

H A N D E L ' S
Messiah

Performances of Handel's Messiah Parts II & III
Good Friday 29 March 2024
Information for Choristers

Performance details

3.00pm-5.00pm – performance of Parts II and III, with an interval.

Venue again is Epping Baptist Church, Cnr Ray & Carlingford Rds, Epping. Parking is available on the street in Ray Rd or at the Coles car park in Rawson St (100 metres from the church, 2hr limit during the day). Alternatively, the church is 5 minutes' walk from Epping Station.

Conductor: Steve Bartlett
Organist: Heather Moen-Boyd
Four professional soloists
Symphonia Jubilate Orchestra

As in prior years, choristers can participate in Good Friday Messiah in two ways.

1. Those who feel able to learn only some of the choruses can choose to be part of just the *Full Choir*. OR
2. Those who would like to sing all of the choruses are encouraged to be part of the *Core Choir*.

Practice Schedule:

Practices will be held at Epping Baptist Church on the dates below. *Everyone comes to the "Full Choir" rehearsals.* Those who want to sing *all* of the choruses also come to the two "Core choir" rehearsals.

Choir rehearsals will be at Epping Baptist Church on the following dates:

Thursday 22 February, 7.45pm-9.30pm (Full - everyone)
Thursday 29 February, 7.45pm-9.30pm (Full - everyone)
Sunday 3 March, 2pm-3.45pm (Core choir only)
Sunday 10 March, 2pm-3.45pm (Full – everyone)
Thursday 14 March, 7.45pm-9.30pm (Core choir only)
Thursday 21 March, 7.45pm-9.30pm (Full – everyone)
Saturday 23 March, 2pm-5pm final rehearsal – Full choir with orchestra & soloists
Good Friday 29 March, 1.30pm, with performance at 3pm

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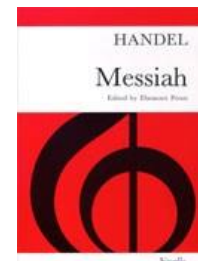
Chorus List

The choruses we will be singing are:

Chorus	Who
And the Glory of the Lord	Full choir
His yoke is easy	Full choir
Behold the Lamb of God	Full choir
Surely He hath borne our griefs	Full choir
And with his stripes	Core choir
All we like sheep	Core choir
He trusted in God	Full choir
The Lord gave the Word	Full Choir
Their sound is gone out	Core choir
Let us break their bonds asunder	Core choir
Hallelujah	Full choir
Since by man came death	Full choir
But thanks be to God	Core choir
Worthy is the Lamb & Amen Choruses	Full choir

Score

Each chorister will need to have their own score (Prout edition preferred). If you need to purchase one, the cover of the current published version looks like this:



Alternatively you can download a pdf public domain copy from the IMSLP website. Here's how:

1. Click on this link:
[http://imslp.org/wiki/Messiah, HWV 56 \(Handel, George Frideric\)](http://imslp.org/wiki/Messiah,_HWV_56_(Handel,_George_Frideric)).
2. Scroll down the page quite a way to the section headed "Sheet Music"
3. Click on the *Vocal Scores* tab at the top of this section
4. Scroll down to the *Complete Score, Arranger: Ebenezer Prout, Piano Reduction* version (IMSLP number #162689).
5. Click on the down arrow in this section to download. The file is 17mb.

There will also be a limited number of this public domain copy available in printed form (spiral bound, black cardboard cover) for sale at the first couple of rehearsals.

Please ensure that for the performance your score has a black cover of some form on it.

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Pre-preparation

If you are not familiar with the choruses, we ask that you begin to familiarise yourself with your part prior to practices commencing. You can find recordings on YouTube and also part rehearsal tracks, for example at the youtube channel Chord Perfect.

Please Register!

It would be a great help if you let us know that you are able to participate. Please give us your details, so we can stay in touch as the time draws closer. This also helps us gain a picture of what the choir will look like. There is no cost to be part of the choir (except your time and your voice!).

To register, please click on this [link](#)

The online form will ask you:

- The part you sing (Soprano, Alto, Tenor or Bass). Sopranos – if you are able to let us know whether you are 1st or 2nd Soprano, please do. If you do not yet know, that's OK.
- Whether you expect to be in the core choir (singing all the choruses), or singing the main choruses only. You are free change this later if you want to; it just gives us an initial idea.
- Your phone and email contact details.

Our website www.goodfridaymessiah.com and facebook page www.facebook.com/goodfridaymessiah is active and further details will be added over time.

If you have questions or enquiries, please contact us at goodfridaymessiah@gmail.com.

Thanks for your interest in being part of this; we look forward to singing with you!



Steve Bartlett
Conductor