Musica Spei presents

In Paradisum

(Into Paradise)

Friday, June 2nd, 2006 at 7:30 pm, St. John's Episcopal Church, 183 N. Main Street, Canandaigua Saturday, June 3rd at 8:00 pm, St. Anne Church, 1600 Mount Hope Avenue, Rochester Sunday, June 4th at 3:00 pm, St. Mary's Church, 17 Clark Street, Auburn

PROGRAM

Requiem aeternam

Requiem

Plainchant Johannes Ockeghem (c.1410-1497)

Introitus—Kyrie

Nymphes de bois (lament for Ockeghem)

Josquin des Prez (c. 1440-1521) Ed. Patrick Macey

Kviria (Republic of Georgia, Svanetia region)

Traditional (9th century)

Ploti'yu usnuf

Traditional Russian Orthodox hymn Adapted by Alexander Glazounov (1865-1936)

Taedet animam mea

Hei mihi, Domine

Tomás Luis de Victoria (c.1548-1611)

Francisco Guerrero (1528-1599) Ed. Martyn Imrie

Intermission

Requiem for 6 voices

Introitus: Requiem aeternam

Kyrie Gradual

Offertory: Domine Jesu Christe

Sanctus Agnus Dei Communion

Respond: Libera Me

Tomás Luis de Victoria Ed. David Wulstan

Versa est in luctum

Tomás Luis de Victoria Plainchant

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Jeanne Beddoe, Alexandra Bermel, Debora Boynton, Jim Blake, Lynette Blake, Mary Cowden, Jennifer Dydo, Juli Elliott, Joe Finetti, Christopher Gold (*rehearsal conductor*), Kathy Lampe, Eric Lobenstine, Richard Sauvain, Brian Story Artistic Guide Emeritus: Steve Marcus

TEXTS AND TRANSLATIONS

Plainchant Requiem aeternam

Requiem aeternam dona eis Domine, et lux perpetua luceat eis. Te decet hymnus Deus in Sion, et tibi reddetur votum in Jerusalem. Exaudi orationem meam, ad te omnis caro veniet.

and to thee vows are recited in Jerusalem. Hear my prayer: unto thee all flesh shall come.

Rest eternal grant them, O Lord,

and let perpetual light shine on them. To thee praise is due, O God, in Zion,

Requiem Ockeghem

Introitus

(See plainchant text above) (See plainchant text above)

Kyrie

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. (each section sung three times) (each section sung three times)

Nymphes de bois Josquin

Nymphes des bois, déesses des fontaines, chantres experts de toutes nations, changez vos voix fort claires et hautaines en cris tranchants et lamentations.

singers of all nations, change your voices so clear and proud to sharp cries and lamentations.

Car Atropos, tres terrible satrape, a votre Okegem attrapé en sa trappe, vray tresorier de musique et chef d'oeuvre, qui de trépas désormais plus n'éschappe, dont grant dommage est que la terre couvre.

For Atropos, terrible satrap, has caught your Ockeghem in her trap, true treasurer of music and its masterpiece, who no longer escapes from death, great pity that the earth should cover him.

Nymphs of the woods, goddesses of the fountains, skilled

Accoutrez vous d'habits de deuil, Josquin, Perchon, Brumel, Compère, et pleurez grosses larmes d'oeil; perdu avez votre bon père. Requiescant in pace. Amen.

Clothe yourselves in mourning, Josquin, Pierre de la Rue, Brumel, Compère, and weep great tears from your eyes, for you have lost your good father. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Tenor: Requiem eternam dona eis, Domine, et lux perpetua luceat eis. Requiescant in pace. Amen.

Tenor: Grant unto them eternal rest, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Kviria Traditional Georgian

(This piece, originating during pre-Christian times in Svanetia, is performed to end a burial service. Through comparison to the life-giving sun, the hymn honors a man who has lived a long and productive life. Traditionally, the sons of the deceased sing the work at graveside.)

O Kviria! Mizh detsesh Kviria! Gimlitsish Kviria! Mizh Kviria oria orieo!

Oh, Kviria, sun of the heavens, Kviria – almighty Kviria, Kviria the sun!

Ploti'yu usnuf Russian Orthodox

Having fallen asleep in the flesh, as though dead, Tsar and Plot'iyu usnuf, yako m'ertf, tsar'u yi ghospod'i, Lord.

Tr'id'n'ev'en' vos'k'esl yes'i. Adama vozd'v'ik ot t'l'i, After three days You have risen. Adam You have raised up from corruption,

Yi uprazd'n'if s'm'ert': And You have destroyed Death: Paskha n'et'l'en'iya, m'ira spas'en'iye. Passover incorruptible, the world's salvation. Taedet Animam Meam Victoria

Taedet animam meam vitae meae, dimittam adversum me eloquium meum, loquar in amaritudine animae meae. Dicam Deo: Noli me condemnare; indica mihi cur me ita judices. Numquid bonum tibi videtur, si calumnieris et opprimas me, opus manuum tuarum, et consilium impiorum adjuves? Numquid oculi carnei tibi sunt; aut sicut videt homo, et tu vides? Numquid sicut dies hominis dies tui, et anni tui sicut humana sunt tempora, ut quaeris iniquitatem meam, et peccatum meum scruteris? Et scias quia nihil impium fecerim, cum sit nemo qui de manu tua possit eruere.

Hei mihi, Domine

Hei mihi, Domine, quia peccavi nimis in vita mea. Quid faciam miser? Ubi fugiam? Nisi ad te, Deus meus. Miserere mei dum veneris in novissimo die.

Requiem for six voices

Introitus

(See plainchant text on previous page)

Kyrie

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison. (each section sung three times)

Gradual

Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine, et lux perpetua luceat eis. In memoria aeternam erit justus Ab auditione mala non timebit.

Offertory

Domine Jesu Christe, Rex gloriae, libera animas omnium fidelium defunctorum de poenis inferni, et de profundo lacu. Libera eas de ore leonis, ne absorbeat eas tartarus, ne cadant obscurum; sed signifer sanctus Michael representet eas in lucem sanctam.

Quam olim Abrahae promisisti, et semini ejus. Hostias et preces tibi, Domine, laudis offerimus. Tu suscipe pro animabus illis, quarum hodie memoriam facimus. Fac eas, domine, de morte transire ad vitam. I am weary at heart of my life; I will speak out at my own risk, and express the bitterness in my soul. I shall say to God: Do not condemn me, but show mewhy you judge me this way. Shall it seem a good thing to you to cheapen me and oppress me, a work of your own hands, and to support the schemes of the wicked? Are your eyes like human eyes? Do even you see only as men do? Is your life like the life of men, and do your years pass like the days of men, that you should search for faults in me, and investigate my sins? Surely you know that I have done nothing wrong and that no one could rescue me from your hand.

Guerrero

Woe is me, O Lord, for I have sinned exceedingly in my life.
What will I, wretched, do?
Where will I seek refuge?
Only with thee, my God.
Have pity on me until thou comest on the Last Day.

Victoria

(See plainchant text on previous page)

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. (each section sung three times)

Rest eternal grant them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine on them. The just shall be in everlasting remembrance He will not be afraid of any evil tidings..

O Lord Jesus Christ, King of glory, deliver the souls of all who died in faith from the pains of hell and from the deep pit.
Deliver them from the lion's mouth, lest hell swallow them, lest they fall into darkness; but let Saint Michael, the leader of hosts, bring them forth into Thy holy light.

Thou didst promise of old to Abraham and to his seed. Sacrifices and prayers of praise we offer unto Thee, Lord. Receive them for the sake of those we commemorate today. Grant them, Lord, from death to pass into life.

Sanctus

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Domine Deus Sabaoth; pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis.

Agnus Dei

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona eis requiem, Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona eis requiem, Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona eis requiem sempiternam.

Communion

Lux æterna lu ceat eis, Domine, cum sanctis tuis in æternum, quia pius es.

Requiem æternam dona eis, Domine; et lux perpetua lu œat eis.

Respond

Libera me, Domine, de morte aeterna in die illa tremenda: quando coeli movendi sunt et terra, dum veneris judicare saeculum per ignem.

Tremens factus sum ego, et timeo, dum discussio venerit, atque ventura ira. Quando coeli movendi sunt et terra.

Dies illa, dies irae, calamitatis et miseriae, Dies magna et amara valde. Dum veneris judicare saeculum per ignem.

Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine: et lux perpetua lu ceat eis. Libera me, Domine, de morte aeterna... Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

Versa est in luctum

Versa est in luctum cithara mea, et organum meum in vocem flentium. Parce mihi Domine nihil enim sunt dies mei.

In Paradisum

In paradisum deducant te Angeli; in tuo adventu sus apiant te martyres, et perducant te in civitatem sanctam Ierusalem. Chorus angelorum te sus apiat, et cum Lazaro quondam paupere æternam habeas requiem. Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts; Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, grant them rest
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Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, grant them rest eternal.

May everlasting light shine upon them, O Lord, with thy saints in eternity, for thou art merciful.

Grant them eternal rest, O Lord, and may everlasting light shine upon them.

Deliver me, O Lord, from everlasting death on that fearful day: when the heavens and the earth will be shaken, and you will come to judge the world by fire.

I am seized with fear and am trembling at the judgment and wrath that is to come. When the heavens and the earth will be shaken.

That day will be a day of wrath, of misery and ruin, a day of grandeur and great horror.

And you will come to judge the world by fire.

Grant them eternal rest, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. Deliver me, O Lord, from everlasting death... Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Victoria

My harp is turned to mourning and my organ into the voice of those that weep. Spare me, O Lord, for my days are nothing.

Plainchant

May angels lead you into Paradise; may the martyrs receive you at your coming and lead you to the holy city of Jerusalem. May a choir of angels receive you, and with Lazarus, who once was poor, may you have eternal rest

Musica Spei (Music of Hope) was formed in the summer of 1995 by a group of local singers who wanted the opportunity to explore the vast but largely unperformed repertoire of sacred, unaccompanied choral masterworks of the 15th, 16th and early 17th centuries, and to share these riches with a larger audience. Many years, numerous performances and many enthusiastic audiences later, the ensemble continues to bring mostly unknown and forgotten choral works of great beauty to audiences throughout central and western New York. Musica Spei has twice been included in the "Best of Rochester" listings in City Newspaper. In 2001 it organized the first Rochester Early Music Festival, which brought together many of Rochester's early music groups for a three day period of concerts and lectures. Musica Spei also offers Renaissance Summer Sings for members of the community who enjoy singing this repertoire and sharing this joy with other singers. With a repertoire of well over 100 masses, motets and chants from both Western and Eastern traditions, the group occasionally performs music that is much earlier or later in origin. Musica Spei is unique for a Renaissance choral ensemble in that it performs without a conductor and (in the spirit of a jazz or chamber music ensemble) develops its interpretations in a collaborative fashion based on communication and interaction among the performers. For more information or to be added to our mailing list, email info@musicaspei.org, phone 585-442-4681, or visit our website at www.music aspei.org.