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# L'enfance du Christ by Hector Berlioz

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### **Dear Friends**

Welcome to Pimlott Foundation's special Christmas concert. We are delighted to return to St. Peter's Church, which offers an atmospheric setting for Berlioz' Oratorio.

This performance brings together the Pimlott Foundation Choir, comprising of local choral societies, Family Choir members and keen singers, who have been inspired and rehearsed by Chris Borrett, alongside professional soloists, and the London based Janus Ensemble, conducted by Michael Coleby.

We hope you will enjoy Berlioz' evocative music, which expresses so well, the feelings of the Biblical characters. L'enfance du Christ paints a vivid picture of the Holy Family's flight from their home- an experience still so painfully present in the world we live in today.

The Pimlott Foundation Team

**Hector Berlioz** 

### L'enfance du Christ

The Childhood of Christ

#### A Sacred Trilogy

Part 1, Herod's Dream

Part 2, The Flight into Egypt

Part 3, The Arrival at Sais

There will a short interval at the end of Part 1.

Mulled wine and mince pies will be served at the back of the church.



### **Translation**

#### PREMIÈRE PARTIE: Le Songe d'Hérode

LE RÉCITANT

Dans la crèche, en ce temps, Jésus venait de

Mais nul prodige encor ne l'avait fait connaître;

Et déjà les puissants tremblaient, Déjà les faibles espéraient.

Tous attendaient. ..

Or apprenez, chrétiens, quel crime

épouvantable

Au roi des Juifs alors suggéra la terreur, Et le céleste avis que, dans leur humble

Aux parents de Jésus envoya le Seigneur.

#### SCÈNE 1

Une rue de Jérusalem. Un corps de garde. Soldats romains faisant une ronde de nuit.

#### MARCHE NOCTURNE

**UN CENTURION** 

Qui vient?

POLYDORUS le commandant de la patrouille

Rome!

**CENTURION** Avancez!

**POLYDORUS** 

Halte!

**CENTURION** Polydorus!

Je te croyais déjà, soldat, aux bords du Tibre!

**POLYDORUS** 

J'y serais en effet si Gallus, Notre illustre préteur, m'eut enfin laissé libre; Mais il m'a sans raison Imposé pour prison Cette triste cité pour y voir ses folies Et d'un roitelet juif garder les insomnies.

CENTURION Que fait Hérode?

**POLYDORUS** 

Il rëve, il tremble, Il voit partout des traîtres, il assemble Son conseil chaque jour;

Et du soir au matin Il faut sur lui veiller:

Il nous obsède enfin.

**CENTURION** Ridicule tyran! Mais va, poursuis ta ronde.

**NARRATOR** 

In the manger was born a child whose name was Jesus.

No warning of his birth was given to the people; Yet alarm filled the hearts of kings,

While it gave hope to the oppressed,

New hope at last. ....

PART I: Herod's Dream

Now hear the story told that cheers the hearts of Christians:

King Herod's dreadful deed, children put to the sword.

And how the Son of God was led away from danger By his parents' humble faith in the word of the Lord.

#### SCENE 1

A street in Jerusalem. A Roman guard on night patrol.

**NIGHT MARCH** 

**CENTURION** Who's there?

POLYDORUS, the patrol commander A Roman.

**CENTURION** Forward march!

**POLYDORUS** Halt there!

**CENTURION** Polydorus!

You'd been sent back to Rome, I thought; but here you are still.

**POLYDORUS** 

I'd have gone if I could, but then Gallus, Our illustrious commander, decided to keep me Here in this dismal place

Where corruption and greed

Drive a mad Jewish king to behave like a tyrant. At night he is sleepless, a prey to superstition.

**CENTURION** 

What can you tell me?

**POLYDORUS** 

He's nervous and fearful,

He thinks he's at the mercy of innumerable Traitors and spies. His council meets every day. This is our weary task;

we watch him night and day.

**CENTURION** 

What a madman he is! But go. You're still on duty. **POLYDORUS** 

Il le faut bien. Adieu. Jupiter le confonde!

La patrouille se remet en marche et s'éloigne.

SCENE 2

Intérieur du palais d'Hérode

AIR D'HÉRODE

**HÉRODE** 

Toujours ce rève! encor cet enfant Qui doit me détrôner. Et ne savoir que croire De ce présage menaçant Pour ma vie et ma gloire!

Ô misère des rois!
Régner et ne pas vivre!
A tous donner des lois,
Et désirer de suivre
Le chevrier au fond des bois!
Ô nuit profonde
Qui tient le monde
Dans le repos plongé,
A mon sein ravagé
Donne la paix une heure,
Et que ton voile emeure
Mon front d'ennuis chargé! ...

O misère des rois, etc.

Effort stérile!
Le sommeil fuit;
Et ma plainte inutile
Ne hâte point ton cours, interminable nuit.

SCÈNE 3

POLYDORUS Seigneur!

HÉRODE

Làches, tremblez! Je sais tenir encore Une épée...

POLYDORUS Arrétez!

HÉRODE (le reconnaissant) Ah! c'est toi, Polydore! Que viens-tu m'annoncer?

**POLYDORUS** 

Seigneur, les devins juifs Viennent de s'assembler Par vos ordres.

HÉRODE Enfin!

POLYDORUS Ils sont là. **POLYDORUS** 

Indeed I am. Farewell. We must pray for his downfall.

The patrol resumes its march and leaves.

SCENE 2

Inside Herod's palace.

HEROD'S AIR

**HEROD** 

Again that nightmare! Again I see that child Whose coming seals my fate, Who's destined to dethrone me. Is there no end to my despair? Can a child overthrow me?

Who would envy a king,
Who rules but has no freedom?
A king makes laws for all,
Yet would he not be happier
Hunting the deer as evening falls?
O night so tender,
Let me surrender
To your serene repose!
Spare me my endless woes,
Give me some hope of slumber,
So 'mid the pain of numberless
Cares my eyes may close.
Will the night ease my woes?

Who would envy a king, etc.

My will is failing! Powerless to fight, Vain is my endless wailing, No sooner pass the hours, O never-ending night!

SCENE 3

POLYDORUS My lord!

**HEROD** 

Stand back! Away! I still know how to handle A sword. ...

POLYDORUS Stay your hand!

HEROD (recognizing him) Ah, it's you, Polydorus! D'you have something to say?

POLYDORUS My lord, the Jewish soothsayers have come As you ordered.

HEROD Very well.

POLYDORUS They are here.

#### HÉRODE

Qu'ils paraissent!

#### SCÈNE 4

#### CHŒUR DE DEVINS

Les sages de Judée, Ô roi, te reconnaissent

Pour un prince savant et génêreux;

Ils te sont devoués.

Parle, qu'attends-tu d'eux?

#### HÉRODE

Qu'ils veuillent m'éclairer, Est-il quelque remède Au souci dévorant

Qui dès longtemps m'obsède?

#### **DFVINS**

Quel est-il?

#### HÉRODE

Chaque nuit,

Le méme songe m'épouvante; Toujours une voix grave et lente

Me répète ces mots: «Ton heureux temps

s'enfuit!

Un efant vient de naître Qui fera disparaître Ton trône et ton pouvoir.» Puis-je de vous savoir

Si cette terreur qui m'accable

Est fondée,

Et comment ce danger redoutable

Peut être détourné?

#### **DEVINS**

Les esprits le sauront, Et par nous consultés Bientôt ils répondront.

Les devins font des évolutions cabalistiques et procèdent à la conjuration.

#### **DEVINS**

La voix dit vrai, seigneur. Un enfant vient de naître Qui fera disparaître Ton trône et ton pouvoir. Mais nul ne peut savoir Ni son nom, ni sa race.

#### HÉRODE

Que faut-il que je fasse?

#### **DEVINS**

Tu tomberas, à moins que l'on ne satisfasse Les noirs esprits, et si, pour conjurer le sort, Des enfants nouveaux-nés tu n'ordonnes la mort.

#### HÉRODE

Eh bien! par le fer qu'ils périssent! Je ne puis hésiter. Que dans Jérusalem,

#### HEROD

Bring them in then.

#### SCENE 4

#### **SOOTHSAYERS**

The wise men of Judea, O king, make their obeisance To their master and lord, their mighty king. You have but to command; Tell us, what may we do?

#### **HEROD**

Here's what I need to know: Can anything be done To dispel the alarm That never ceases to plague me?

#### SOOTHSAYERS

Tell us more.

#### **HEROD**

Every night

I have the same appalling nightmare, I hear the same portentous warning In the same solemn voice: "Your rule is at an

end!

For a child only just born Will destroy your great empire, Your kingdom and your throne." So what I need to know Is whether my constant alarm

Is well founded.

I must know how to conquer this danger.

So tell me what to do.

#### **SOOTHSAYERS**

We will call on the gods, They will know what this means, And soon they will reply.

The soothsayers perform their cabalistic movements and proceed to the incantation.

#### SOOTHSAYERS

The dream is true, O king. For a child only just born Will destroy your great empire, Your kingdom and your throne. But who he is and where he is from No one can tell you.

Then what do you advise me?

#### SOOTHSAYERS

Your fate is sealed unless you act on what the gods of Darkness demand. You must find every newborn child; Not one child must be spared, every one must be killed.

They will! By the sword may they perish! Give the order at once. Go out to every town, To Nazareth, to Bethlehem;

A Nazareth, à Bethléem,
Sur tous les nouveaux-nés
Mes coups s'appesantissent!
Malgré les cris, malgré les pleurs
De tant de mères éperdues,
Des rivières de sang vont être répandues.
Je serai sourd à ces douleurs.
La beauté, la grâce, ni l'âge
Ne feront faiblir mon courage:
Il faut un terme à mes terreurs!

**DEVINS** 

Oui! oui! par le fer qu'ils périssent!
N'hésite pas.
Que dans Jérusalem,
A Nazareth, à Bethléem,
Sur tous les nouveaux-nés
Tes coups s'appesantissent!
Oui, malgré les cris, malgré les pleurs
De tant de mères éperdues,
Les rivières de sang qui seront répandues,
Demeure sourd à ces douleurs!
Que rien n'ébranle ton courage!
Et vous, pour attiser sa rage,
Esprits, redoublez ses terreurs!

#### SCÈNE 5

#### **MARIE**

O mon cher fils, donne cette herbe tendre A ces agneaux qui vers toi vont bêlant; Ils sont si doux! laisse, laisse-les prendre. Ne les fais pas languir, ô mon enfant.

MARIE, JOSEPH

Répands encor ces fleurs sur leur litière. Ils sont heureux de tes dons, cher enfant; Vois leur gaieté, vois leurs jeux, vois leur mère Tourner vers toi son regard caressant.

**MARIE** 

Oh! sois béni, mon cher et tendre enfant!

**JOSEPH** 

Oh! sois béni, divin enfant!

SCÈNE 6

CHŒUR D'ANGES INVISIBLES Joseph! Marie! Ecoutez-nous.

MARIE, JOSEPH Esprits de vie, Est-ce bien vous?

**ANGES** 

Il faut sauver ton fils Qu'un grand péril menace, Marie.

**MARIE** 

O ciel, mon fils!

**ANGES** 

Oui, vous devez partir Et de vos pas bien dérober la trace; No infant shall be spared,
No child escape the slaughter.
Let mothers wail, let fathers cry,
There'll be no mercy, no compassion.
Blood will flow. No one can sway my
determination.
All newborn babes are doomed to die.
Grace and beauty will not affect me,
No appeal for mercy will deflect me.
That cursed dream will I defy!

**SOOTHSAYERS** 

Yes, yes! By the sword may they perish!
Put them to death! Go out to every town,
To Nazareth, to Bethlehem;
No infant shall be spared,
No child escape the slaughter. Let mothers
wail, let fathers cry, There'll be no mercy, no
compassion. There'll be rivers of blood in an
orgy of slaughter. Let not a single one escape!
No weeping mother will affect you.
May all the powers enflame your murderous
passion! If you falter, the nightmares and dreams
will return!

#### SCENE 5

**MARY** 

O dearest child, see the kindness of nature! These gentle lambs show affection by bleating; They are so mild! Let them feed from your fingers, See that they are contented, O dearest child.

MARY, JOSEPH (together)

Lay out a bed of flowers around where they are resting. They take your gift with delight, dearest child. Watch them at play, see their games, skipping with joy! Now their mother reveals her love and devotion to you.

**MARY** 

O may your sleep be blest, my child!

**JOSEPH** 

O may your sleep be blest, my child!

SCENE 6

ANGELS Joseph! Mary! We call to you!

**MARY** 

O heavenly spirits! We hear your voice.

**ANGELS** 

O Mary, save your son. The holy child is in mortal danger.

MARY O begy cool My

O heaven! My son!

ANGELS

Yes, you must go at once, And leave no trace, so no one will pursue you; Dès ce soir au désert vers l'Egypte il faut fuir.

MARIE, JOSEPH

A vos ordres soumis, purs esprits de lumière, Avec Jésus au désert nous fuirons. Mais accordez à notre humble prière La prudence, la force, et nous le sauverons.

**ANGES** 

La puissance céleste Saura de vos pas écarter Toute rencontre funeste.

MARIE, JOSEPH En hâte, allons tout préparer.

ANGES Hosanna! Hosanna!

DEUXIÈME PARTIE: La Fuite en Egypte

**OUVERTURE** 

Les bergers se rassemblent devant l'ètable de Bethléem.

### ADIEUX DES BERGERS A LA SAINTE FAMILLE

CHŒUR DES BERGERS
Il s'en va loin de la terre
Où dans l'étable il vit le jour.
De son père et de sa mère
Qu'il reste le constant amour!
Qu'il grandisse, qu'il prospere
Et qu'il soit bon père à son tour.

Oncques si, chez l'idolâtre Il vient à sentir le malheur, Fuyant la terre marâtre, Chez nous qu'il revienne au bonheur. Que la pauvreté du pâtre Reste toujours chère à son cœur.

Cher enfant, Dieu te bénisse!
Dieu vous bénisse, heureux époux!
Que jamais de l'injustice
Vous ne puissiez sentir les coups.
Qu'un bon ange vous avertisse
Des dangers planant sur vous!

#### LE REPOS DE LA SAINTE FAMILLE

LE RÉCITANT

Les pélerins étant venus En un lieu de belle apparence, Où se trouvaient arbres touffus Et de l'eau pure en abondance Saint Joseph dit: «Arrêtez-vous Près de cette claire fontaine. Après si longue peine Reposons-nous.»

L'enfant Jésus dormait.
Pour lors Sainte Marie,
Arrêtant l'âne, répondit:
«Voyez ce beau tapis d'herbe douce et fleurie,

Journey over the desert, leave for Egypt tonight!

MARY AND JOSEPH

Your command we obey, heaven-sent angel voices. We will take flight into Egypt at once. First hear our prayer, we humbly beseech you, Give us wisdom and courage. Thus may Jesus be saved.

**ANGELS** 

The dominion of heaven Will guide you and keep you from harm. mischance will befall you.

MARY AND JOSEPH So now let us hasten to go. We must not delay, we must hasten to go.

ANGELS Hosanna! Hosanna!

PART II: The Flight into Egypt

**OVERTURE** 

The shepherds gather at the stable in Bethlehem.

#### THE SHEPHERDS' FAREWELL TO THE HOLY FAMILY

CHORUS OF SHEPHERDS
Hasten now to leave the manger
Wherein your holy child was born.
May you soon be free from danger,
Escaping to a brighter dawn.
There find shelter with a stranger,
There be free from hatred and scorn!

When you heard the angels' warning, You turned to God to lend his aid. In the hope of soon returning You trusted in God's mercy and prayed. Now the child will grow in learning From his father his humble trade.

God be with you as you travel
To seek a land where you are free!
Friends and neighbours there will marvel
How he alone our pain can see.
May his mercy keep you from evil,
So may all things ever be!

#### THE REPOSE OF THE HOLY FAMILY

**NARRATOR** 

Lonely and painful was the road
Till the travellers rested in a shady place
Where leafy trees and bushes stood
And where the water flowed in abundance.
Then said Joseph: "Here let us stay.
Here the spring will cool and restore us.
Our journey has been long,
Repose will end our day."

The baby Jesus slept...
His mother, holy Mary,
Halted their poor donkey and said:
"See there the flowering meadow, green and plenteously blooming,

Le Seigneur pour mon fils au désert l'étendit.»

Puis s'étant assis sous l'ombrage De trois palmiers au vert feuillage, L'âne paissant, L'enfant dormant, Les sacrés voyageurs quelque temps sommeillèrent

Bercés par des songes heureux, Et les anges du ciel, à genoux autour d'eux, Le divin enfant adorèrent.

CHŒUR D'ANGES Alleluia! Alleluia!

TROISIÈME PARTIE: L'Arrivée à Saïs

#### LE RÉCITANT

Depuis trois jours, malgré l'ardeur du vent, Ils cheminaient dans le sable mouvant. Le pauvre serviteur de la famille sainte, L'âne, dans le désert était déjâ tombé; Et, bien avant de voir d'une cité l'enceinte, De fatigue et de soif son maître eût succombé Sans le secours de Dieu. Seule Sainte Marie Marchait calme et sereine, et de son doux enfant La blonde chevelure et la tête bénie Semblaient la ranimer sur son cœur reposant. Mais bientôt ses pas chancelèrent. ... Combien de fois les époux s'arrivèrent... Enfin pourtant, ils arrivèrent A Saïs, haletants, Et presque mourants.

Et presque mourants. C'était une cité dès longtemps réunie A l'empire romain, Pleine de gens cruels, au visage hauta

Pleine de gens cruels, au visage hautain. Oyez combien dura la navrante agonie Des pèlerins cherchant un asile et du pain.

#### SCÈNE 1

L'intérieur de la ville de Saïs

#### DUO

**MARIE** 

Dans cette ville immense
Où le peuple en foule s'élance,
Quelle rumeur!
Joseph! J'ai peur! ...
Je n'en puis plus... las!... Je suis morte...
Allez frapper à cette porte.

#### **JOSEPH**

Ouvrez, ouvrez, secourez-nous! Laissez-nous reposer chez vous! Que l'hospitalité sainte soit accordée A la mère, a l'enfant. Hélas! de la Judée Nous arrivons à pied.

CHŒUR DE ROMAINS Arrière, vils Hébreux! Les gens de Rome n'ont que faire De vagabonds et de léprèux! See the Lord's wondrous work, fields and meadows

outspread."

There the Holy Family rested.

On fresh green grass the donkey feasted.

Cooled by the shade The baby slept,

While his parents at last closed their eyes; they were weary. Lulled gently by heavenly dreams. And the angels of heaven gathered round on their knees.

Praising God, they worshipped the holy child.

CHORUS Alleluia! Alleluia!

PART III: The Arrival at Saïs

#### **NARRATOR**

For three long days they drove against the wind; The going was hard across the shifting sand. The wretched beast that carried all their scant possessions, Failing fast, its body spent, fell lifeless to the ground. Even his master flagged from hunger and exhaustion; Were it not for the Lord protecting him in need He surely would have died. Only Mary pressed onward, Serene, calm and determined, inspired to carry on By gazing at the godlike repose of her baby.

His fair beauty gave courage and strength to her heart. Soon her pace too began to falter Their journey seemed to bring no hope of shelter. But then at last they came to a city Named Saïs. They were weak and near to death. The city for some years had been ruled by the Romans And bound by their laws. Fierce were the men who lived under oath to that cause. Now hear how piteous was the distress of the travellers As they approached the town and sought shelter and food.

#### SCENE I

Within the city of Saïs

#### DUO

**MARY** 

City in ceaseless motion, All around is endless confusion. Oh, I'm afraid! What crowds! What noise! Joseph, I'm dyingŠ O have pity! Try every door in this vast city.

JOSEPH (knocking)

Open, I pray! Open your door!
We are weak, we can do no more.
Welcome a penniless stranger, pity the mother
And comfort her child. From Judea have we
come; Painful and hard the road!

VOICES (within)
Begone! Off, loathsome Jew!
No Roman ever would consort
With beggars and lepers such as you!

**MARIE** 

Mes pieds de sang teignent la terre!

JOSEPH

Seigneur! ma femme est presque morte!

MARIE

Jésus va mourir... c'en est fait: Mon sein tari n'a plus de lait.

**JOSEPH** 

Frappons encore à cette porte.

Oh! par pitié, secourez-nous! Laissez-nous reposer chez vous! Que l'hospitalité sainte soit accordée A la mère, à l'enfant. Hélas! de la Judée Nous arrivons à pied.

CHŒUR D'ÉGYPTIENS Arrière, vils Hébreux! Les gens d'Egypte n'ont que faire De vagabonds et de lépreux!

**JOSEPH** 

Seigneur! sauvez la mère!
Marie expire ... c'en est fait ...
Et son enfant n'a plus de lait.
Votre maison, cruels, reste fermée!
Vos cœurs sont durs. Sous la ramée
De ces sycomores, l'on voit
Tout à l'écart, un humble toit...
Frappons encor...
Mais qu'â ma voix unie
Votre voix si douce, Marie,
Tente aussi de les attendrir.

**MARIE** 

Hélas! nous aurons à souffrir Partout l'insulte et l'avanie. Je vais tomber...

JOSEPH Oh! par pitié,

MARIE, JOSEPH
Oh! par pitié, secourez-nous!
Laissez-nous reposer chez vous!
Que l'hospitalité sainte soit accordée
Aux parents (à la mere), à l'enfant. Hélas! de la
Judée
Nous arrivons à pied.

SCÈNE 2

L'intérieur de la maison des Ismaélites

LE PÈRE DE FAMILLE

Entrez, entrez, pauvres Hébreux: La porte n'est jamais fermée Chez nous, aux malheureux.

Joseph et Marie entrent. Grands Dieux! Quelle détresse! Qu'autour d'eux on s'empresse! **MARY** 

See how my weary feet are bleeding!

**JOSEPH** 

Dear Lord, give her your aid, she's dying!

**MARY** 

The baby is weak; will he live? Sadly I have no milk to give.

**JOSEPH** 

Here's one more door, we must keep trying.

(knocking) Pity, I pray! Open your door!

We are weak, we can do no more.

Welcome a penniless stranger, pity the mother And comfort her child. From Judea have we come:

Painful and hard the road!

VOICES (within)

Begone! Off, loathsome Jew! Egyptians never would consort With beggars and lepers such as you!

**JOSEPH** 

O Lord! Save the poor mother!
Mary is frail, she may not live!
Truly she has no milk to give.
Your doors are firmly closed. You do reject us,
You have no heart... Beneath the branches
Of those shady palm trees I see
All on its own a humble dwelling...
I'll knock once more...
This time with me, dear Mary,
Your sweet voice will carry persuasion
And will surely urge them to hear.

**MARY** 

So must we everywhere endure Humiliation and derision? This is the end...

JOSEPH Pity, I pray!

JOSEPH AND MARY (together)
Pity, I pray! Open your door!
We are weak, we can do no more.
Welcome a penniless stranger, pity the parents
And comfort their child. From Judea have we come;

Painful and hard the road!

SCENE 2

At the threshold of his house:

**FATHER** 

Come in, here you shall stay. Our door is never closed to those In distress. Welcome, I say. Poor Jews, come in, I pray.

Joseph and Mary enter. The interior of the Ishmaelites' house Filles et fils et serviteurs Montrez la bonté de vos cœurs! Que de leurs pieds meurtris on lave les blessures! Donnez de l'eau, donnez du lait, des grappes mûres; Préparez à l'instant Une couchette pour l'enfant.

CHŒUR D'ISMAÉLITES

Que de leurs pieds meurtris on lave les blessures!
Donnez de l'eau, donnez du lait, des grappes mûres; Préparez à l'instant
Une couchette pour l'enfant.
Le jeunes Ismaélites et leurs serviteurs se dispersent dans la maison, exécutant les ordrrs divers du Pére de famille.

LE PÈRE DE FAMILLE

Sur vos traits fatigués la tristesse est empreinte;
Ayez courage, nous ferons ce que nous pourrons
Pour vous aider.
Bannissez toute crainte;
Les enfants d'Ismaël
Sont frères de ceux d'Israël.
Nous avons vu le jour au Liban, en Syrie.
Comment vous nomme-t-on?

**JOSEPH** 

Elle a pour nom Marie, Je m'appelle Joseph, et nous nommons l'enfant Jésus.

LE PÈRE DE FAMILLE Jésus! quel nom chanmant! Dites, que faites-vous pour gagner votre vie? Oui, quel est votre état?

JOSEPH Moi, io suis

Moi, je suis charpentier.

LE PÈRE DE FAMILLE
Eh bien, c'est mon métier;
Vous êtes mon compère.
Ensemble nous travaillerons,
Bien des deniers nous gagnerons.
Laissez faire.
Près de nous Jésus grandira,
Puis bientôt il vous aidera
Et la sagesse il apprendra.
Laissez, laissez faire.

**CHŒUR** 

Laissez, laissez faire. Prés de nous Jésus grandira Puis bientôt il vous aidera, Et la sagesse il apprendra.

LE PÈRE DE FAMILLE Pour bien finir cette soirée Et rejouir nos hôtes, employons La science sacrée, Le pouvoir des doux sons. Great heavens! Such sore affliction!
Give them care and attention. Come, sons and daughters, gather here, Show them they have nothing to fear.
Bind up their wounded feet, relieve their pain and wash them. Bring milk and water, bread and precious fruit to refresh them. See that the baby has a bed.

**CHORUS** 

Bind up their wounded feet, relieve their pain and wash them.
Bring milk and water, fruit and bread,
See that the baby has a bed.
The young Ishmaelites and their servants scatter round the house, carrying out the father's various orders.

**FATHER** 

Those sad features betray signs of bitter misfortune.
But we will help you. We will do all we can To heal your troubled spirits.
There is nothing to fear here;
We are children of Ishmael,
So we are kinsmen to you.
We too have travelled far from our birthplace in Syria. So tell me, what are your names?

**JOSEPH** 

The mother's name is Mary, And my own name is Joseph. We call the child Jesus.

**FATHER** 

Jesus! A charming name! Tell me, I need to ask you, what is your profession? Yes, what trade do you do?

JOSEPH Carpentry is my trade.

**FATHER** 

That's my profession too!
So you and I are partners.
We'll work together side by side,
Care for our families with pride
And devotion.
Here will Jesus prosper and grow,
You will teach him all you know,
On him the gift of truth bestow.
He will thrive among us.

**CHORUS** 

He will thrive among us. Here will Jesus prosper and grow, You will teach him all you know, On him the gift of truth bestow.

**FATHER** 

To bring this day to a conclusion
We offer entertainment for our guests,
And a small celebration.
With the beauty of sound
My children will enrapture your ears. We invite

Prenez vos instruments, mes enfants; toute peine Cède à la flùte unie à la harpe thébaine.

TRIO pour deux flûtes et harpe, executé par les jeunes Ismaélites

LE PÈRE DE FAMILLE (s'adressant à Marie) Vous pleurez, jeune mère. Douces larmes, tant mieux!

Allez dormir, bon père, Bien reposez, Mal ne songez. Plus d'alarmes; Que les charmes De l'espoir du bonheur Rentrent en votre cœur.

MARIE, JOSEPH
Adieu, merci, bon père,
Déjà ma peine amère
Semble s'enfuir,
S'évanouir.
Plus d'alarmes.
Oui, les charmes
De l'espoir du bonheur
Rentrent en notre cœur.

CHŒUR
Allez dormir, bon père,
Doux enfant, tendre mère,
Bien reposez,
Mal ne songez.
Plus d'alarmes;
Que les charmes
De l'espoir du bonheur
Rentrent en votre cœur.

#### ÉPILOGUE

LE RÉCITANT
Ce fut ainsi que par un infidèle
Fut sauvé le Sauveur.
Pendant dix ans Marie, et Joseph avec elle
Virent fleurir en lui la sublime douceur,
La tendresse infinie
A la sagesse unie.
Puis enfin de retour
Au lieu qui lui donna le jour
Il voulut accomplir le divin sacrifice
Qui racheta le genre humain
De l'éternel supplice
Et du salut lui fraya le chemin.

LE RECITANT, CHŒUR Ô mon âme, pour toi que reste-t-il à faire, Qu'à briser ton orgueil devant un tel mystère!

Ô mon cœur, emplis-toi du grave et pur amour, Qui seul peut nous ouvrir le céleste séjour.

Amen.

you, Sure that the Theban harp and flute will delight you.

Trio for two flutes and harp, performed by the young Ishmaelites

FATHER (to Mary)
I see tears, gentle Mary...
You are weeping, for joy!

So take your rest, good father, May sweet repose Bring to a close All affliction; May affection And our love play their part Bringing hope to your heart.

MARY AND JOSEPH
Accept our thanks, good father.
We'll live and work together.
Our Lord we bless,
Free from distress
And affliction.
May affection
And our love play their part
Bringing hope to our heart.

CHORUS
So take your rest, good father,
Gentle child, tender mother.
May sweet repose
Bring to a close
All affliction;
May affection
And your love play their part
Bringing hope to your heart.

#### **EPILOGUE**

NARRATOR
And thus it was that by an unbeliever
Our Saviour was saved.
Ten years resided Mary and Joseph in Egypt.
There did the holy child grow in wisdom and grace. For in him were combined
The gifts of faith and kindness.
It was safe to return At last to where the child was born. The supreme sacrifice was he destined to suffer.
For it was written that the human race
Would be delivered, And by his death be received into heaven.

#### **MYSTIC CHORUS**

O my spirit, bow low before so great a wonder! God will triumph and break the gates of hell asunder. O my heart, ever show a pure and noble love, And dwell at last in heaven with the angels above.

Amen.

#### **Michael Coleby**

#### Conductor



Michael Coleby has recently graduated from the University of Bristol with a degree in music. Formerly a cellist in the National Youth Orchestra Of Great Britain, Michael's passion for conducting flourished during his final year at Bristol University when he conducted the University Opera Society in a full scale production of Mozart's Magic Flute, under the guidance of Sir Roger Norrington.

Now based in London, Michael regularly attends orchestral rehearsals to gain knowledge whilst receiving tuition from Peter Stark and Barry Wordsworth. Furthermore, Michael is very excited about the prospect of creating a new project and committed to helping young composers whilst developing himself as a musician.

#### **Christopher Borrett**





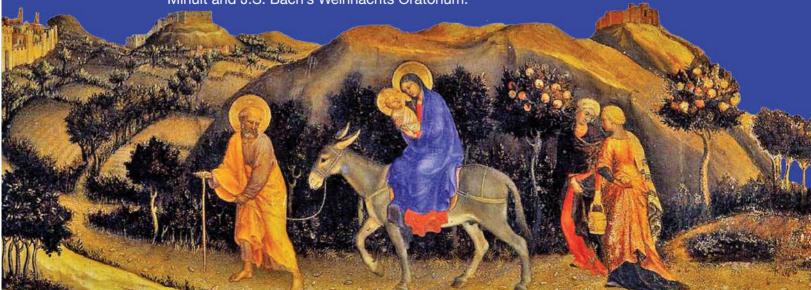
Christopher has held the post of Director of Music at St Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich from 2015. In this time the choir has appeared on BBC 1's Songs of Praise and has broadcast a service on BBC Radio Suffolk. In addition to the five services a week, the choir tours annually, has recorded and given a world premiere of Ubi caritas by the Classic FM broadcaster and composer John Brunning, and has performed regular concerts including Vivaldi's Gloria in D, with James Bowman CBE.

In addition to his post at St Mary-le-Tower, Christopher enjoys a varied musical career, singing with some of the UK's leading ensembles such as the Marian Consort and the Dunedin Consort. He is also Musical Director of the Ipswich Chamber Choir, a singing teacher at Felsted School, a published composer and a freelance bass-baritone.

Christopher began his musical education at Ampleforth College in Yorkshire, followed Tewkesbury Abbey before becoming a choral scholar at New College, Oxford. After university Christopher was appointed a Gentleman of the Chapel Royal at Hampton Court Palace as well as gaining a place on the prestigious Monteverdi Choir Apprenticeship Scheme. After a year of touring with the choir and coaching from Sir John Eliot Gardiner, he continued to sing as a full member of the ensemble, participating in concerts ranging from Beethoven's Missa Solemnis in the Carnegie Hall in New York to Mozart's Mass in C minor at the Nobel Prize Concert in Stockholm.

As a soloist Christopher has performed with the Monteverdi Choir for HRH Prince of Wales. He has also sung with Schola Cantorum of Tewkesbury Abbey, Concerto Grosso Berlin and The Mahler Chamber Orchestra amongst others.

Christopher began his association with The Pimlott Foundation in 2010. He has led singing and composition workshops in schools in Suffolk and has conducted performances of Handel's Messiah, Purcell's Hail, Bright Cecilia, Charpentier's Messe de Minuit and J.S. Bach's Weihnachts Oratorium.



#### **Dominic Sedgwick** Joseph



London-based baritone Dominic Sedgwick currently studies with Robert Dean on the prestigious Opera Course at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama.

This year he has performed the title role in Owen Wingrave for British Youth Opera's 2016 season, Duke Robert in Tchaikovsky's lolanta and Junius The Rape of Lucretia for GSMD Opera. In 2017 he will create the role of Damyan in Julian Phillips' new opera The Tale of Januarie, commissioned by GSMD/ROH, before returning to Glyndebourne to cover Harlequin in their revival production of Ariadne auf Naxos. Previous operatic roles include Scherasmin Oberon with the LSSO; Falke Die Fledermaus for Opera Danube; Papageno Die Zauberflote as a Longborough Festival Opera Young Artist; Count Almaviva Le Nozze di Figaro for Cambridge University Opera and the role of Benjamin Britten in lain Burnside's 2013 production of Journeying Boys.

Dominic is a Britten Pears Young Artist, a 2015/16 and 2016/17 Drake Calleja Scholar and a winner of the Three Choirs Felicity Lott Competition. He was selected to perform in public masterclass with Joyce Didonato for her 2015 Barbican Spotlight, and has also worked in masterclass with, amongst others, Susan Bullock, Edith Wiens, Simon Keenlyside and Ann Murray. He is very grateful to the Worshipful Companies of Grocers and Goldsmiths for their generous support. In recital, Dominic has performed with the Guildhall Song Guild, making his Barbican Hall debut in 2015, and has previously performed for the Three Choirs Festival 2015, the London Song Festival and the Cadogan Hall's 'Chelsea Sketch Club Series' amongst other venues. He was recently a finalist in the Stuart Burrows International Voice Award.

Before starting his studies at GSMD, Dominic read Theology at Clare College, Cambridge where he held a choral scholarship. Opera's production of Schoenberg's Moses und Aron with performances at the Royal Opera House. For more information visit www.helenbrucemezzo.com

### Catrin Pryce-Jones Marie



Catrin Pryce-Jones is currently studying at the Royal Academy of Music under the tutelage of Lillian Watson and Jonathan Papp. She graduated in 2014 from the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland, where she studied violin and voice.

From an early age she competed in the famous Mrs Sunderland Festival, winning many classes, and was a member of the Yorkshire Youth Choir.

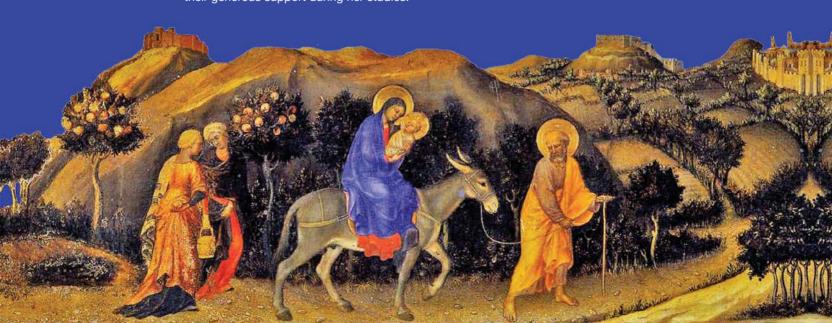
Following her studies at Chethams School of Music and Huddersfield New College, she spent four years at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland. During her time there she sang as a member of Les Sirenes, the BBC Choir of the Year 2013, and was a regular member of the professional choir of St Mungo's Cathedral in Glasgow, where she sang a solo in the BBC televised Jubilee service attended by Her Majesty the Queen.

Whilst at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland, Catrin was in demand as a soloist for both contemporary and early music, premiering many specially written contemporary compositions. As a member of the contemporary Said Ensemble, she performed in the Sound Festival, Aberdeen.

She has been a soloist with several Choral Societies including the Edinburgh Choral Union, Hutchesons' Choral Society and the Halifax Choral Society, with whom she sang Haydn's Nelson Mass, Handel's Messiah and Schubert's Mass in G.

In August 2016, Catrin performed the role of Adele in the opera 'Die Fledermaus', with the Winterbourne Opera Company, Salisbury.

Catrin is extremely grateful to the Dame Eva Turner Scholarship, Pimlott Foundation and Ian Mitchell Trust for their generous support during her studies.



#### Jerome Knox Herod



Baritone Jerome Knox was born in Harrow, Middlesex and is the inaugural recipient of the Gleneagles Scholarship as he joins the Alexander Gibson Opera School at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland studying with Scott Johnson. Previously, Jerome studied with Russell Smythe at the Royal College of Music is also a Classical studies graduate from the University of Edinburgh.

Operatic roles include the title role in Don Giovanni/Mozart (Hampstead Garden Opera), Leporello Don Giovanni (Euphonia, Rye Arts), Oreste Iphigénie en Tauride/ Gluck (Euphonia, Drayton Arms), Shaunard La boheme/ Puccini, (Magnetic Opera), Melisso Alcina/ Handel (Ryedale festival, National tour) Don Pomponio La Gazzetta/Rossini, Le Fauteuil L'enfant et les Sortilèges/Ravel and Sprecher Die Zauberflöte/Mozart (RCMIOS), Masetto Don Giovanni (Co-opera Co, London), Nick Shadow The Rake's Progress/Stravinsky, Somnus Semele/Handel, Badger and Harasta The Cunning Little Vixen/Janáček (Edinburgh Studio Opera). He also created the role of WH Auden in Journeying Boys/lain Burnside at RCM. Jerome recently made his solo debut in the Royal Albert Hall and was a soloist at the Edinburgh Jazz festival.

Solo performances include Handel's Messiah, Vaughan Williams's Five Mystical Songs, Fauré's Requiem, Duruflé's Requiem, Puccini's Messa di Gloria, Haydn's Creation, Cacilienmesse and Nelson Mass, Handel's Dixit Dominus, Bach's Johannes-Passion, Wachet auf and Weihnachtsoratorium. He has recently participated in masterclasses with Roderick Williams and Dame Anne Evans. Upcoming solo performances the role of Pallante in Handel's Agrippina at the RCS in January 2017. He also sings Handel's Messiah with the Dunedin Consort in Perth, Edinburgh, Glasgow and London in December 2016.

#### **Thomas Atkins**

#### Narrator



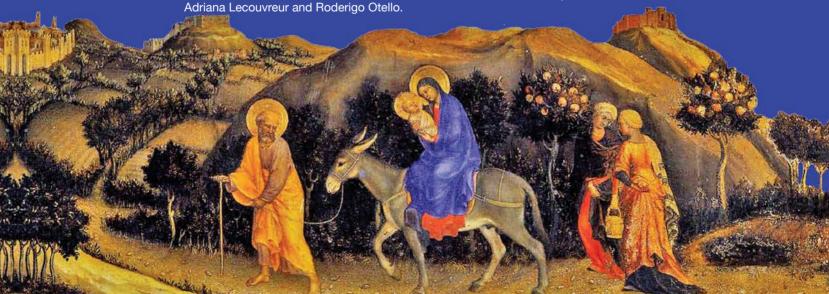
Thomas recently completed the Opera Course at the Guildhall School of Music & Drama, under the tutelage of Adrian Thompson. In 2013 he was awarded the New Zealand Arts Foundation Patronage Award. Recent concert performances include Soloist alongside Dame Kiri Te Kanawa at the 2014 Yakushiji Otobutai, Japan and Dritter Lakai in excerpts from Der Rosenkavalier with the London Symphony Orchestra conducted by Sir Mark Elder.

Thomas was a finalist in the Guildhall School of Music & Drama "Gold Medal" in 2015 and is the recipient of the Guildhall School of Music & Drama award, the Sheila Prior Prize, the Phoebe Patrick Award and the Vianden International Summer School Award, all from the 2012 IFAC Australian Singing Competition. Roles include Pastore (Cover) in Monteverdi's Orfeo (Royal Opera); Tenor Solo: Anamchara - Songs of Friendship Pippa Murphy & Alexander McCall Smith (Scottish Opera); Don Ottavio (cover) Don Giovanni (New Zealand Opera); Arlecchino (Cover) in Jonathan Dove's The Adventures of Pinocchio (Guildhall School of Music & Drama), Corrado II Corsaro (New Zealand School of Music); Ferrando Così Fan Tutte (Opera in a Days Bay Garden); Oronte Alcina (Opera in a Days Bay Garden); Borsa (cover) Rigoletto (NZO); Don José Carmen (New Zealand Choral Federation) and Lysander: A Midsummer Night's Dream (New Zealand School of Music). Concert engagements include Tippett's A Child of Our Time, Mozart's Requiem, Dubois' Seven Last Words of Christ, Vaughan Williams' Mass in G Minor, Handel's Messiah and guest appearances at Nelson's Opera in the Park.

Thomas gratefully acknowledges the financial support of the Kiri Te Kanawa Foundation. Thomas was a 2013/14 Freemasons Dame Malvina Major Emerging Artist with NZ Opera.

Recent engagements incllude Florindo in Wolf Ferrari's Le Donne Curiose and Male Chorus The Rape of Lucretia (Guildhall School of Music), Concerts with Kiri te Kanawa in Japan, Lampwick The Adventures of Pinocchio in Cambridge, Verdi Requiem at Walthamstow Town Hall (Forest Philharmonic), Pinkerton Madama Butterfly with Grimeborn Festival, Opera Galas in Budapest, Mozart Requiem in Switzerland and Rossini Stabat Mater in Milton Keynes.

Thomas joins the Jette Parker Young Artists Programme at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden for the 2016/2017 season, where his roles include Pilade Oreste, Faninal's Major Domo Der Rosenkavalier, Poisson



#### Richard Moore Polydorus / Le Pere



Bass-Baritone Richard Moore grew up in Suffolk and studied with Peter Wilson at the Royal Northern College of Music. He is a BBC Introducing Classical Artist.

Recent appearances on the opera stage include Frank Maurrant/Street Scene (RNCM Opera), Bricoleur/Louise (Buxton Festival Opera) and Mago Cristiano/Rinaldo (Longborough Festival Opera). Richard will return to Buxton in 2017 as a chorister and also to sing the role of Il Medico in Verdi's Macbeth.

Richard keeps a busy schedule as a recitalist and concert soloist across the UK. Recent performances include Rossini Petite Messe Solennelle, Vaughan Williams Songs of Travel with the Chiltern Sinfonia and MacMillan Seven Last Words from the Cross with the BBC Philharmonic Orchestra. He also maintains a close relationship with St Martin in the Fields, most recently appearing as a soloist in Handel Messiah, Vaughan Williams Fastasia on Carols, and Bach Cantata 153. He is a founder member of Dame Emma Kirkby's Dowland Works and performs with the group at venues such as Dartington Hall and Holywell Music Room, Oxford.

Richard started singing as boy chorister at St John's College Cambridge under Christopher Robinson CBE. After a degree in Music and Spanish at the University of Sussex he spent a year living in Chile and Georgia. Upon returning to the UK he held positions at Gloucester Cathedral, Chelmsford Cathedral and St Martin in the Fields before starting his post graduate studies at the RNCM. He was the winner of the President's Prize at the 2015 Bromsgrove International Young Musicians Competition, the 2nd Prize at the 2015 AESS National English Song Competition and is the winner of multiple prizes at the RNCM.

Plans include Beriloz L'enfance du Christ with the Janus Ensemble, Monteverdi Vespere de 1610, a recital in Hereford Cathedral, appearances with Dowland Works across the UK and extra chorus at Opera North and La Monnaie, Brussels.

He is very grateful for the generous support of The James Caird Trust, The D'Oyly Carte Charitable Trust, The Francis Higgins Award, The Pimlott Foundation and his Grandfather - Dr Richard Moore.

#### **Zachary Kleanthous** Centurion



Zachary is a 21 year old Tenor who studies singing with Roderick Earle. He began singing three years ago after watching his friends perform with a local choir.

In 2014, he was both Tendring Young Musician and Colchester Singer of the Year. From 2013 – 2015, Zachary held a Young Singers Award from the University of Essex Choir and in 2015 won the Ian and Mary Cook Award for the most talented young singer under 24 years old. During his time with the choir he performed Britten's War Requiem at the Royal Albert Hall with the Royal Choral Society and Bryn Terfel, to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the outbreak of the Great War.

In 2015, Zachary was a soloist with St Botolph's Music Society as part of Colchester's annual Hervey Benham Memorial Concert and also performed alongside Mark Padmore at the Roman River Festival. Zachary is a member of Colchester Chamber Choir, Psalmody and has also performed with the early music duo Pellingman's Saraband, as part of the Suffolk Villages Festival.

Zachary enjoys creating modern performing editions of early music, as an assistant to Peter Holman. Some of his editions have been performed by groups such as The Parley of Instruments and Colchester Chamber Choir and at this year's Cambridge Early Music Summer School at Jesus College, Cambridge.



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Susannah Robirosa Charlotte Scott- Barrett Marian Stephens Naomi Tamblyn

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Pippa Holme
Zachary Kleanthous
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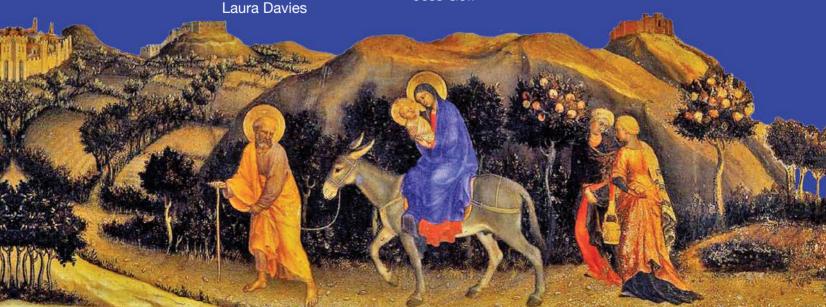
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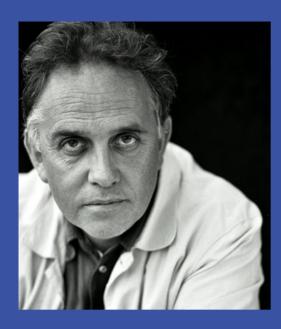
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