



MASS IN C MINOR

Soli, Mixed Chorus, Orchestra and Organ

The Music Composed
by

Arthur Somervell

(1889)

TIMPANI

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:

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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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“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 - Timpani

No. 1 - Kyrie Eleison

Adagio

1-8 *p* 1 2 3 4

13 5 10 A 16 B 2

15-24 25-40 41-42

43 Hn. in Eb 1 2 1 2 3

44 *pp*

50 4 5 1 2 3

51 *pp*

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No. 2 - Gloria

Allegro
mf *f* *ff*

C **D** **E** **F**

Meno mosso. **Tempo I.**

Trumpet 1 2

mp *cresc.* *ff* *ff* *p* *pp*

G **H**

Tempo I. Horn 1 2

mf

Mass in C minor - No. 2: Gloria - Timpani

J **K** **L** **M**

Horn in C 1 2

ff *mf* *ff*

accel. **Più mosso.**

Organ

Trumpet 1 2 3

ff

Somervell - Mass in C minor - Timpani

No. 3 - Credo

Allegro **N** **O** **Adagio** **P**

E \flat - B \flat

25 23 18 43 6

1-25 26-48 49-66 67-109 110-115

Allegro **Q** **R** *Poco meno mosso.*

116 12 22 3 22

117-128 129-150 151-153 154-175

S Trumpet 1 2

176

180 *ff*

187

194

201 **T** 5 2

202-206 211-212

213 2 3

215-216

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No. 4 - Sanctus

Maestoso

A \flat , E \flat

pp *mf*

U

8 5 4

10-14 18-21

f *ff* *f*

V

23 4 6 5

25-28 29-34 37-41

mf *f* *sf*

rall. **Tempo I.**

42 *ff*

48-51 *pp*

Somervell - Mass in C minor - Timpani

No. 5 - Benedictus

Adagio W *Più mosso.* Horn 1 2

29
1-29

35
40-41

ff

42
rall. **Tempo I.**

48-51
pp

Somervell - Mass in C minor - Timpani

No. 6 - Agnus Dei

Andante sostenuto. X Y Z AA

17 15 16 18 16
1-17 18-32 33-48 49-66 67-82

BB CC *a tempo* **Adagio** DD EE

11 13 5 12 6
83-93 94-106 107-111 112-123 124-129

130 Horn 1 2 FF

pp

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