

Requiem

for

Solo Quartet, Mixed Chorus and Orchestra

by

Alan Gray

(1918)

Percussion



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The “renaissance” in English music is generally agreed to have started in the late Victorian period, beginning roughly in 1880. Public demand for major works in support of the annual choral festivals held throughout England at that time was considerable which led to the creation of many large scale works for orchestra with soloists and chorus.

Although a number of those works were engraved, printed and are regularly performed today, performance scores for a considerable number of compositions, both large-scale and more intimate works, are not available. These works were either never engraved or were engraved and printed but are no longer available in the publishers’ catalogues. While the existence of these works is documented in biographies of the composers, the ability to study and, most importantly, to perform these compositions is not possible.

Changes in the International copyright laws, coupled with changing musical tastes, played a pivotal role in creating this void. As a result, music publishers lost the ability to generate revenue from the sale/rental of such music. In 1964, holograph and copyist scores from both Novello and from publishers it represented were offered to the British Library and the Royal College of Music Library (see The RCM Novello Library – The Musical Times, Feb. 1983 by Jeremy Dibble).

These autograph full score manuscripts along with copies of engraved vocal scores, widely available through various online library sources, are now the only resources available for studying and performing these works. The English Heritage Music Series has been created to ensure that these compositions are preserved, are accessible for scholarly research and, most importantly, are available for performance by future generations. Its mission is to:

- Source non-engraved/out-of-print English composer compositions that are in the U.S. public domain
- Preserve these compositions through the preparation of performance scores using notation software
- Provide open Internet access to the scores to facilitate study, performance and sharing of performance material (program notes, audio, reviews, etc.)

In preparing the English Heritage Music Series editions, every effort has been made to adhere strictly to the notation contained in the manuscripts. Because of the passage of time and its effect on the condition of the manuscript, the absence of clear information often times by the composer in notating divided instruments, and with emendations in the composer and other hands resulting from use of the manuscript in performance, there were numerous circumstances which required interpretation and decisions for notes, accidentals, dynamics, articulations and tempi.

Should questions arise in the use of these editions, the composers’ autograph manuscripts and the Novello vocal scores should be consulted for clarification.

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Alan Gray (23 December 1855 – 27 September 1935) was an English organist and composer.

Born in York, Gray attended St Peter's School and initially trained as a solicitor, qualifying in 1881. But after musical studies with Edwin G Monk at York Minster he turned to music, studying as an undergraduate at Trinity College, Cambridge, where Charles Villiers Stanford came across him. From 1883 until 1893 he was Director of Music at Wellington College. Other staff members in the music department at the same time were A H Fox Strangways and Hugh Allen. In 1893 he returned to Cambridge to be organist at Trinity College, succeeding Stanford. One of his organ pupils was Ralph Vaughan Williams. He remained there until 1930. During the war Gray was badly affected, losing two of his three sons towards the end of the conflict. He died in Cambridge, aged 79.

Among his compositions are liturgical music for Morning and Evening Prayer and the Office of Holy Communion for use in the Church of England according to the Book of Common Prayer: the Magnificat and Nunc dimittis in F minor for double choir (1912); a setting of Holy Communion in G; and several anthems, including perhaps his best known piece, What are these that glow from afar (1915), words from Christina Rossetti's poem Martyrs' Song), and dedicated "To the Memory of the Brave." There is also a collection of descants to various hymn tunes.

During the war Gray composed a cycle of partsongs entitled 1914 which set three of the five poems in Rupert Brooke's collection 1914 and Other Poems; an Elegy (1915) for organ and strings (or solo organ) in memory of the composer W C Denis Browne, who had been the organ scholar at Clare College, Cambridge and who died in action in 1915. There are a number of other works for organ, for violin solo and for voice and orchestra, set to religious and secular texts.

Following the death of his youngest son, Edward in March 1918, Alan Gray composed an anthem for memorial services "Christ Will Gather in His Own", utilizing the text from hymn no. 400 in the Hymns Ancient & Modern (1896) and dedicated the composition "In Memoriam - E.J.G." The anthem first appeared in the September 1, 1918 issue of The Musical Times.

Sadly, the death of Gray's eldest son Maurice followed on August 8, 1918 and it was this tragedy which led the composer to memorialize his sons, finding solace in composing a setting of the Requiem. Beginning in August, he worked on the composition throughout the remainder of the year, completing the setting in December 1918. Gray chose English composer/conductor Howard Carr to craft a piano reduction and vocal score which was completed sometime in early 1919.

There is no record at Trinity College, the Cambridge University Library, or any publisher to suggest that this magnificent setting of the Requiem was ever engraved, published or performed. The two manuscripts, Full Score (Alan Gray) - Cambridge University Library GBR/0012/MS Add.7793/1-16/13-15/14 and Vocal Score (Howard Carr) - Cambridge University Library GBR/0012/MS Add.7793/1-16/13-15/15, used in the preparation of these performance scores, were purchased by the Cambridge University Library from G. David Bookseller (Cambridge) in March 1955 and have been held in the Library's Special Collections since that time.

Because there is no evidence that the Requiem was ever published or performed, under the copyright laws of the United Kingdom, the manuscripts are under copyright protection until 2039 and, therefore, could not be scanned/copied without permission from either the Gray Estate or surviving relation(s). The English Heritage Music Series undertook a research project to determine if there were any entities or individuals who could provide the necessary permissions. With assistance from staff at Trinity College Chapel and utilizing all available online search resources, it was determined that no such entities or individuals existed as of 2021.

The Music Series then prepared an application for an Orphan Works Licence from the UK Intellectual Property Office in the spring of 2021. The application was approved in June which provided the Cambridge University Library with the permission to proceed with the provision of copies for the creation of these performance scores (full score, vocal score and orchestra parts) now included as part of the English Heritage Music Series.



In Memoriam



Edward Jasper Gray was born 20 January 1898, the youngest son of Dr. Alan Gray, Organist of Trinity College, Cambridge.

In January 1917, Gray was gazetted to the 6th Battalion Rifle Brigade, and went to the front in June.

Edward fell in the neighbourhood of Arras on 31 March 1918, shot by a sniper, whose position he had just located. Burial site in the Fampoux British Cemetery (Pas de Calais Region, France), Grave E.1



Maurice Gray was born 11 October 1889, the second son of Dr. Alan Gray, Organist of Trinity College, Cambridge.

He left for France in June 1915 and was subsequently transferred to the Machine Guns Corps (Cavalry).

Muarice fell on 8 August 1918, at Beaucourt-en-Santerre. He was in command of a squadron engaged in an undertaking of special danger. Burial site in the Caix British Cemetery (Somme Region, France), Grave 1.1.15

I. Introitus

TACET

II. Kyrie Eleison

TACET

III. Dies Iræ

Moderato

4/4 G.C. *pp* 3 5-7

10 3 12 4 A B

33 [A Few Voices] C

Di - es ir - æ, Di - es il - la sol - vet sæ - clum in fa - vil - la, Tes - te Da - vid cum Si - by.

39 Piatti D *pp* 9 40-48 G.C. *pp*

55 E F 8 2 59-66 67-68 f

70 Piatti 2 f G 71-72 G.C. f

79 ff H I ff Soprano Chorus Lunga 6 15 81-86 87-101 Tu - ba mi - ram spar - gens so - num,

J a tempo K 14 110-123 G.C. p

127 L

129-130 *p*

135 *f* *p* *ff*

f *p* *ff* M

143 *ff*

ff

N **Adagio maestoso** O

151 *10* Solo

152-161 Quid sum mi - ser tunc di - tu - rus? Quem pa - tro - num

167 P *f*

171-173 *f*

ro - ga - tu - rus, cum vix jus - tus sit se - cur - us?

176 *5*

179-183 *tr*

Q R

9 *12*

186-194 195-206

IV. Recordare

TACET

V. Confutatis

Adagio maestoso

The musical score is written for a percussion instrument in 4/4 time. It consists of three staves of music. The first staff begins with a 2-measure rest, followed by a half note on the first line, a quarter rest, and a half note on the first line. The second staff starts with a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note on the first line, a quarter note on the second line, a quarter note on the third line, and a quarter note on the fourth line. The third staff begins with a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note on the first line, a quarter note on the second line, a quarter note on the third line, and a quarter note on the fourth line. The score includes various dynamic markings such as *ff* and *f*, and performance instructions like *rall.* and *Piatti*. Section markers A, B, C, and D are placed above the staff to indicate specific measures.

1-2 G.C. *ff*

8 **2** **A** **3** Piatti G.C. *f*

11-13


17 *tr* **B** **C** *rall.* **D** **12** **5** **10**

20-31 32-36 37-46

VI. Lacrimosa

Adagio **A** **B** **C** **D**

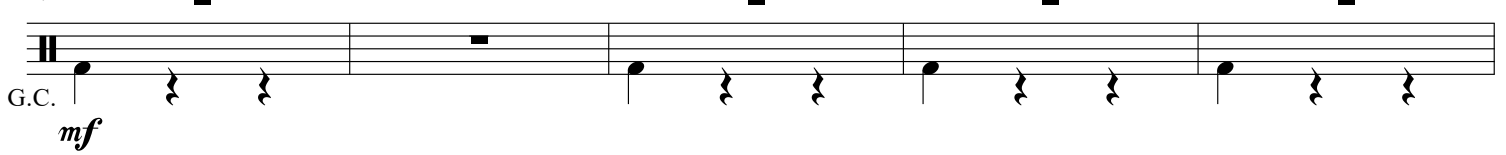
6 4 8 4 *Timpani* *tr* *tr* *tr* *tr*



27

E

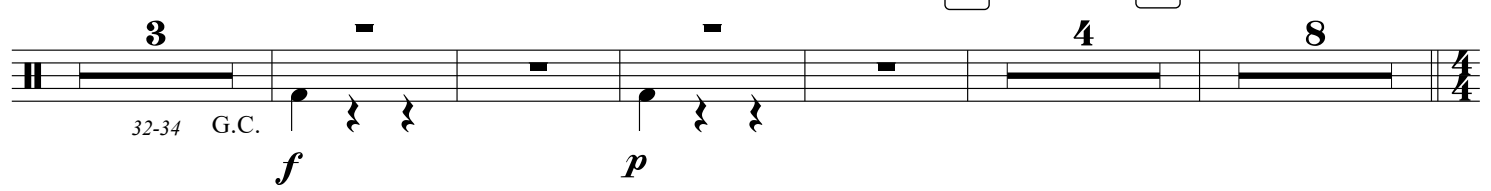
G.C. *mf*



F **G**

3 4 8

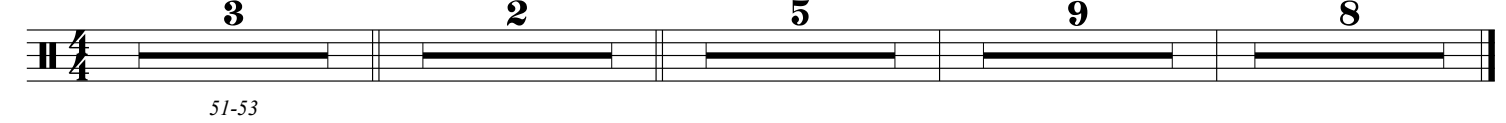
32-34 G.C. *f* *p*



H *colla voce* **I** *a tempo* **J** **K**

3 2 5 9 8

51-53



VII. Domine, Jesu Christe

Moderato

8 9 4 5

A B C

1-8 9-17 18-21 22-26

Detailed description: This block contains the first four measures of the percussion part. It is marked 'Moderato' and in 4/4 time. The measures are grouped into four sections: A (measures 1-8), B (measures 9-17), C (measures 18-21), and D (measures 22-26). Each section is represented by a horizontal bar on a five-line staff.

27 G.C.

11

30-40

pp

Detailed description: This block contains measures 27-40. It starts with a 'G.C.' (Grand Cadenza) marking at measure 27. The first three measures (27-29) contain a single note with a fermata, followed by a rest. The fourth measure (30) contains a single note with a fermata. The final three measures (31-33) contain a single note with a fermata, followed by a rest. The last two measures (34-35) are marked '11' and contain a single note with a fermata. The dynamic marking is 'pp' (pianissimo).

E F G Allegro vivace H

10 10 10 8

41-50 51-60 61-70 71-78

Detailed description: This block contains measures 41-78. It is marked 'Allegro vivace'. The first three sections (E, F, G) are in 4/4 time and each contains 10 measures. The final section (H) contains 8 measures. The time signature changes to 3/4 for the final section.

I J K L

8 12 12 5

79-86 87-98 99-110 111-115

Detailed description: This block contains measures 79-115. It is divided into four sections: I (8 measures), J (12 measures), K (12 measures), and L (5 measures).

116

Adagio

6

117-122

Detailed description: This block contains measures 116-122. It is marked 'Adagio'. The first measure (116) contains a single note with a fermata. The next five measures (117-121) are marked '6' and contain a single note with a fermata. The final measure (122) contains a single note with a fermata.

VIII. Hostias

TACET

IX. Sanctus

Piatti *f*

G.C. *tr*

6 *f*

f *tr f*

11 *ff*

ff *tr ff* *f*

A B C D

8 4

26 *f*

f *tr mf* *mf*

C D E F

7

37 *f*

f *più animato*

E F G H

5 2 14 12

G H

10 6

X. Benedictus

TACET

XI. Agnus Dei

TACET



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