The Portland Symphony Orchestra
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The Portland Symphony Chorus
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Messiah

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Kerry McDevitt, baritone

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Katherine Graffam, continuo
Stephen Kecskemethy, violin
Robert Pettipaw, trumpet

Friday, December 17, 1971 — 8:15
City Hall Auditorium
Portland, Maine
Sinfonia
Grave-allegro moderato

Arioso
Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God; Speak ye comfortable to Jerusalem; and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned.

Air
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.

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.

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

Chorus
And He shall purify the sons of Levi; That They may offer unto the Lord, an offering in righteousness.

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

Air
O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion, get thee up into the high mountains; 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 the light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.

Arioso
For behold, darkness shall cover the earth and gross darkness the people.
But the Lord shall arise upon Thee and His glory shall be seen upon Thee. And the Gentiles shall come to Thy Holy Light and linger to the brightness of Thy rising.

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
Larghetto

Recitative and Arioso .................................................. Soprano
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 round about them, and they were sore afraid.
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.

Air ................................................................. Soprano
Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; Shout O daughter of Jerusalem, behold thy King cometh unto thee.

Recitative ............................................................. Contralto
Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened, and the ears of the deaf un-stopped. Then shall the lame man leap up as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb shall sing.

Air ................................................................. Contralto and Soprano
He shall feed His flocks 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 Labor, Come unto Him all ye that are heavy laden, And He will give you rest; Take His yoke upon you and ye shall find rest.

Chorus
Behold the Lamb of God, that taketh away the sins of the world.

Air ................................................................. Contralto
He was despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief. He gave His back to the smiters, and His cheeks to them that plucked off the hair; He hid not his face from shame and spitting.

Arioso ................................................................. Tenor
All they that see Him laugh Him to scorn; They shout out their lips and shake their heads saying:

Chorus
He trusted in God that He would deliver Him; Let Him deliver Him if He delight in Him.

Recitative ............................................................. Tenor
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.

Arioso ................................................................. Tenor
Behold and see if there be any sorrow like unto his sorrow.

Recitative ............................................................. Tenor
He was cut off out of the land; For the Transgressions of Thy people was He stricken.

Air ................................................................. Tenor
But Thou didst not leave His soul in hell, nor didst Thou suffer Thy Holy One to see corruption.
Chorus
Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle. The Lord of hosts, He is the King of glory.

Air ........................................... Bass
Why do the nations so furiously rage together? And why do the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers take counsel together against the Lord and against His Anointed.

Chorus
Let us break their bonds asunder, and cast away their yoke from us.

Recitative ..................................... Tenor
He that dwelleth in Heaven shall laugh them to scorn; the Lord shall have them in derision.

Air ........................................... Tenor
Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; Thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.

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 Hallelujah!

INTERMISSION

Air ........................................... Soprano
I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth; And though worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God. For now is Christ risen from the dead, the first fruits of them that sleep.

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.

Recitative ..................................... Bass
Behold, I tell you a mystery; We shall not all sleep; but we shall be changed in a moment in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet.

Air ........................................... Bass
The trumpet shall sound and the dead shall be raised incorruptible and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption and this mortal must put on immortality.

Recitative ..................................... Alto
Then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: Death is swallowed up in Victory.

Duet ........................................... Contralto & Tenor
O Death where is thy sting; O Grave where is thy victory; The sting of Death is sin; The sting of Sin is the Law.

Recitative ..................................... Tenor
But thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Chorus
Worthy is the Lamb that was slain, and hath redeemed us to God by his blood, to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory and blessing. Blessing and honor, glory, and power, be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne and unto the Lamb; Forever and ever.

A-MEN.
THE PORTLAND SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Paul Vermel, Music Director and Conductor

FIRST VIOLINS
Stephen Kecskemethy
     Concertmaster
Dianne Pettipaw
Rebecca Garland
Sarah Smith
Edward Gaudreau
Isabel Pease

SECOND VIOLINS
Ronald Lantz
Pauline Byrd
Dr. Booth Leavitt
Robert Gerry
Hernando Hernandez
Deborah Bragdon

VIOLAS
Julia Moseley
Jean Alvord
Virgilio Mori
Barbara Shelton
Rev. Earle Dolphin

CELLOS
Katherine Graffam
Maryjane Ferguson
Barbara Graustein
Carolyn Bennett

BASSES
George Rubino
Lynn Hannings
Daniel Hall

OBOE
Timothy Valentine
Clinton Graffam

BASSOON
Donald Curry
Joan Taylor

TRUMPETS
Robert Pettipaw
Calvin Torrey

TIMPANI
William Wiley

HARPSCYHORD
Naydene Bowder

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John Fay, Accompanist

SOPRANOS
Ahlsen, Mabel
Anderson, Dorothy
Athanasiou, Thalia
Barnes, Joan
Brown, Virginia
Bulger, Roberta
Carter, Clarice
Chandler, Frances
Clark, Carol
DiBiase, Marcia
Doyle, Ruth
Fay, Mary
Fish, Sally
Fitzpatrick, Gloria
Haddad, Ann
Hager, Gladys
Hagerty, Yvonne
Harmon, Elizabeth
Haynes, Carolyn
Johnson, Mildred
Jordan, Althea
Kimishita, Nancy
Kourakos, Sophie
Long, Barbara
Lord, Christine
MacDonald, Linda
Mallory, Virginia
Marshall, Lois
McGovern, Barbara
Mears, Larayne
Merrill, Mary
Munro, Helen
O'Leary, Barbara
Perkins, Donna

Phillips, Caroline
Ring, Barbara
Sawicki, June
Shuster, Marjorie
Spulick, Doris
Stebbins, Julie
Tanner, Marion
Thompson, Alice

ALTOS
Calisti, Kathryn
Cleaves, Ethel
Curry, Shirley
Demetriou, Ann
Donahue, Martha
Earls, Doris
Farrar, Marilyn
Given, Sally
Goodine, Margaret
Hamman, Dorothy
Johnson, Dorothy
Laffin, Catherine
Lord, Margaret
Malia, Eleanor
Marx, Lyn
Michaud, Beatrice
Nickerson, Jane
O'Connor, Catherine
Powers, Joanna
Ricker, Diane
Riley, Inger
Shackley, Nancy
Stoddard, Elizabeth
Strout, Corinne
Temple, Lorraine
Wither, Heloise

TENORS
Barnes, Charles
Chandler, Frank
Clothey, John
Donahue, Roger
Doyle, Donald
Gamage, Gordon
Goldsmith, Richard
Hager, Byron
Hinckley, Harris
Hughes, Stephen
Newth, Mark
Wilcox, John

BASSES
Allley, Mark
Bishop, James
Brown, Harrison
Burbank, Leon
Dodge, William
Estes, John
Fournier, Roland
Gagliarde, George
Grindly, Charles
Hardy, Thomas
Hay, Peter
Hayden, Frank
Hughes, Ernest
Jackson, Raymond
Marshall, Warren
Payeur, Gerry
Plumb, Peter
Rubino, Dave
Shuster, Stewart
Tonne, William
Winters, Raymond