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#### A MESSAGE FROM THE MILKEN ARCHIVE FOUNDER



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#### A MESSAGE FROM THE ARTISTIC DIRECTOR



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## **♦** About the Composer



THOMAS BEVERIDGE (b. 1938) was born in New York City. He began piano studies at the age of six, and during his teen years he mastered the oboe. He also began composing at the age of eleven, and by the time he entered Harvard as an undergraduate, in 1955, he had already written some seventy-five pieces. He studied composition with Randall Thompson and Walter Piston, choral conducting with G. Wallace Woodworth, and voice at the Longy School of Music with Olga Averino and Mascia Predit. While at Harvard he met Nadia Boulanger, the celebrated composition teacher and mentor to many of the 20th century's most accomplished composers, who invited him to join her composition and conducting class in Paris.

Although he went on to enjoy a multifaceted musical career as an oboist, keyboard player, arranger,

teacher, and conductor, in addition to his pursuit of composition throughout much of his life Beveridge has been most active as an oratorio and recital singer. His engagements have brought him to music festivals in England and Europe and to concert stages throughout the United States. In Washington, D.C., he presented three programs of his own songs at the National Gallery of Art. He is also a retired master sergeant in the United States Army, and he sang for twenty years in the U.S. Army Chorus—including a number of solo roles.

Beveridge has become increasingly visible as a choral conductor in the Washington area. He is the artistic director and conductor of the New Dominion Chorale, a 175-voice ensemble that he formed in 1991, and he has served as director of choral activities at George Mason University and as chorusmaster of the Washington Opera at the Kennedy Center, where he has also appeared as guest conductor of the Washington Chamber Symphony and the Messiah Sing-Along. He is the founder and director of the National Men's Chorus, a fifty-voice ensemble devoted to the adult male voice choral tradition. Formerly, he conducted the Washington Men's Camerata.

Beveridge has received commissions from Harvard University, the Harvard Divinity School, Union Theological Seminary, the Choral Arts Society of Washington, and the Elizabeth Sprague Coolidge Foundation at the Library of Congress. Among his large-scale works in addition to Yizkor Requiem are Once: In Memoriam Martin Luther King, Jr., which has been recorded by the Choral Arts Society; and Symphony of Peace, a cantata for vocal soloists, chorus, and orchestra. He has written nearly 500 choral arrangements, about 100 of which are for male voice chorus; and he has arranged a number of settings of Hanukka songs.

# Program Note

#### Yizkor Requiem

Thomas Beveridge was inspired to compose Yizkor Requiem: A Quest for Spiritual Roots initially as a memorial to his father, Lowell Beveridge, who was for many years the organist and choirmaster at Columbia University's St. Paul's Chapel. A distinctly ecumenical and interfaith concert work that touches on some of the parallel features and common ground between Christianity and Judaism, Yizkor Requiem combines, integrates, and juxtaposes elements of Roman Catholic and Judaic liturgies. These elements have been interrelated creatively in the twin contexts of a universal petition for "eternal rest" and a monotheistic acknowledgment of Divine supremacy and holiness.

Lowell Beveridge was personally fascinated by Christianity's liturgical and theological roots in Judaism. During his years at St. Paul's, he was drawn increasingly to the Episcopal priesthood, and eventually he left his university post to pursue seminary studies. After becoming ordained as a priest, he taught music and "speech liturgics" at Virginia Theological Seminary, in Alexandria. Meanwhile, he continued his lifelong endeavor to assemble and examine writings on the subject of "music and the soul," which he called his Pythagoras Project, for which he mined the philosophical literature on comparative concepts of

Upon his retirement, Lowell Beveridge studied and lived for two years at Tantur Ecumenical Institute in Jerusalem, an institution established and maintained under the auspices of the Vatican to promote dialogue among Christian, Jewish, and Moslem thinkers. While

there, he began to explore in greater depth some of the parallel concepts in Judaism and Christianity, and he focused upon some of the shared liturgical derivations. He became especially absorbed with his interest in Judaism. "If I had not [already] made so many changes in my life," he mused to his son at one point, "I think I might become a Jew."

#### The Genesis of Yizkor Requiem

The artistic conception for this work was born in Thomas Beveridge's imagination almost immediately upon his father's death, in 1991. "The words of Requiem aeternam came to me," he recalled a decade later (although, like his father, his Christian affiliation is Episcopal, not Roman Catholic). "I began to think of a way of memorializing my father by writing a piece that would bring together and draw upon some of his ideas in terms of religious philosophy—the theologicalhistorical connections between Judaism and Christianity, and the Judaic roots of certain Christian liturgies." His intention, as he has since emphasized, was not to  $demonstrate \, similarities \, among \, \, the \, \textit{musical} \, parameters$ that attend the two liturgical traditions, in spite of the fact that his father's interest had also been piqued by the emerging scholarly exploration of musicological issues concerning the reliance of the early Church on ancient synagogue and Temple practices. (Lowell Beveridge had been introduced to that area of inquiry in 1959, with the publication of Eric Werner's groundbreaking study, The Sacred Bridge.) However, notwithstanding a degree of subconscious traditional melodic imprint and stylistic vocal influences, and perhaps an echo of received religious aural ambience in some passages, the music of Yizkor Requiem is entirely original. "I tried to write a piece that suggests one standing on the bridge of the Judeo and Christian religions," the composer has explained, "and which suggests how parts of the Jewish memorial service—together with other parts

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of the Hebrew liturgy—and the Requiem Mass can be brought together in some way."

This work uses not only concrete elements of the memorial liturgies of Roman Catholic and Judaic traditions, but also additional extracts and quotations from synagogue prayers in the annual liturgical cycle. This further illustrates, in the composer's perception, the nexus between the two religions.

As he proceeded to compose Yizkor Requiem, Beveridge focused in particular on the relationship of specific words in the Latin Mass to Hebrew sources, counterparts, and equivalents. The following examples triggered his exploration of linguistic parallels between the liturgies and fueled his musical interpretation:

LATIN	HEBREW /	FNCUCU
LATIN	ARAMAIC	ENGLISH
requiem	m'nuḥa	rest
lux	or	light
Sion	tzion	Zion
omnis caro	kol ḥai	all that lives
eleison (Greek)	s'laḥ lanu	Forgive us (i.e., out
		of mercy)
Abraham	avraham	Abraham
recordare	zokhrenu	Remember us
sanctus	kadosh	holy
benedictus	barukh	worshipped;
		praised
in pace	b'shalom	in peace
pater noster	avinu	our father
regnum	malkhut	kingdom;
		kingship
rex	melekh	king
nomen	shem	name
animae	nishmat	souls
sanctificetur	yitkaddash	sanctified;
		hallowed
		(May it/He be)

Beveridge deliberately omitted sections of the Requiem Mass that refer to the Christologically conditioned view of the "Day of Judgment," with the agonies that are believed to await the damned: the entire Dies Irae and parts of the Domine Jesu Christe, or offertorium. There is no corresponding concept or image in Judaic theology, where, notwithstanding individual talmudic and other references to judgment after death, the primary focus concerns life and the annual day of Divine judgment: yom hadin. This is linked to Rosh Hashana as one of the New Year's multiple designations—as well as to Yom Kippur. In this Judaic conception, hopeful petitions for Divine pardon are bound to sincere repentance, return to God's teachings and mandated ways, prayer, and acts of righteousness—all of which have the collective power to "avert the severe decree" and are inextricable from the Judgment Day scenario.

#### The Requiem Mass

The Requiem Mass is a service of the Roman Catholic Church offered or celebrated in memory of—as well as on behalf of —the souls of the dead (viz., those who were baptized into the Church). It also occurs in the Roman Church's Eastern Rite and, in variant and sometimes freer non-fixed forms, in other Christian denominations or branches where the celebration of Mass appertains. The Latin title (lit., rest) derives from the phrase Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine (May God grant them eternal rest ...), which is the beginning of the Introit of this special Mass. The Requiem Mass text is believed to have taken form by the 8th or 9th century, with antecedents that may extend as far back as the period between the 2nd and 4th centuries. The text and the order of its subsections derive directly from the Latin Missa pro Defunctis (Mass for those who have completed this life). But the latter title fell into disuse with the Church's refocused emphasis on resurrection and eternal life—rather than death itself—following the Second Vatican Council.

A Requiem Mass may be celebrated on the day of burial, on other specific days within the month following burial, on succeeding anniversaries, and on other annual occasions as well. Its liturgical components can include texts from both the Ordinary (Ordinarium missae, the invariable parts of a Mass) and the Proper (Proprium missae, the variable texts that change according to seasons or dates of particular feasts or commemorations), although texts from the Proper are found mostly in artistic requiems from the 18th century on. Typically, these comprise the following sections, including the special insertions:

INTROIT (Requiem aeternam)
KYRIE
GRADUAL (Requiem aeternam)
TRACT
SEQUENCE (Dies Irae, dies illa)
OFFERTORIUM (Domine Jesu Christe)
SANCTUS and BENEDICTUS
AGNUS DEI
COMMUNION (Lux aeterna)

The Responsory, *Libera me*, *Domine* (Deliver me, O Lord), is sometimes also included. The Credo and Gloria from the Ordinary, however, are omitted in a requiem.

In musical terms, a requiem may refer to an artistic setting of the text—in whole or in part—for actual liturgical use in a service or for concert performance in a secular (non-worship) context. Or—as with requiems by important composers in virtually every period in the course of Western music, such as Mozart (although his was uncompleted at his death), Verdi, Berlioz, Dvořák, or Fauré—they can serve both functions. But requiems on these scales, which transcend the boundaries of religious service altogether, are more commonly associated with the classical canon of concert music and with universal humanistic sensibilities than with the genre of sacred music per se.

The title, requiem, can also apply even more broadly and more generically simply to any large-scale cantata (or even to a programmatic but exclusively instrumental work) that is conceived as a memorialor which addresses related themes of death and remembrance. Such works may or may not be based on, or refer to, texts from the actual Requiem Mass. They may include alternative sacred or quasi-sacred as well as completely secular literary texts that have been selected or written by the composer. Brahms's German Requiem, for example (1857-68), is based entirely on German translations from the Hebrew Bible rather than on any liturgy, and it is not considered a religious service. Benjamin Britten's War Requiem (1961), on the other hand—also a nonliturgical concert work nonetheless incorporates some parts of the Latin Mass along with 20th-century poetry by Wilfred Owen. And Hans Werner Henze's Requiem—a chamber orchestral work (1990-92)-contains no vocal element, but the instrumental movements (with the exception of the third one) are titled after sections of the Latin Requiem Mass. Beveridge's Yizkor Requiem, despite its deeply spiritual genesis and its exploration of sacred texts, falls into this category. It is not a religious service, but a concert work based on religious sentiments. It is, by its very ecumenical character, a manifestly humanistic work of universal perspectives in Western cultural terms. It might be perceived as "religious," however, if one accepts that characterization on its transcendental, nonparochial plane.

#### The Yizkor Service

In Judaic practice, the term *yizkor* (May He [God] remember) does not refer to the liturgy that accompanies funerals or burials. Rather, it signifies the formal memorial service for specific relatives (*hazkarat n'shamot*—remembrance of souls). It is conducted communally, but recited individually among Ashkenazi

Jews on four occasions on the liturgical calendar—usually within the morning Torah service, before returning the scrolls to the ark. Those four occasions are Yom Kippur and the last days of each of the Three Festivals (Sukkot, Pesah, and Shavuot).

Traditionally, yizkor has been observed chiefly with respect to one's parents, often in conjunction with pledges of charitable donations to honor their memory. But one may elect to recite yizkor in memory of others as well. Indeed, many 20th- and 21st-century prayerbooks, including some with traditional formats, provide for such additional yizkor recitations for children, siblings, spouses, other relatives, and even friends. There are also memorial prayers for collectively martyred fellow Jews (viz., those who were murdered because they were Jews), especially, since the second half of the 20th century, those who were slain by the Germans during the Holocaust. Soldiers who have given their lives on behalf of the State of Israel are also sometimes remembered within contemporary vizkor services.

Originally, the yizkor service was confined to Yom Kippur. Its introduction on that holiest of days may be linked historically to the opening passage of the morning service Torah reading, which refers to the death of Aaron's two sons (Leviticus 16). One theory also holds that it was instituted as a spiritual vehicle to induce deeper repentance on the Day of Atonement by invoking the memory of one's parents and resolving to honor them by mending one's ways. The custom of praying for the departed on Yom Kippur and Festivals was opposed by some leading medieval scholars and authorities (notably Hai Gaon and Nissim Gaon). They stressed the conviction that only worthy deeds of the departed during their lifetimes-not any deeds or words of atonement by their descendants on their behalf—are of consequence before God. Nonetheless,

this practice gained special significance during the Crusades and the waves of persecution in Europe in the following centuries, and by the 17th or 18th century, hazkarat n'shamot, or yizkor, had become a firmly rooted part of the Ashkenazi synagogue ritual for the Three Festivals as well as for Yom Kippur.

The word yizkor is derived from the text incipit of the principal prayer of the service: yizkor elohim nishmat ... (May God remember the soul of ...). The individual private recitations of yizkor may be preceded by optional Psalm verses and readings. Following those yizkor recitations, the service concludes, in many if not most Ashkenazi synagogues, with the prayer el male raḥamim (God, who is full of mercy), which is intoned by the cantor or prayer leader. In the Sephardi rites, each of those who are accorded the honor of being called up to the Torah—to recite the benedictions in connection with its reading—recites a memorial prayer for his relatives after pronouncing the benedictions.

#### **Musical Symbolism**

Although Beveridge did not quote any specific traditional tunes, motives, or other musical properties from Judaic or Christian sources, he did construct the work around certain basic intervallic recurrences. He used these as symbols, and even as leitmotifs. He has referred to the octave within the piece as the "yizkor motif," which he invokes to represent, through its embrace of the same tone in two or more registers, the interrelationship between God and mankind. "Although God is the Highest," he has explained, "we do partake in the Divinity at a lower level of awareness." Thus a pitch at the higher register of the octave in this work represents God, while the same pitch in a lower register signifies humanity. Octave usage permeates the movements, beginning with the opening trumpet fanfare in octaves and followed by recurrent singing by

the soprano and alto soloists in octaves. And all forces are heard in octaves at key dramatic moments in the final two movements.

The composer has further explained his use of the interval of the fifth to symbolize Divine perfection and glory—for example, in the opening tenor cantorial solo on the word yitgaddal (May God's great Name be even more exalted), and at the climactic moment in the sixth movement (Sanctification), where brass instruments soar above the chorus and the rest of the orchestra. The upward leap of a fifth in such passages is, by the composer's design, reminiscent of motives typically associated with the shofar (ram's horn) blasts, or calls, which today are most commonly associated with Rosh Hashana. Beveridge has used the interval of the third, however, to symbolize the more immediate and more personal aspect of Divine love—the love inherent in God's essence, especially in vocal duet passages.

#### Sequence of the Movements

**NB:** Liturgical references are cited here in accordance with mainstream traditional prayerbooks of the Ashkenazi rite.

#### I. READER'S KADDISH

Following the jubilant introductory brass fanfare, the cantorial or tenor soloist intones one of the several basic forms of the *kaddish* prayer (in this case, *hatzi kaddish*, or half *kaddish*). As an affirmation of faith, *kaddish* may be perceived legitimately as a Judaic doxology. Apart from a congregational response and the concluding sentence of the full text, which constitutes a petition for Divinely fashioned peace and which was introduced at a later date, the language of *kaddish* is Aramaic—the vernacular spoken by the Jews for approximately 1,500 years following the Babylonian captivity (6th–5th century B.C.E). Overall, *kaddish* embodies the supreme acknowledgment of God's

unparalleled greatness. It is the ultimate expression of unqualified glorification, praise, and worship of God throughout all eternity. Varying forms of the text are recited at specifically assigned points throughout the liturgy of every prayer service where a *minyan* (a quorum of ten) is present.

Originally, kaddish was not related to the liturgy per se, but was recited at the conclusion of rabbinic discourses or lessons, perhaps as a way of dismissing the assembly with an allusion to messianic hope and supreme faith. Because those discourses were delivered in Aramaic, the *kaddish* text, too, was composed in that daily language. It developed around its central communal response, y'he sh'me rabba m'varakh l'alam ul'almei almaya (May His great Name be worshipped forever, for all time, for all eternity), which derives from Daniel 2:20. Later, kaddish was introduced into the liturgy to signal the conclusion of sections of a service, to divide such sections, or to conclude biblical readings or talmudic quotations. As the liturgical tradition developed, various forms of kaddish—its full recitation as well as versions either omitting certain parts or containing alternate passages—were assigned to different specific roles in the liturgical order. These various kaddish recitations and their individual text variants include kaddish d'rabbanan (scholars' kaddish), recited after the reading of talmudic or midrashic passages; kaddish shalem (the full kaddish text), recited by the reader or prayer leader at the end of a major section of a service; hatzi kaddish (half kaddish), recited by the prayer leader between sections of a service, in which case it also functions as an introduction to the ensuing section; and kaddish yatom (mourners' kaddish), recited by mourners and observers of a yortsayt (anniversary of a death) after a service and following recitation of certain Psalms. An expanded form of the mourners' kaddish is recited at the cemetery following a burial (kaddish l'atḥaddata).

In some traditions that version also replaces *kaddish d'rabbanan* (scholars' *kaddish*) at the completion of study of a talmudic section.

The first known use of the term *kaddish* to designate this doxological prayer text appears in Sofrim—a minor, supplementary tractate of the Talmud (16:12, 19:1, 21:6). In a literary-theological conception that was crystallized and confirmed during the Geonic period (6th–11th centuries), the ten synonyms for praise contained in *kaddish*—glorifying "God's great Name throughout the world that He has created according to His will"—were shown to correspond to the ten Divine utterances by which, according to a Talmudic passage, it is said that the world was created (*Avot* 5:1).

Recitation of kaddish (the kaddish yatom version) in memory of parents and siblings is certainly one of its assigned roles. The oldest evidence of this, however, is found no earlier than in a 13th-century prayerbook, even though the aforementioned Sofrim also contains a reference to the pronouncement of kaddish at burials (19:12). But the kaddish text itself is in no way a "prayer for the dead," and even kaddish yatom concerns neither mourning nor death. Nor should that memorial function be construed as the primary role among its others. In fact, the direct role of kaddish vis-à-vis mourners may well have arisen as an indirect consequence of another, related practice, whereby mourners were assigned to study or participate in study of a sacred text. Such study was deemed an appropriate way of honoring deceased parents, and was first mentioned in Sofrim (19:12). In that case, the leader (not the mourners themselves) would have recited a concluding kaddish—not for the departed ones, but simply to conclude the study session. According to that scenario, memorial recitation of kaddish directly by mourners and observers of yortsayt grew from the custom of memorial study, and was instituted as an independent obligation only later.

Eventually, and without prejudice to the other, wider roles of kaddish in regular daily prayer services, the specific mourners' kaddish acquired an identity and raison d'être of its own. Various mystical, poetic, and allegorical purposes were attached to its daily recitation during the eleven-month mourning period for parents, and annually on the yortsayt. Although such supernaturally driven interpretative justifications are for the most part no longer accepted literally within the contexts of modern mainstream theological sensibilities, in earlier periods some believed that kaddish recitation had the power to redeem the souls of departed ones, to facilitate their "rescue" from suffering in the hereafter, and to mediate punitive torments. It has also been proposed that kaddish was adopted as a mourner's prayer because of a reference to messianic resurrection, which is found in a passage near the beginning that was later discarded in versions other than kaddish l'athaddata. Another messianic reference (unrelated to resurrection) remains however in the kaddish text of the Sephardi rite as well as among Hassidim (nusaḥ ari).

More rationally grounded, sophic, psychologically reasoned, and currently acceptable interpretations are generally less tinged with eschatological concerns, and can be tied in principle to the concept of *tzidduk hadin* (justification)— viz., acceptance, of God's judgment. In this context, a mourner's almost defiant pronouncement of *kaddish* confirms his steadfast worship of God and undiminished acknowledgment of His ultimately benevolent supremacy even in the face of death and grief.

As a divider of sections of the liturgy, the <code>hatzi</code> kaddish (also known as the reader's kaddish) precedes the core set of prayers in every service. In the context and spirit of the opening movement of Yizkor Requiem, however, kaddish—no version of which is part of the

actual *yizkor* service—functions simply as a preamble to the work, expressing praise and worship of God as the author of life and death.

The final chord at the conclusion of this movement proceeds directly into the opening major chord of the next movement, and it fades while a bass viol plays a doleful, chantlike melody underneath it in its enharmonic minor. The concluding choral statement, "Blest be the Name of the Lord," also bridges these two movements, with its final word on the downbeat of the second.

#### II. REQUIEM AETERNAM

Muted strings take over and develop fugally the minor melody introduced by the bass viol, leading to the choral pronouncement of the words from the Introit, Requiem aeternam dona eis Domine. The octave leitmotif appears on the operative word, light, and then gradually accumulates all twelve tones of the chromatic scale. The word light—sung first in its Latin context, Et lux perpetua (perpetual light), and then in English—triggers the cantorial tenor solo entrance on its Hebrew equivalent (or) in a quotation from Psalms (97:11) that also refers to light as an ultimate reward: or zaru'a latzaddik ul'yishrei lev simḥa (Light is sown for the righteous, and radiance upon the upright in heart). That verse, which is not part of any memorial service, is quoted in the liturgy for various other occasions and is probably best known to synagogue worshippers from its incorporation in the introductory kabbalat shabbat (welcoming the Sabbath) service. Beveridge selected it both to amplify the theme of eternal light and to illustrate a Judeo-Christian connection between the two thematic images. The original Hebrew and its English translation are interwoven in the rendition by the tenor together with the soprano and alto soloists.

Another linguistic-thematic correspondence between the two liturgies is exploited by the juxtaposition of the phrase from the Latin Mass, Ad te omnis caro veniet (All flesh-all living beings-shall return to You), against the opening sentence of a Hebrew hymn of praise for God in the prefatory part of Sabbath, Festival, and High Holy Day morning services—nishmat kol ḥai t'varekh et shimkha adonai eloheinu (The soul of every breathing being shall praise Your Name, Lord, our God)-which is sung here immediately after the Latin. The most transparent similarity is found in the parallel literary construction, with the image of the soul-or breath-of all flesh. And although one may interpret and acknowledge a fundamental theological divergence in emphasis here in terms of earthly life as opposed to a "life hereafter," it is possible nonetheless to intuit some common ground in the jointly held notion of "returning" to God.

Points of intersection may be contained in the implied connection between return and worship. The sentiments from the Mass here focus on the eternal life of the soul after death, and its return to the source of all life. The soul may be presumed then to worship and praise God eternally. From Judaic perspectives, the link between worship and return is associated primarily with repentance during one's lifetime. Ideally, one returns to God by reaffirming and reaccepting His supreme righteousness, and therefore worshipping Him through acts and deeds as well as thoughts and words; and one returns to God in order to engage in a life of such worship. The concept of t'shuva—which means return to God by returning to His teachings and stipulated ways—is tethered to repentance and making amends. And those acts and resolutions are inextricable from praise-filled acknowledgment of God's supreme authority—worship of "His Name." (In modern Hebrew, the word t'shuva translates both as "return" in the ordinary sense and as "repentance.")

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Although the Mass text refers to a different sense of return, both manifestations of return are nonetheless part of the overall theology of each religion.

The phrase Kyrie, eleison (Lord, have mercy!) is one of the most recognizable passages of the Ordinary of the Mass. Toward the end of this movement, Beveridge relates these words to one of the prayers of the Jewish weekday service: s'laḥ lanu (Forgive us). Those Hebrew words, which occur as well in the penitential liturgy related to Yom Kippur, are prayed, of course, with reliance on God's mercy rather than on mankind's merits, and they imply humanity's acknowledgment of its own shortcomings. This is underscored in a succeeding phrase in the same prayer: "Because You do forgive sin and pardon transgression"—viz., out of mercy and compassion. Even though, once again, the emphasis of the plea in the Mass concerns the afterlife, whereas the Hebrew prayer involves Divine mercy through forgiveness during one's earthly life, both petitions may be viewed as appeals for ultimate redemption.

#### III. PSALM 23

Although the Twenty-third Psalm is neither a requisite nor an established part of the Requiem Mass or Judaic memorial liturgy, it is one of the most frequent adjuncts to both Christian and Jewish funeral and memorial services. Its universal sentiments of comfort apply equally to both religious realms. Beveridge has explained that he wrote the only truly agitated musical passage of the entire work to express the words "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death ..." But he retained that mood for only a moment, to signify that "we do not fear death or evil, for the Lord is with us and will comfort us."

#### IV. REMEMBER!

This movement joins part of the Offertorium (Domine Jesu Christe) to the opening section of the amida (lit., standing)—the core series of prayers in every service that is recited individually and silently while standing. Its opening section is known as the avot (fathers) because of the reference therein to the three biblical patriarchs: Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. The avot links God's continuous protection and generosity to the patriarchs' righteousness and devotion to Him, in remembrance of which God will bring redemption to their descendants out of fatherly love. But reliance on the patriarchs' merits alone is not considered sufficient for each generation—and each individual—to merit God's consideration. Some commentators have viewed the threefold repetition of the word God (i.e., "God of Abraham, God of Isaac, and God of Jacob," rather than "God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob") as a reminder that each individual must also search out and communicate with God and establish his own merit through his own devotion. In the artistic context and license of Beveridge's work, the words in the amidaha'el haggadol haggibor v'hannora el elyon (God who is great, mighty, and awesome, supreme Master)—are made to correspond to the Latin reference to God as Rex Gloriae (King of Glory).

The Latin Recordare (remember), addressed in the Mass to God, is then paired with the High Holy Day amida insertion—zokhrenu I'hayyim ... (Remember us unto life ... and inscribe us in the Book of Life)—in accordance with the theme of remembrance that pervades the High Holy Day liturgy. Rosh Hashana is in fact known as yom hazikaron (day of memorial and remembrance), the time when historical and theological memory operates in both directions: between man and God, and between God and the Jewish people. The Christian and Judaic frameworks, however, may differ with respect to the significance and role of memory. The

plea for God's remembrance in the context of the Latin Mass here concerns the souls of the departed and their eternal rest, while the primary focus of the text of zokhrenu is upon reprieve and pardon for life in the coming year. The Book of Life is the liturgical poetic metaphor for the recorded fate of each individual in that coming year, which, according to traditional theological perceptions, is connected to the sincerity of repentance during Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur. Repentance is believed to be possible and potentially effective until the last possible moment at the end of the Day of Atonement, when the "gates of repentance" are finally closed. The book image is thus extended to encompass the idea that the Book of Life is sealed only during the concluding service (n'ila) of Yom Kippur. In that final pronouncement of the zokhrenu petition during n'ila, the word v'khatmenu (Seal us in the Book of Life) is substituted for the word v'khatvenu (Inscribe us ...), which occurs in all earlier pronouncements of the same prayer during the preceding High Holy Day services.

#### V. OFFERTORY (Hostias)

The composer characterizes this movement, whose text is part of the Proper of the Mass, as an a cappella motet. The soprano and alto soloists enter on the concluding line, in a summary appeal for "perpetual light"—eternal life—for the departed whose memory the Requiem Mass celebrates. The reference to the patriarch Abraham, and to the biblical promise made to him and his descendants concerning redemption, again reflects the avot. The first benediction of the avot refers to God as the King who saves and redeems, the "shield of Abraham." The second benediction (if translated literally, and apart from thorny theological issues and modern interpretations) contains the image of God restoring the dead to life. The Hebrew text offers assurance of this ultimate redemption, along

with praise and worship of God in advance for its guarantee: "You keep faith with those who sleep in the dust." The Latin text petitions God to grant that restoration and redemption, in accordance with the promise to Abraham for his descendants—even though the actual nature and scenario of eternal life can differ significantly between the two theological traditions.

#### VI. SANCTIFICATION

The Sanctus and the Benedictus, components of the Ordinary of the Mass, are interwoven throughout this movement with corresponding and related phrases from the Hebrew proclamation that is prayed in every communal morning, afternoon, and mussaf service (the additional service following the morning service on Sabbaths, High Holy Days, Festivals, and the New Month): the k'dusha. Clearly, the Sanctus was taken from the k'dusha and translated nearly verbatim for the Roman Church ritual. Both the Sanctus and the k'dusha affirm God's embodiment of ultimate, supreme holiness; both evoke the image of the heavenly angelic hosts who, in their utterances, provide a model for human acknowledgment of Divine holiness and for worship of God as the "Lord of Hosts"; and both assert that the entire world is filled with the evidence and manifestations of God's glory.

The nucleus of the *k'dusha* is a pastiche of biblical verses (I Isaiah 6:3; Ezekiel 3:12; and Psalm 146:10), which most scholars believe were used as liturgical responses during the Second Temple era. Various additions and supplementary passages were appended to, and interpolated within, this nucleus, mostly during the first millennium C.E. Some of those additional passages were adopted eventually by all rites, while others have remained confined to specific local or regional customs; and there are variant and expanded forms of the *k'dusha* for certain distinct services. In the process of liturgical development and evolution, the *k'dusha* 

was inserted at the beginning of the third benediction during the repetition of the amida, for those occasions when the cantor or reader repeats aloud the entire set of prayers that has first been recited individually and silently by the congregation. This occurs only when there is a quorum of ten (minyan) to qualify the service as public worship. The restriction of the k'dusha to communal worship has been ascribed in the Talmud (Berakhot 21b) to the biblical passage in Leviticus 22:32—"And I will be sanctified among the children of Israel"—which has been interpreted to imply the need for a guorum. Another talmudic reference suggests that the perpetuation of the entire world depends upon the continual emphasis of holiness, as it is expressed in the words quoted from the Bible in the k'dusha. "Since the destruction of the Temple the world has been sustained by the k'dusha of the liturgy...." (Sota 49a).

Morning and afternoon service renditions of the k'dusha begin with the introductory passage, n'kadesh et shimkha ba'olam (We sanctify Your Holy Name on earth). This is a summons to the worshippers to proclaim God's holiness after the manner in which, according to the account in Prophets (I Isaiah), the sixwinged seraphim, representing the highest spiritual abode in the universe, are said to have called out to each other—with the very same words.

In that pronouncement, the word kadosh (holy) is stated three times for emphasis, rather than for any special connotation of the number three. This is to signify the ultimate degree of holiness, since biblical Hebrew contains no suffix or superlative form to denote "holiest." Therefore, any rendition of the sentence should be punctuated as follows: kadosh, kadosh, kadosh adonai tz'va'ot (without pausal separation after the third kadosh), which clarifies the meaning as "Holy, holy—the Lord of Hosts is Holy!" The Sanctus retained this threefold articulation from its Hebrew source, even though the Latin superlative

sanctissimus could otherwise have provided the required emphasis.

Pirkei d'Rabbi Eleazar, an 8th-century Midrash that echoes this passage from the k'dusha, offers an imagined poetic scenario surrounding this heavenly pronouncement:

The majestic scene is thus pictured: Two seraphs stand one on each side of the Holy One; they cower their faces in reverence and sanctify His great Name. One invokes and the other responds, saying, "Holy, holy ..." And the hayyot (heavenly beings) stand by, but not knowing the place of His glory, they answer by saying, "Wherever His glory is, may the Name of His ..."

The second basic response of all k'dusha renditions, barukh k'vod adonai mimkomo (God is worshipped from His place...), which is a quotation from Ezekiel, is sung here by the two female soloists. The passage adir adirenu (God is our strength), which is added to the k'dusha in the mussaf services on Festivals and High Holy Days, is sung here by the tenor cantorial soloist. The order of these two passages, however, is reversed in this work, both for dramatic effect and as a reflection of the variant format in Reform prayerbooks.

The words of the Benedictus derive from Psalm 118:26 ("Praised be he who comes in the Name of the Lord"), and the origin of the concluding phrase, Hosanna in excelsis, is the Hebrew liturgical supplication, hoshana (Save ust). But the Latin derivative hosanna acquired the altered meaning of "praise," or "glory [be to God]," an equivalent to halleluya. This apparent discrepancy is the result of a historical fusion of two ceremonial customs—one Roman and the other Judaic; one secular and the other religious. The New Testament reports that Jesus entered Jerusalem to the welcome of crowds waving palm branches, in the manner of the customary Roman welcome for heroes,

to the accompaniment of their shouts of hoshana. (This incident later manifested itself in the Christian ritual of Palm Sunday, prior to Easter.) Since the Roman custom concerned proclamations of praise, the word was interpreted and translated thus into the Christian Bible. The source of both the confusion and the connection between the accepted Latin and the original Hebrew meanings of the word hoshana or hosanna lies in the annual pilgrimage Festival of Sukkot, which is described in the Torah as the feast of ingathering at the end of the agricultural season, and, in Hebrew liturgy, as z'man simhatenu—the "time [season] of our rejoicing." During the weekday morning services of this seven-day Festival (eight days in the Diaspora), in accordance with a biblical commandment (Leviticus 23:40) whose anthropological antecedents are believed to lie in pagan agricultural and fertility rites, each Jewish worshipper carries and waves the lulav—a palm branch bound with boughs of myrtle and willow. The Iulav is waved together with an etrog (a special variety of citrus akin to a lemon) in a prescribed ritual-first during the recitation of specific Psalm verses known as hallel (Psalms of Praise) and then in a majestic procession

Hoshana is an abbreviation or contraction of the phrase hoshi'a na (O save us now!), which appears in Psalm 118:25, one verse before that from which the Benedictus was drawn. This Psalm forms part of the halle! that is recited on Sukkot in connection with the waving of the *Iulav* and *etrog*.

The processions at the end of the morning services with the *Iulav* and *etrog* culminate in a series of seven processions on the last day of the Festival, *Hoshana Rabba*. During these processions the worshippers recite or sing a series of liturgical poems known as *hoshanot* (plural of *hoshana*)—pleas for deliverance and liberation. Each of them begins with the incipit *hoshana*, which can also be sung as a refrain.

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Clearly, then, the adoption of the word hoshana into Christian liturgy as Hosanna in excelsis Deo to signify "Praise [glory] to God in the highest" rather than "Save us" is a by-product of the mixture of these two separate ceremonial customs.

Beveridge punctuates the Benedictus with yet another section of the *k'dusha*, this time an insertion for all *mussaf* services: "Our God is One ..." One of the Divine attributions included in this passage, "He is our Savior," is mirrored by the Latin *hosanna*. (The Sephardi rite contains an additional sentence: "Behold, I have now redeemed you in the latter times, as at the beginning, to be your God.") But the composer has omitted the Hebrew phrase *lih'yot lakhem lelohim* (I am your God), substituting a repetition of *Hosanna in excelsis*, which is followed here by the words of the concluding statement of the *k'dusha* (*yimlokh adonai...*.).

#### VII. EL MALE RAḤAMIM (God, Full of Compassion)

The composer selected one of several established text variants of this memorial prayer, which entreats God to keep the souls of the departed "under the wings of" His Divine Presence. Life and death are related here—perhaps as part of a single continuum that transcends the boundary between the two. From Judaic perspectives, "eternal life" (apart from, or in addition to messianic or eschatological considerations) can reside in the preservation of loved ones' memories, which, as suggested by some interpretations and translations of the concluding line of this prayer, may serve as inspirations for the living—and as models for their behavior in life. El male raḥamim, which is also recited at funerals, follows the yizkor recitations in most mainstream traditional yizkor services. But while those yizkor recitations are addressed to the memories of individuals, this concluding prayer encompasses collectively all those for whom yizkor has just been recited.

Beveridge drew attention to the shared image of the Garden of Eden (gan eden) as a representation of paradise in both religious traditions and liturgies. The chorus sings an English translation of that reference from In Paradisum ("May they rest in the Garden of Eden"), followed by the cantorial continuation of the parallel passage in el male raḥamim; and he has given this moment special musical emphasis.

#### VIII. LUX AETERNA (Eternal Light)

The flute recalls the theme in minor from Requiem aeternam, which is now transformed to a melody in major, and which leads directly into the next movement. The juxtaposition of this text from the Proper against the immediately preceding el male raḥamim illuminates the Latin reflection of the image of light, which is also contained in the Hebrew prayer for the souls of the departed. The Mass text reads "Let perpetual light shine on them, O Lord, in company with Your holy ones for all eternity." The Hebrew prayer asks that the souls be kept eternally in God's presence, "among the holy and pure ones whose light shines as the brightness of the firmament." The two expressions and the two metaphorical allusions are nearly identical, and a common source is obvious.

#### IX. JUSTORUM ANIMAE (The Souls of the Righteous)

These words derive from *The Wisdom of Solomon* (3:1–4), which is part of the Apocrypha (the books not included in the biblical canon). The soprano soloist intones the text as a simple, chantlike unaccompanied hymn, which the chorus and orchestra repeat phrase by phrase in octaves. For the composer personally, these words encapsulate the essence of both religious traditions with regard to the eternity of the soul, illustrating a basic view held in common.

#### X. MOURNERS' KADDISH and LORD'S PRAYER

This concluding movement pairs *kaddish yatom* with what is probably the most widely familiar Christian liturgical expression in the Western world, even among non-Christians. The Lord's Prayer, which is quoted in the New Testament (Matthew 6:9–13) as part of the Sermon on the Mount, is held in Christian belief and tradition to have been uttered by Jesus of Nazareth in the course of preaching to a crowd of disciples in the Galilee. Because of its powerful simplicity and its universalistic sensibilities, it is often considered to be among the most ecumenical pronouncements in Christianity. The Lord's Prayer is nearly always deemed acceptable in nondenominational or interfaith services that seek to avoid exclusive theological parameters.

Beveridge was struck by the common theme in the opening words of these two prayers of sanctifying or hallowing God's Name, both of which arose in the vernacular of the day. "Hallowed be Thy Name" in the Lord's Prayer appears here as a counterpart of yitkaddash sh'me rabba (May His great Name be sanctified).

Apart from *kaddish*, other Hebrew liturgical derivations and parallel phraseology can be discerned in the Lord's Prayer, which is illustrated by the following examples:

The Lord's Prayer	Corresponding Passages and Themes in Hebrew Liturgy
Hallowed be Thy Name.	v'kadesh et shimkha al makdishei sh'mekha— Hallow Your Name upon those who sanctify it (High Holy Days mussaf, prior to k'dusha).

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Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

darei ma'la im darei mata....—Those who dwell on earth join with those who reside above [in heaven] in glorifying Your kingship (High Holy Days mussaf).

Our Father who [which]

Avinu shebashamayim ase imanu hesed ba'avur shimkha haggadol—Our Father in heaven, deal kindly with us for the sake of Your Great Name (preliminary morning service, birkhot hashahar).

Eloheinu shebashamayim yaḥed shimkha v'kayem malkhut'kha tamid—Our God in heaven, reveal Your unity and establish Your kingdom forever (evening service).

Give us this day our daily

v'sab'einu mituvekha uvarekh sh'natenu kashanim hatovot—And satisfy us with Your goodness and bless the year with Your bounty (weekday amida).

Give me neither poverty nor riches; Feed me with Your allotted bread (Proverbs 30:8). Forgive us [our debts] as we have forgiven others.

Lead us not [let us not be led] into temptation, but deliver us from evil ["the evil one" in some versions]. s'laḥ lanu avinu ki ḥatanu—Forgive us, our Father, for we have transgressed (weekday amida; s'liḥot liturgy).

v'al t'vi'enu lo lidei ḥet, v'lo lidei avera v'avon, v'lo lidei nisayon....
—Let us not be led into sin, transgression, iniquity, temptation.... (preliminary morning service).

y'hi ratzon milfanekha... shetatzileni hayom uv'khol yom me'azei fanim ume' azut panim, me'adam ra—May it be Your will ... to deliver me today and every day from arrogant men and arrogance, from an evil one...(preliminary morning service).

For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.

I'kha adonai hag'dula v'hag'vura v'hatiferet v'hanetzaḥ v'hahod— Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power, the glory and the victory and the majesty (Chronicles 29; morning service—p'sukei d'zimra; Torah service).

ki hamalkhut shelkha hi ul'olmei ad timlokh

b'khavod—For the kingdom is Yours and You will reign in glory forever (aleinu-al ken n'kave l'kha: conclusion of all services; Rosh Hashana mussaf).

In all rites and practices, kaddish yatom is spoken simply by the mourners, and the others present join in on the responses; it is never sung or chanted in any manner. Its musical parameter here, of course, is appropriate artistic license, inasmuch as this work is a musicaldramatic expression rather than a religious service.

The English reading following the final words of kaddish here is taken from the service of the classic American Reform ritual, as it appears in the Union Prayerbook—at one time the standard and nearly exclusive prayerbook of the American Reform

The last sound heard is a distant, offstage flute, which reprises the melody from Justorum animae that the orchestra also has reintroduced at the beginning of this movement. Beveridge attached a dramatic, quasiprogrammatic role to these flute strains: "It is the song of the departed soul," he has commented. "Now free of all encumbrances, it fades away into Eternity."

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A year and a half after Lowell Beveridge's death, the composer's mother passed away as well. Yizkor Requiem is therefore dedicated to the memory of both parents. The world premiere was given in 1994 by the New Dominion Chorale, under Beveridge's baton. Performances followed in Chicago, New York, and at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., with the Choral Arts Society of Washington directed by Norman Scribner.

-Neil W. Levin

#### **♦** Text and Translation

#### YIZKOR REQUIEM

#### I. READER'S KADDISH

Sung in Engish and Aramaic Translation from the Hebrew by Rabbi Morton M. Leifman

#### CANTOR

yitgaddal v'yitkaddash sh'me rabba

**CHORUS** Great is the Name of the

#### Lord. CANTOR

b'alma div'ra khirute

In the world that He created according to His own will.

May God's great Name

be even more exalted

and sanctified.

#### **CHORUS**

And great is His glorious Creation!

# CANTOR

v'yamlikh malkhute b'ḥayyeikhon uv'yomeikhon uv'ḥayyei d'khol beit

**CHORUS** May His Kingdom come, His will be done on earth as in heaven.

CANTOR ba'agala uvizman kariv v'imru: amen.

And may He fully establish His kingdom in your lifetime, in your own days, and in the life of all those of the House of Israel ...

.. soon, indeed without delay. Those praying here signal assent and say, "amen."

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#### **CHORUS**

y'he sh'me rabba m'varakh O praised be His holy

l'alam ul'almei almaya. Forever and ever.

CANTOR

yitbarakh v'yishtabbaḥ v'yitpa'ar v'yitromam v'yitnasse v'yithaddar v'yitalle v'yithallal sh'me d'kud'sha b'rikh hu.

CHORUS

b'rikh hu
O blessed be the Name
of the Lord, O bless His
Name, O bless the Name
of the Lord.

#### CANTOR

l'ella min kol birkhata v'shirata tushb'ḥata v'neḥemata da'amiran b'alma v'imru: amen. over and beyond all the words of worship and song, praise and consolation ever before uttered in this world. Those praying here signal assent and say, "amen."

May His great Name be

forever, for all time, for

Worshipped, praised,

uplifted and acclaimed

one, praised be He ...

be the Name of the Holy

glorified, exalted,

elevated, adored,

Praised be He

worshipped

all eternity.

#### CHORUS

Blessed be His Name and His glorious creation. Blessed be the Name Of the Lord.

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II. REQUIEM AETERNAM

Sung in Hebrew, Latin, and English

CHORUS

Requiem aeternam Dona eis, Domine. Et lux perpetua luceat eis. Light!

Ligiti

CANTOR & SOLI or zaru'a latzaddik Light is sown for the righteous. ul'yishrei lev simḥa And shall shine upon the

pure in heart.

CHORUS
Te decet hymnus,

Deus in Sion, Et tibi redetur votum in Jerusalem.

Exaudi orationem meam! Ad te omnis caro veniet.

CANTOR

nishmat kol ḥai t'varekh et shimkha adonai eloheinu!

CHORUS Kyrie, eleison!

SOLI

s'laḥ lanu!

CHORUS Christe eleison!

SOLI

s'laḥ lanu!

Eternal rest, grant them, Lord, and let perpetual light shine on them.

Challet to a con-

Light is sown for the righteous,

Radiance upon the upright in heart.

O God, it is fitting that we sing hymns in Zion, and that we make vows to You in Jerusalem.

Hear my prayer! All flesh shall return to You.

Every living breath shall praise Your Name, Lord our God.

Lord, have mercy!

Forgive us!

Forgive us!

Christ have mercy!

#### **CHORUS**

Lord, have mercy, And remember us!

#### SOLI

Remember!

#### III. PSALM 23

#### CHORUS

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He lets me lie down in green pastures And leads me beside still waters.

He restores my soul. He leads me in the paths of righteousness,

For His Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley Of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil, for You are with me.

With rod and staff You comfort me, You feed me in the midst of my enemies,

You have anointed my head with oil,
And my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life,

And I shall dwell in the House of the Lord forever.

#### IV. REMEMBER!

Sung in Hebrew, Latin, and English

#### CANTOR

eloheinu velohei avoteinu, elohei avraham, elohei yitzhak, velohei ya'akov ha'el haggadol haggibor v'hannora, el elyon Worshipped are You, Lord, our God and God of our forefathers, God of Abraham, God of Isaac, and God of Jacob; great, mighty, and awesome, supreme Master.

#### SOPRANO & ALTO SOLI

Domine Jesu Christe, Rex Gloriae, Libera animas omnium Fidelium defunctorum.

#### CHORUS

barukh ata adonai ...

#### CANTOR

gomel ḥasadim tovim, v'kone hakol, v'zokher ḥasdei avot. umevi g'ula livnei v'neihem l'ma'an sh'mo b'ahava.

#### SOLI & CHORUS

Pie Jesu, dona eis requiem. Et lux perpetua luceat eis. Recordare, Jesu Pie!

or zaru'a latzaddik. zokhrenu l'ḥayyim, melekh ḥafetz baḥayyim, v'khatvenu b'sefer haḥayyim, l'ma'ankha elohim ḥayyim.

#### CHORUS Remember!

SOLI

#### Recordare!

CANTOR zokhrenu! Lord Jesus Christ, King of Glory, Free the souls of all

The faithful who have

Worshipped are You, Lord ...

You who bestows loving-kindness. Lord of all that exists, You remember the acts of love and grace performed by our forefathers; and You will, in love, for Your Name's own sake, bring redemption to the children's children of those ancient ancestors.

Faithful Jesus, grant them rest, and let perpetual light shine upon them. Remember, faithful Jesus!

Light is sown for the righteous. Remember us leniently for life! O King who delights in life. Inscribe us in the Book of Life for Your own sake, O Living God!

Remember, remember, And inscribe us in the Book of Life!

#### CANTOR

melekh ozer umoshi'a umagen barukh ata adonai magen avraham. O King who aids, saves, and shields, Worshipped are You, protector of Abraham.

#### V. OFFERTORY (Hostias)

Text from Requiem Mass Sung in Latin

#### CHORUS

Hostias et preces tibi, Domine, Laudis offerimus. Tu suscipe pro animabus illis. Quarum hodie memoriam facimus. Fac eas de morte transpire ad vitam, Quam olim Abrahae promisisti Et semini eius Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine.

#### SOLI

Et lux perpetua luceat eis.

#### VI. SANCTIFICATION

**CANTOR & SOLI** 

n'kadesh et shimkha ha'olam k'shem shemakdishim oto bishmei marom.

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Sacrifices and prayers, O Lord, do we offer to You in praise. Receive them on behalf of the souls of those whose memory we now celebrate. Grant that they may pass from Death unto Life, as once you did promise to Abraham. And his descendants. Eternal rest, grant them, Lord.

And let perpetual light shine on them.

We sanctify Your Holy Name on earth. As the heavens on high do glorify you.

kakatuv al yad n'vi'ekha v'kara ze el ze v'amar:

#### CHORUS

kadosh! kadosh! kadosh! Sanctus! Sanctus! Sanctus!

adonai tz'va'ot! Deus Sabaoth!

m'lo khol ha'aretz k'vodo. Pleni sunt coeli et terra Gloria Tua.

#### CANTOR

adir adirenu, adonai adoneinu, ma adir shimkha b'khol ha'aretz!

barukh k'vod adonai mim'komo.

#### CHORUS

Benedictus qui venit In nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis!

#### CANTOR

ehad hu eloheinu, hu avinu, hu malkenu, hu moshi'enu, v'hu yashmi'enu b'raḥamav l'einei kol ḥai.

And, as did the prophets of old, we cry out, saying:

Holy! Holy! Holy!

Lord God of Hosts!

The entire world is filled with His glory. Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Our mightiest One, Lord, our God! How glorious is Your Name in all the earth!

Blessed indeed is the glory of the Lord emanating from His abiding place.

Praised be he who comes in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

Our God is one. He is our God, our Father, our King, our Savior; and in His mercy He will proclaim in the presence of all the living people: ["I am the Lord, your God!"]

#### **CHORUS**

Hosanna in excelsis!

#### CANTOR

yimlokh adonai l'olam, elohayikh tzion, l'dor vador hal'luya.

#### SOLI

Halleluia!

#### VII. EL MALE RAḤAMIM

(Lord of Compassion)

Text from yizkor service Sung in Hebrew and English

#### CANTOR

el male raḥamim, shokhen bam'romim, ham'tze m'nuḥa n'khona.

#### **CHORUS**

Lord of mercy, With wings of compassion Enfold our loved ones Who have returned to Thy care.

#### CANTOR

taḥat kanfei hash'khina, b'ma'alot k'doshim ut'horim k'zohar haraki'a mazhirim,

generation. Halleluya!

The Lord shall reign for eternity, your God, O Zion, from generation to

Hosanna in the highest!

Lord, full of compassion, who dwells in heaven, grant perfect peace.

Under the wings of the Divine Presence among the high places of the holy and pure ones, who shine as the brightness of the firmament.

#### (& CHORUS)

l'nishmot yakirenu shehalkhu l'olamam.

#### CHORUS

May they rest in the Garden of Eden, O Lord of compassion, Grant them eternal peace.

#### CANTOR

b'gan eden t'hei m'nuḥatam, ana ba'al haraḥamim yastirem b'seter k'nafav l'olamim, v'yitzror bitzror haḥayyim et nishmatam. adonai hu naḥalatam, v'yanuḥu b'shalom al mishkavam, v'nomar:

Upon the souls of our dear ones who have gone to their eternity.

In the Garden of Eden let them find rest. We beseech You, Lord of compassion, Let them find shelter **Under Your wings** forever. May their souls be bound up in the bond of life.

The Lord is their inheritance. And may they rest in peace. And let us say: Amen.

#### VIII. LUX AETERNA (Eternal Light)

Text from Requiem Mass Sung in Latin

#### SOPRANO

Lux aeterna luceat eis. Domine, cum sanctis tuis In aeternum. Quia pius es ...

Let perpetual light shine on them O Lord, in company with your Holy Ones, For all eternity. For you are faithful and

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#### IX. JUSTORUM ANIMAE

(The Souls of the Righteous)

Text: Wisdom of Solomon 3:1–4 Sung in Latin

#### SOPRANO SOLO & CHORUS

Justorum animae. In manu Dei sunt. Et non tanget illos tormentum justitae. Visi sunt oculis insipientum mori, illi autem sunt in pace. The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and they shall not be touched by the torment of judgment. In the eyes of the foolish they appear to no longer exist, but, actually, they are at peace.

#### X. MOURNERS' Kaddish and LORD'S PRAYER

Sung in Aramaic, Hebrew, and English

#### CANTOR

yitgaddal v'yitkaddash sh'me rabba b'alma div'ra khirute v'yamlikh malkhute b'ḥayyeikhon uv'yomeikhon uv'ṇayyei d'khol beit yisra'el ba'agala uvizman kariv v'imru: amen

May God's great Name be even more exalted and sanctified in the world that He created according to His own will; and may He fully establish His kingdom in your lifetime, in your own days, and in the life of all those of the House of Israel—soon, indeed without delay. Those praying here signal assent and say, "amen."

y'he sh' me rabba m'varakh l'alam ul'almei almaya

yitbarakh v'yishtabbah v'yitpa'ar v'yitromam v'yitnasse v'yithaldar v'yitalle v'yithallal sh'm d'kud'sha b'rikh hu, l'ella min kol birkhata v'shirata tushb'ḥata v'neḥemata da'amiran b'alma v'imru: amen

y'he sh'lama rabba min sh'mayya v'ḥayyim aleinu v'al kol yisra'el v'imru: amen

ose shalom bimromav hu ya'ase shalom aleinu v'al kol yisra'el v'imru: amen.

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May His great Name be worshipped forever, for all time, for all eternity.

Worshipped, praised, glorified, exalted, elevated, adored, uplifted, and acclaimed be the Name of the Holy One, praise be He— over and beyond all the words of worship and song, praise and consolation ever before uttered in this world. Those praying here signal assent and say, "amen."

May there be abundant peace for us and for all Israel; and those praying here signal assent and say, "amen."

May He who establishes peace in His high place establish peace for us and for all Israel; and those praying here signal assent and say,

#### CHORUS

Our Father in heaven,
Sanctified be Your Name
May Your Kingdom come,
Your will be done
On earth as in heaven
Give us this day our daily bread,
Forgive us,
And deliver us from evil
For Yours is the Kingdom
And the Power and the Glory
For ever, Amen.

(The following text is from the Union Prayerbook:)

#### READER

The departed whom we now remember have entered into the peace of Life Eternal.

#### CHORUS

Amen.

#### READER

They still live on earth in the acts of goodness they performed, and in the hearts of those who cherish their memory.

#### CHORUS

Amen.

#### CHORUS

Amen.

#### READER

May the beauty of their life abide among us as a loving benediction.

#### CHORUS

Amen.

#### READER

May the Father of Peace send peace to all who mourn and comfort all the bereaved among us. And let us say:

#### CHORUS

Amen.



Sir Neville Marriner rehearsing with the orchestra

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### About the Performers



Soprano ANA MARÍA MARTÍNEZ was born in Puerto Rico, daughter of the opera singer Evangelína Colón, from whom she had her earliest lessons. She studied at The Juilliard School in New York, graduating in 1993. Her breakthrough came two years later as a prizewinner at Plácido Domingo's Operalia competition, and in 1996 she joined the Spanish tenor for concert appearances in Madrid, Palm Beach, and Buenos Aires. Her critically acclaimed debut with the Washington Opera came in 1997 as Soleá in Penella's El Gato Montés. It was followed by a series of triumphant debuts at leading European and American houses. She was featured in the world premiere tour and recording of Philip Glass's opera La Belle et la bête, and she created the role of the Mother in the world premiere of Menotti's The Singing Child at the Spoleto Festival U.S.A. Her orchestral engagements have included concerts with Andrea Bocelli and with Domingo.



Mezzo-soprano ELIZABETH SHAMMASH enjoys a varied career in opera, oratorio, lieder, and theater. She is a graduate of Brown University and of the Manhattan School of Music, and she sings frequently throughout the United States and Europe. Her concert appearances have included an all-Bernstein program with the National Symphony Orchestra and Beethoven's Ninth Symphony with the Seattle Symphony. She also serves cantorial pulpits, and she is studying for cantorial ordination at the H. L. Miller Cantorial School of the Jewish Theological Seminary.



Tenor ROBERT BRUBAKER was born in Mannheim, Pennsylvania, and studied at the Hartt College of Music in Hartford, Connecticut. Shortly after graduation he joined the New York City Opera, where he became one of the company's leading tenors. Since then he has gone on to sing at opera houses throughout the

world. In 1992 he made his Metropolitan Opera debut as one of the Mastersingers in *Die Meistersinger*, and

two years later he made his European debut at the Rome Opera in the title role of Zemlinsky's *Der Zwerg*. Brubaker's first appearance at the English National Opera in London was in 1995, in Kurt Weill's *Rise and Fall of the City of Mahagonny*, and in 2000 he debuted with the Opéra de Paris-Bastille as Pierre in Prokofiev's *War and Peace*. In 2002 he made his Salzburg Festival debut in the title role of Zemlinsky's *König Kandaules*.

RABBI RODNEY MARINER was born in Australia in 1941 and graduated from Monash University Melbourne. He studied for the rabbinate at Hebrew Union College in Jerusalem, and in London at Leo Baeck College. Since 1982 he has been the senior rabbi at Belsize Square Synagogue, an independent London congregation established by German and Central European Germanspeaking Jews in 1938. This synagogue maintains the unique blend of the timely and the timeless that characterized the Liberale Judaism of the middle and late 19th century in western Europe, especially in Germany, continuing up until its destruction by the end of the 1930s. In 2005 Rabbi Mariner was awarded an honorary doctorate by the Jewish Theological Seminary.

One of the foremost British chamber choirs, the CHORUS OF THE ACADEMY OF ST. MARTIN IN THE FIELDS was founded in 1975 by Laszlo Heltay. Its wide range of acclaimed recordings includes Charpentier's Magnificat and Te Deum; Bach's B-minor Mass; Handel's Messiah; Haydn's Creation and Seasons; Rossini's Il turco in Italia and Messa di Gloria; the Fauré Requiem; and Gilbert and Sullivan's Yeomen of the Guard, all conducted by Sir Neville Marriner. Since 2000, when Joseph Cullen (who prepared the chorus for this recording) was appointed its chorus director, the amateur choir, which ranges in size from sixteen to sixty and whose members come from all walks of life, has not only maintained its preeminent reputation but has increased its versatility still further, covering new repertoire and augmenting its a cappella appearances.



SIR NEVILLE MARRINER was born in Lincoln in 1924 and studied the violin in London at the Royal College of Music and at the Paris Conservatoire. After teaching for a year at Eton College, in 1949 he joined the Martin String Quartet, and with musicologist Thurston Dart formed the Jacobean Ensemble, which specialized in 17th- and 18th-century music. From 1952 to 1968 he was a violinist with the London Philharmonia and with the London Symphony Orchestra. During this period he also formed the Virtuoso String Trio, and then, in 1959, the Academy of St. Martin in the Fields. Sir Neville gravitated increasingly toward conducting and took lessons from Pierre Monteux. His first appointment was in 1969 with the Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra. In 1979 he became music director of the Minnesota Orchestra, holding that post until 1986, when he returned to Europe as music director of the Stuttgart Radio Symphony Orchestra (until 1989). Throughout the whole period he continued to work with the Academy. As his conducting career progressed, the orchestra's original basis in music of the Baroque expanded to include Viennese classics, Romantic, and 20th-century works, as well as opera. There is hardly a corner of the repertoire in which the vitality and elegance of Sir Neville's leadership have not brought him—and the Academy—great distinction. He was made a Commander of the Order of the British Empire in 1979 and was knighted in 1985.

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