William and Mary Chamber Orchestra

The William and Mary Choir

George Frideric Handel

THE MESSIAH

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Part I
THE PROPHECY

OVERTURE

CHORUS
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And He shall purify the sons of Levi, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness.

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

AIR and CHORUS
O thou that destelest good tidings to Zion, get thee up into the high mountain; O thou that destelest 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!
Arose, shine, for thy light is come, and the Glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.

THE CHRISTMAS MUSIC

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For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given, and the government shall be upon His shoulders: and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

PASTORAL SYMPHONY

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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:

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Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth, good will towards men.

MEDITATIONS UPON THE BIRTH OF CHRIST

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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.

CHORUS

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

CHORUS

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be lift 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. He is the King of Glory.

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!

PART III

OF THE LIFE TO COME

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

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 honour, and glory, and blessing.

CHORUS

Blessing, and honour, glory, and power, be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb, for ever and ever. AMEN.
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