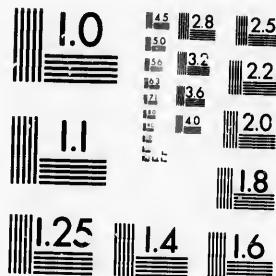
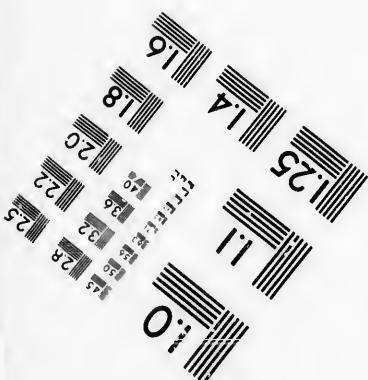
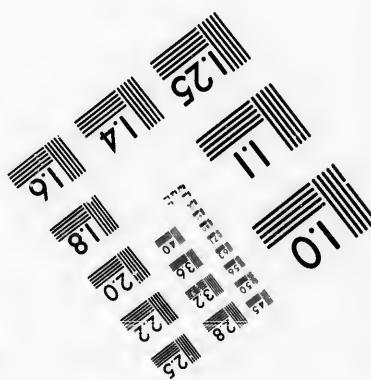


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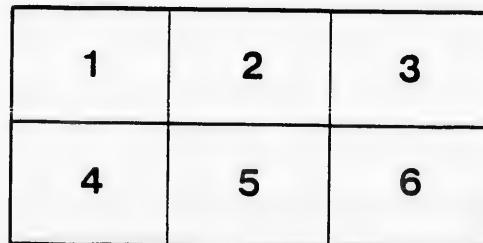
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MR. J. H. MCKINLEY, Tenor,  
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# THE REDEMPTION.

## ... The Prologue ...

(a) The Creation. An instrumental introduction, descriptive of Chaos.

(b) Creation of Man. His Temptation and Fall. A Divine Mediator necessary.

(c) Promise of the Redeemer. Annunciation of the Mystery of the Incarnation to the Holy Virgin.

## PART I . . .

### "CALVARY."

#### I

*Recitatives.* Condemnation and sentence of Jesus. Insults and outrages. Answer of Jesus.

An instrumental march, representing the brutality of the pagan force dragging Jesus to execution.

#### II. THE CRUCIFIXION.

*Recitatives.* Jesus arrives at the summit of Calvary. He is stretched upon the Cross:—His hands and feet are pierced by nails. The crowd insults and blasphemers Him. *Chorus.*—Mocking by the Priests. *Chorus.*—Prayer of Jesus: "Pardon their sin, My Father."

#### III. MARY AT THE FOOT OF THE CROSS.

*Recitatives.* Jesus says to His Mother, concerning St. John, "Woman, behold thy son!" and to St. John, concerning the Virgin Mary, "Behold thy Mother!"

#### IV. THE TWO THIEVES.

*Recitatives.* Taunts of the impenitent thief. Humility and resignation of the penitent thief. Jesus promises him Paradise as the recompense of his faith. *Choral.*—"Lord Jesus, Thou to all bringest light and salvation."

## V. THE DEATH OF JESUS.

*Recitative.* The darkness. *Organ alone.*—The last agonies of Jesus. His death.—The earthquake. *Recitatives and Organ.*

## VI. THE CENTURION.

*Recitative.* The Centurion confesses the Divinity of Jesus. *Choral.*—The Church. Apostrophe to Death, conquered by the death of Jesus. Adoration of the Cross.

# PART II.

## "FROM THE RESURRECTION TO THE ASCENSION."

### I.

*Mystic Chorus.* The Doctrine of the Resurrection. Trumpets above: Chorus and Organ. Christ is raised. Solo for horn and orchestra during the trumpet-calls from above. Choir and organ combined with the continuous trumpet-calls.

## II. THE HOLY WOMEN AT THE SEPULCHRE.

*Recitative.*—*Organ alone.*—*Recitative.* Conversation of the Holy Women on their way. *Recitative.* An Angel appears to them: he announces to them the resurrection of Jesus.

## III. JESUS APPEARING TO THE HOLY WOMEN.

*Organ alone.* The Holy Women, filled with both agitation and joy, set out again on their way, according to the command of the Angel, to announce to the Disciples, who have taken refuge in Galilee, the Resurrection of Jesus.

## IV. THE SANHEDRIM.

*Recitative.* Meanwhile, they that guarded the sepulchre, coming to themselves, find the tomb empty. They run in haste to the Sanhedrim (Council of the Synagogue). *Chorus*—Christ is risen again.

"Now behold ye the guard, this your sleep-vanquished guard!"—  
"For ages on your head shall contempt be outpoured."

## V. THE HOLY WOMEN BEFORE THE APOSTLES.

*Recitatives.* The Holy Women hasten to announce that they have seen Jesus. *Trio.*—Incredulity of the Apostles. *Chorus.*—"Blessed are they that believe." *Soprano Solo and Chorus.*

## VI. JESUS APPEARING TO THE APOSTLES.

### THE ASCENSION.

*Recitatives.* (Eighth occurrence of the typical melody). Jesus gives the Apostles their mission. The orchestra takes up again the harmonic progression which accompanied the words of the Angel to the Holy Women at the sepulchre.

In the presence of the Apostles, Jesus ascends into heaven.

*Finale.* Unfold ye portals by celestial and terrestrial choirs.

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## PART III.

### "THE PENTECOST."

#### I.

An instrumental prelude, descriptive of the dawn of this age of bliss.

Chorus—Lovely appear.

Soprano solo, celebrating the blessings of peace.

Repetition of the Chorus—Lovely appear.

### II. THE DESCENT OF THE HOLY GHOST.

*Recitative.* The Apostles, in prayer, are awaiting, in the upper chamber, the fulfilment of the Divine promises.

*Organ alone.* The prayer of the Apostles.

*Recitative.* Suddenly a sound as of a tempest fills the place where they are assembled. Tongues like as of fire descend upon the Apostles.

*Recitatives.* A voice from Heaven proclaims to the Apostles that they may now go forth to the conquest of the world.

### III. HYMN OF THE APOSTLES.

*Final Coda.* Glorification of the Most Holy Trinity throughout all ages.

THE END.

The audience are requested to join us in singing "God Save the Queen."

