

The Festival Choir

17th March 1951

Programme :

Two Shillings and Sixpence

THE FESTIVAL CHOIR

Incorporating

THE HAMPTONS PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY

THE KINGSTON ORPHEUS SOCIETY

THE SURBITON ORATORIO SOCIETY

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Present

THE MESSIAH

by

G. F. HANDEL

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

MAPLE ROAD

SURBITON

SATURDAY, 17th MARCH, 1951

at 7.30 p.m.

Soloists

ELSIE MORISON *Soprano*

DORIS COWEN *Contralto*

JAN VAN DER GUCHT *Tenor*

RICHARD STANDEN *Bass*

WITH THE CONCORDIA STRING PLAYERS

TRUMPETS AND TIMPANI

(Leader, Mrs. R. WILKINSON)

Continuo

ERIC D. HAYES

Organist

R. SINDEN GILBERT

Conductor

GEORGE ANDERSON

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM - - - arr. ELGAR

“MESSIAH”

PART I

Orchestra Overture
Recitative Comfort ye, my people
Air Every valley shall be exalted
JAN VAN DER GUCHT

Chorus And the glory of the Lord
Recitative Thus saith the Lord
Air But who may abide
RICHARD STANDEN

Chorus And He shall purify
Recitative Behold! a Virgin shall conceive
Air and Chorus O Thou that tellest good tidings
DORIS COWEN

Recitative For behold darkness
Air The people that walked in darkness
RICHARD STANDEN

Chorus For unto us a Child is born
Orchestra Pastoral Symphony
Recitative There were Shepherds
Recitative And lo! the Angel of the Lord
Recitative And the Angel said unto them
Recitative And suddenly there was with the angel
ELSIE MORISON

Chorus Glory to God in the highest
Air Rejoice greatly
ELSIE MORISON

Recitative Then shall the eyes of the blind
Air He shall feed His flock
DORIS COWEN

Air Come unto Him, all ye that labour
ELSIE MORISON

Chorus Behold the Lamb of God
Air He was despised
DORIS COWEN

Chorus Surely He hath borne our griefs
Recitative All they that see Him
JAN VAN DER GUCHT

Chorus He trusted in God
Recitative Thy rebuke hath broken His heart
Air Behold, and see if there be any sorrow
JAN VAN DER GUCHT

Recitative He was cut off from the land
Air But Thou didst not leave His soul
ELSIE MORISON

Chorus Lift up your heads
Recitative Unto which of the Angels
JAN VAN DER GUCHT

Chorus Let all the Angels of God

PART II

Air How beautiful are the feet of them
ELSIE MORISON

Chorus Their sound is gone out
Air Why do the nations rage?
RICHARD STANDEN

Chorus Let us break their bonds asunder
Recitative He that dwelleth in Heaven
Air Thou shalt break them
 JAN VAN DER GUCHT

Chorus Hallelujah
Air I know that my Redeemer liveth
 ELSIE MORISON

Semi-Chorus Since by man came death
Chorus By man came also the resurrection
Semi-Chorus For as in Adam all die
Chorus Even so in Christ shall all be made alive
Recitative Behold, I tell you a mystery
Air The trumpet shall sound
 (Trumpet—Derek Smith)
 RICHARD STANDEN

Chorus Worthy is the Lamb
Chorus Amen

It is with pleasure that THE FESTIVAL CHOIR present this, their second Concert, especially as it is carrying on a tradition of the Surbiton Oratorio Society, who give annually a performance of "The Messiah" on a date near Easter.

THE FESTIVAL CHOIR thanks all those who have made this performance possible, especially the Rev. R. F. Cartwright and the Church Council of St. Andrew's Church, Surbiton, who have so graciously allowed us the use of their fine Church.

It is hoped that you approve of the policy of obtaining soloists of national fame and that by your continued support you will make it possible for Choral Concerts of the highest standard to continue to be given in this District.

THE FESTIVAL CHOIR has vacancies for all voices; applications should be made to C. J. Best, 6, Woodbines Avenue, Kingston, who will also be pleased to receive any suggestions for future works.

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