



MASS IN C MINOR

Soli, Mixed Chorus, Orchestra and Organ

The Music Composed
by

Arthur Somervell

(1889)

HORN 4

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.

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- Provide open Internet access to the scores to facilitate study, performance and sharing of performance material (program notes, audio, reviews, etc.)

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COVER IMAGE

“The Damsel of the Sanct Grael” by Dante Gabriel Rossetti, 1874

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TO
 MY TWO ENGLISH MASTERS
PROFESSOR C. VILLIERS STANFORD
 AND
DR. C. HUBERT H. PARRY
 THIS MASS IS GRATEFULLY
 DEDICATED BY
 THEIR PUPIL
 APRIL 30, 1883

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Somervell - Mass in C minor - Horn 4 in E \flat

No. 1 - Kyrie Eleison

Adagio

1-2 *pp*

7

12 **A** 10 6
15-24 25-30

31 Horn 1 & 2 *f*

B 6 8
35-40 41-48 *mf*

52 *pp* *ppp*

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No. 2 - Gloria

Allegro

10

C

18

3

19-21

ff

ff

29

D

6

35-40

pp

43

2

44-45

pp

pp

f

53-54

2

ff

E

Meno mosso.

63

13

68-80

ff

83

accel.

Tempo I.

Mass in C minor - No. 2: Gloria - Horn 4 in C

91

F

mf

f

5

98-102

103

mp

113

122

3

125-127

9

128-136

Horn 1

(h = q q)

139

G

4

142-145

p

147

H

12

148-159

f

163

5

164-168

Tempo I.

mf

174

mf

f

ff

185

J

32

K

Clarinet 1

189-220

Mass in C minor - No. 2: Gloria - Horn 4 in C

Horn 1 & 2

225 **L** **3** **7** **10**
f 227-229 *f* 232-238 239-248

250 **5** *accel.*
f 257-261 *ff*

M *Più mosso.*

263 *mf*

274

283

293

304 *ff*

Somervell - Mass in C minor - Horn 4 in E \flat

No. 3 - Credo

Allegro

3 **4**
mf 1-3 8-11 *f*

13 **4**
mf 17-20

N

23 *mf* *ff*

31

38 **5**
p 41-45

O *poco rall.* **Adagio**
15 **8**
pp 49-63 *pp* 78-85 *pp*

71 **8**
pp 78-85

87 **15** **2**
pp 89-103 108-109

Mass in C minor - No. 3: Credo - Horn 4 in E \flat

P **Allegro**
 110 **10**
pp *ff*
 117-126

Q
 129-135 *f*

R
 142 **4**
ff *f*
 145-148

Poco meno mosso.
 153 **8**
f
 154-161

S
 169 *f*

179

188

T
 197 **6**
ff
 202-207

rall.
 211-212 *ff*

Somervell - Mass in C minor - Horn 4 in E \flat

No. 4 - Sanctus

Maestoso
pp *mf*

U
 8 *f* *ff*

18 *p*

V
 28 **6**
f
 29-34

rall. **Tempo I.**
 41 *ff* *p*

48

Somervell - Mass in C minor - Horn 4 in E \flat

No. 5 - Benedictus

Adagio

16
1-16

p

W *Più mosso.*

6
22-27

pp < >

2
30-31

f

35

41 *rall.* **Tempo I.**

p

49

pp

Somervell - Mass in C minor - Horn 4 in E \flat

No. 6 - Agnus Dei

Andante sostenuto. **X** **Y** **Z** **AA** **BB**

17 15 16 18 16 11

1-17 18-32 33-48 49-66 67-82 83-93

CC *a tempo* **4** Horn 1 *rall.* **Muta in C**

94-97

Adagio **DD**

107 **3** **6**

109-111 112-117

pp

EE

2 **6**

120-121 *mf* 124-129

FF

130 *p* *f*

5

135-139 *pp*



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