

The Graham Steed Chorale

presents

“A GERMAN REQUIEM”

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Requiem

I Chorus

Blessed are they that mourn : for they shall be comforted. *S. Matthew v, 4.*
They that sow in tears shall reap in joy.
Who goeth forth and weepeth, and beareth precious seed, shall come again rejoicing, and bring his sheaves with him. *Ps. cxxvi, 5-6.*

II Chorus

Behold, all flesh is as the grass, and all the glory of man is as the flower of the field. The grass is withered, and the flower thereof is fallen. *I Peter i, 24.*
Now therefore be patient, O my brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. See how the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, till it receive in time the early and the latter rain. So be ye patient. *James v, 7-8.*
Behold all flesh is as the grass, etc.
But yet the Lord's word standeth for evermore. *I Peter i, 25.*
And the ransomed of the Lord shall return again, and come with singing unto Zion. Everlasting joy shall be upon their heads alway, gladness and joy everlasting shall they obtain, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away. *Isaiah xxxv, 10.*

III Baritone Solo and Chorus

Lord, let me know mine end, and the number of my days : let me know how frail I am, that I be made sure how long I have to live.
Surely, Thou hast made my days as an handbreadth before Thee : And my lifetime is as nothing to Thee : Verily every man living is altogether vanity.
For surely man walketh as a shadow : and he disquieteth himself in vain, yea, all in vain : his riches, he knoweth not who shall gather them.
Now, Lord, what then do I hope for? My hope is in Thee. *Ps. xxxix, 4-7.*
But the righteous souls are in the hand of God, and there shall no torment touch them. *Wisdom iii, 1.*

IV Chorus

How lovely are Thy dwellings fair, O Lord of hosts!
My soul longeth, yea longeth and fainteth for the courts of the Lord.
My heart and flesh ring out their joy unto the living God.
Blessed are they that dwell in Thy house : they praise Thee, Lord, evermore. *Ps. lxxxiv 1, 2, 4.*

V Soprano Solo and Chorus

Ye now have sorrow : but I will again behold you, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy shall no man take from you. *S. John xvi, 22.*
Thee will I comfort, as one whom his mother comforts. *Isaiah lxvi, 13.*
Now behold me, ye see how for a little while labour and toil were my lot, yet have I found much rest. *Ecclesiasticus ii, 27.*

VI Baritone Solo and Chorus

For we have here no abiding city, but yet we seek that to come. *Hebrews xiii, 14.*
Behold, I show you a mystery : We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the sound of the last trumpet : for behold, the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.
Then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy victory? O death where is thy sting? *I Corinthians xv, 51-52, 54-55.*
Worthy art Thou, Lord, of praise and glory, honour and power : for Thou, Almighty, hast created all things, and because of Thy will they were, and were created. *Revelation iv, 11.*

VII Chorus

Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth : even so, saith the Spirit; for they rest from their labours; and their works follow after them. *Revelation xiv, 13.*

Programme



Fantasia & Fugue in G Minor..... J. S. Bach

"A German Requiem"..... Johannes Brahms

1. Chorus..... Blessed are they that mourn
2. Chorus..... Behold, all flesh is as the grass
3. Solo and Chorus..... Lord, let me know mine end
4. Chorus..... How lovely are Thy dwellings fair
5. Solo and Chorus..... Ye now have sorrow
6. Solo and Chorus..... For we have here no abiding city
7. Chorus..... Blessed are the dead



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