - to - ry, through our Lord Je - - sus Christ; but thanks, but thanks, thanks,

8 vic - to - ry, through our Lord Je - suss Christ; but thanks, thanks, thanks be to

vic - to - ry, through our Lord Je - - sus Christ;

39

but thanks, thanks, thanks be to God,

thanks be to God, thanks, thanks be to God, but thanks, thanks, thanks be to

8 God, thanks, thanks be to God, to God, but thanks, thanks, thanks be to God,

but thanks, thanks, thanks be to God,

43

thanks be to God, who giv - eth us the vic - to - ry, through our Lord
God, to God, who giv - eth us the vic - to-ry, who

8
thanks be to God, who giv - eth us the vic - to-ry, who giv - eth us the
thanks be to God, who giv - eth us the vic - to-ry, who giv - eth us the
thanks be to God, who giv - eth us the vic - to-ry, who

Adagio

46

Je - - sus Christ, who giv - eth us the vic - to-ry, through our Lord Je - - sus Christ.
giv - eth us the vic - to-ry, who giv - eth us the vic - to-ry, through our Lord Je - - sus Christ.

8
vic - to-ry, the vic - to-ry, who giv - eth us the vic - to-ry, through our Lord Je - - sus Christ.
giv - eth us the vic - to-ry, who giv - eth us the vic - to-ry, through our Lord Je - - sus Christ.

3.8 Air

Larghetto

Violini unisoni

Soprano

Bassi

If God be for us, who can be a-gainst us?
who can be a-gainst us, who can be a-gainst us? if God be for us, who can be a-gainst us?

Who shall lay a-ny thing to the charge of God's e-lect_____, of God's e-lect? who shall lay a-ny thing to the charge_____

62 *p* *tr*
 of God's e - lect?
 It is God that jus - ti - fi - eth, it is God that jus - ti - fi -
 6^h 6^h 5^h 4^h
 eth,
 who is he that con - demn - eth? who is
 6
 he that con - demn - eth? who is he that con - demn - eth?
 b 6^h
 It is Christ that di - ed, yea ra - ther, that is ri - sen a - gain,

This image shows the first page of a musical score for Handel's Messiah, specifically page 263. The score consists of four staves of music for voices and orchestra. The vocal parts are in soprano, alto, tenor, and bass. The instrumentation includes strings, oboes, bassoon, and harpsichord. The music is in common time, with various key signatures (G major, D major, A major, E major, B major, F# minor, C major) indicated by sharp (#) or flat (b) symbols. The vocal parts sing in three-part homophony. The lyrics are printed below the vocal parts. Measure numbers 62, 71, 82, 92, 101, and 109 are visible at the top of each staff. The dynamic 'p' (piano) and 'tr' (trill) are marked in measure 62. The key signature changes are marked with '6h', '6h', '5h', '4h', 'b', and '6h'. The bass staff includes a bassoon part.

120

who is at the right hand of God, who makes in - ter - ces - sion for us, who makes in - ter - ces - sion for

130

us, in - ter - ces - sion for us, who makes in - ter - ces -

140

- - - sion, who makes in - ter - ces - sion for us,

6 6+

150

Adagio

who is at the right hand of God, who is at the right hand of God, at the right hand of God, who

160

f

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makes in - ter - ces - sion for us.

6

169

f

$\frac{4}{3}$

3.9 Chorus

Largo

Tromba I

Tromba II

Timpani

Violino I

Violino II

Viola

Soprano

Wor - thy is the Lamb, that was slain, and hath re - dee - med us to

Alto

Wor - thy is the Lamb, that was slain, and hath re - dee - med us to

Tenore

Wor - thy is the Lamb, that was slain, and hath re - dee - med us to

Basso

Wor - thy is the Lamb, that was slain, and hath re - dee - med us to

Tutti Bassi

6 6 $\frac{4}{3}$ $\frac{7}{4}$ \sharp

Andante

God by his blood, to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and

God by his blood, to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and

God by his blood, to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and

God by his blood, to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and

Largo

ho-nour, and glo-ry, and bles-sing. Wor-thy is the Lamb, that was slain, and hath re-

ho-nour, and glo-ry, and bles-sing. Wor-thy is the Lamb, that was slain, and hath re-

ho-nour, and glo-ry, and bles-sing. Wor-thy is the Lamb, that was slain, and hath re-

ho-nour, and glo-ry, and bles-sing. Wor-thy is the Lamb, that was slain, and hath re-

Andante

16

dee - med us to God, to God by his blood, to re-ceive po-^rer, and ri-ches, and wis-dom, and strength, and
dee - med us to God, to God by his blood, to re-ceive po-^rer, and ri-ches, and wis-dom, and strength, and
dee - med us to God, to God by his blood, to re-ceive po-^rer, and ri-ches, and wis-dom, and strength, and
dee - med us to God, to God by his blood, to re-ceive po-^rer, and ri-ches, and wis-dom, and strength, and

Larghetto

22

ho - nour, and glo - ry, and bles - sing.

ho - nour, and glo - ry, and bles - sing.

ho - nour, and glo - ry, and bles - sing. Bles - sing and ho - nour, glory and pow'r be un - to him, be un - to

ho - nour, and glo - ry, and bles - sing. Bles - sing and ho - nour, glory and pow'r be un - to him, be un - to

Tasto solo

26

Bles-sing and ho-nour, glory and pow'r be un-to him, be un-to
him, that sit-teth up-on the throne, and un-to the Lamb.
him, that sit-teth up-on the throne, and un-to the Lamb.

Tasto solo

30

him, that sit-teth up-on the throne _____, and un - to the Lamb

Bles - sing and

that sit-teth up-on the throne _____, and un - to the Lamb,

(Violonc. in Arnold)

38

sit - teth up-on the throne___, and un - to the Lamb.

Bles-sing and

___, up - on the throne___, and un - to the Lamb.

Bles-sing and ho - nour, glory and

and un - to the Lamb.

throne, up - on the throne___, and un - to the Lamb. Bles-sing and ho-nour, glory and pow'r be un - to

4 3

41

ho - nour, glory and pow'r be un - to him,

glo - - ry be un - to him,

that sit-teth up-on the

pow'r be un - to him, glo - - ry be un - to him,

that sit-teth up-on the

Bles-sing and ho - nour, glory and pow'r be un - to him,

and un - - to the

him for e - ver, (Org. and Violonc. in Arnold)

that

44

that sit-teth up-on the throne_____, that
throne_____, that
Lamb.
sit-teth up-on the throne_____, and

47

sit-teth up-on the throne_____ for e - ver and e - - ver, and_____ un -
sit-teth up-on the throne for e - - ver and e - - - ver, and_____ un -
Bles - sing and ho - nour, glory and pow'r be un - to him, bles-sing and ho-nour, glory and
un - - to the Lamb for e - - ver and e - - - ver, bles-sing and ho-nour, glory and

50

to the Lamb for ever, bles-sing and ho-nour, glory and pow'r be un-to
 to the Lamb for ever, bles-sing and ho-nour, glory and pow'r be un-to
 pow'r be un-to him for ever, bles-sing and ho-nour, glory and pow'r be un-to
 pow'r be un-to him for ever,

him, be un-to him,
 him, be un-to him, bles-sing and ho-nour, glory and pow'r be un-to him, be un-to him,
 him, be un-to him, bles-sing and ho-nour, glory and pow'r be un-to him, be un-to him,
 bles-sing and ho-nour, glory and pow'r be un-to him, be un-to him,

Tasto solo

56

bles - sing, ho - nour, glo - ry and po - wer be un - to him, that sit-teth up-on the
bles - sing, ho - nour, glo - ry and po - wer be un - to him, that sit-teth up-on the
bles - sing, ho - nour, glo - ry and po - wer be un - to him,
bles - sing, ho - nour, glo - ry and po - wer be un - to him, that

59

throne _____, up - on the throne, and un - - to the Lamb _____,
throne _____, and un - - to the Lamb, for e - ver, for
that sit-teth up-on the throne, and un - - to the Lamb, for e - ver, for
sit-teth up-on the throne, and un - - to the Lamb, un - to the Lamb, for

3.10 Chorus

Allegro moderato

Tromba I

Tromba II

Timpani

Violino I

Violino II

Viola

Soprano

Alto

Tenore

Basso

Tutti Bassi

6 7

