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The Messiah

Oratorio by

George Frederic Handel

THE CHORAL UNION

HERMAN GUNTER, JR., *Director*

THE UNIVERSITY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

ROBERT N. SEDORE, *Conductor*

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Alto — Betty Jane Grimm

Bass — Herman Gunter, Jr.

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Rehearsal Accompanists

BILLY ALTON — RALPH NOLEN

Thursday Evening, December 15, 1955

Westcott Auditorium

8:15 o'clock

A free-will offering will be received at the door for the benefit of worthy music students in need of financial assistance.

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THE MESSIAH

by

GEORGE FREDERIC HANDEL

Born in Halle, Germany, February 28, 1685

Died in London, England, April 14, 1759

The oratorio, which was begun August 22, 1741, was completed September 14. It was performed in Dublin on April 13, 1742, under the direction of Handel.

INVOCATION.....DR. EDWIN R. HARTZ
Chaplain, Florida State University

OVERTURE

Tenor Recitative

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 high-way for our God.

Tenor Aria

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.

Bass Recitative

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.

Bass Aria

But who may abide the day of His coming, and who shall stand when He appeareth? For He is like a refiner's fire.

Contralto Recitative

Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a Son, and shall call his name Emmanuel, God with us.

Contralto Aria 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.

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.

PASTORAL SYMPHONY

Soprano Recitatives

There were shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flocks by night. And lo! the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone around about them, and they were sore afraid.

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And the angel said 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.

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.

Soprano Aria

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Rejoice, O daughter of Jerusalem: Behold, thy king cometh unto thee; He is the righteous Saviour, and he shall speak peace unto the heathen.

Contralto Recitative

Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb shall sing.

Alto and Soprano

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 shall give you rest. Take His yoke upon you, and learn of Him; for He is meek and lowly of heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

Chorus

Surely He hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows; He was wounded for our transgressions; He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon Him.

Tenor Recitative

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.

Tenor Aria

Behold and see if there be any sorrow like unto His sorrow.

Chorus

Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lifted up ye everlasting doors: and the King of glory shall come in. Who is the King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle. The Lord of Hosts, He is the King of glory.

Quartet and 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.

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!

BENEDICTION.....DR. EDWIN R. HARTZ
(The audience is requested to refrain from applause)

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