

Symphony No 1: Incantations and Lamentations | CD1

1 Part One. Incantations

2 Part Two. Lamentations

Prayer

Psalm 146 *Lauda, anima mea*

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord, O my soul! *

I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Hallelujah!

Exile

Psalm 137 *Super flumina*

1 By the waters of Babylon we sat down and wept, *
when we remembered you, O Zion.

2 As for our harps, we hung them up *
on the trees in the midst of that land.

3 For those who led us away captive asked us for a song,
“Sing us one of the songs of Zion.”

7 Remember the day of Jerusalem, O Lord,
against the people of Edom, *
who said, “Down with it! down with it! Even to the ground!”

8 O Daughter of Babylon, doomed to destruction, *
happy the one who pays you back for what you have done to us!

9 Happy shall he be who takes your little ones, *
and dashes them against the rock!

Psalm 68 *Exsurgat Deus*

1 Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; *
let those who hate him flee before him.

2 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; *
as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at
the presence of God.

Psalm 74 *Ut quid, Deus?*

- 1 O God, why have you utterly cast us off? *
why is your wrath so hot....

Hallelujah!

Remembrance

Psalm 146 *Lauda, anima mea*

- Hallelujah! Praise the Lord, O my soul! *
I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.
Hallelujah!

Reconciliation

Psalm 121 *Levavi oculos*

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?
- 2 My help comes from the LORD, *
the maker of heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep;
- 5 The LORD himself watches over you; *
the LORD is your shade at your right hand,
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
nor the moon by night.
- 7 The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe.
- 8 The LORD shall watch over your going out and
your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore.

Come, My Dark-Eyed One

Libretto compiled by Marie-Ève Munger

3 Ring out, wild bells

Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky,
The flying cloud, the frosty light:
The year is dying in the night;
In memoriam (excerpt)
Ring out, wild bells...

Alfred, Lord Tennyson
(1809-1892)

I ne'er did see

I ne'er was struck before that hour
With love so sudden and so sweet.
Her face it bloomed like a sweet flower
And stole my heart away complete.

John Clare (1793-1864)
First Love

My face turned pale as deadly pale,
My legs refused to walk away,
And when she looked, what could I ail?
My life and all seemed turned to clay.

And then my blood rushed to my face
And took my sight away.
The trees and bushes round the place
Seemed midnight at noonday.

I never saw so sweet a face
As that I stood before:
My heart has left its dwelling place
And can return no more.

4 I am Wild!/Wild Nights!

I am wild, I will sing to the trees,
I will sing to the stars in the sky,
I love, I am loved, he is mine,
Now at last I can die!

Sara Teasdale (1884-1933)

I am sandaled with wind and with flame,
I have heart-fire and singing to give,
I can tread on the grass or the stars,
Now at last I can live!

Wild nights! Wild nights!
Were I with thee,
Wild nights should be
Our luxury!

Emily Dickinson (1830-1886)

Futile the winds
To a heart in port, -
Done with the compass,
Done with the chart.

Rowing in Eden!
Ah! the sea!
Might I but moor
To-night in thee!

5 Your face is beautiful

Your face is beautiful beyond all other faces;
Beyond all music and all poetry
Your face is beautiful to me.
I am reminded always of sea beaches
That lately have been laved with storm
And have no more to show
Now to the searcher than one shell, like snow,
Fluted more deep than shallow-water shells--
Your face is beautiful beyond all other faces,
More to me now than dear remembered places,
More to me now than anything I know.

Sara Teasdale

6 Come, my dark eyed one

Come my dark eyed one, come and show your kindness,
Weave a nest for yourself, in the depth of my pupils.
Turn the garden of my heart into a flowerbed, for the blossom that is your face,
And the rest your slender form so like the sapling in the garden that is my heart.

Ali-Shir Nava'i

7 I am yours

I am not yours, not lost in you,
Not lost, although I long to be
Lost as a candle lit at noon,
Lost as a snowflake in the sea.

Sara Teasdale

You love me, and I find you still
A spirit beautiful and bright,
Yet I am I, who long to be
Lost as a light is lost in light.

Oh plunge me deep in love put out
My senses, leave me deaf and blind,
Swept by the tempest of your love,
A taper in a rushing wind.

Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky,
The flying cloud, the frosty light:
The year is dying in the night;
Ring out, wild bells...

Lord Alfred Tennyson
In memoriam

8 Shall we, too, rise forgetful from our sleep?

Shall we, too, rise forgetful from our sleep,
And shall my soul that lies within your hand
Remember nothing, as the blowing sand
Forgets the palm where long blue shadows creep
When winds along the darkened desert sweep?

Sara Teasdale

Or would it still remember, tho' it spanned
A thousand heavens, while the planets fanned
The vacant ether with their voices deep?
Soul of my soul, no word shall be forgot,
Nor yet alone, beloved, shall we see

The desolation of extinguished suns,
Nor fear the void wherethro' our planet runs,
For still together shall we go and not
Fare forth alone to front eternity.

I shall bury my weary Love/I carry your heart with me

I shall bury my weary Love
Beneath a tree,
In the forest tall and black
Where none can see.

Sara Teasdale

I shall put no flowers at his head,
Nor stone at his feet,
For the mouth I loved so much
Was bittersweet.

I shall go no more to his grave,
For the woods are cold.
I shall gather as much of joy
As my hands can hold.

I shall stay all day in the sun
Where the wide winds blow,
But oh, I shall weep at night
When none will know.

E.E. Cummings

i carry your heart with me(i carry it in
my heart)i am never without it(anywhere
i go you go,my dear;and whatever is done
by only me is your doing,my darling)i fear
no fate(for you are my fate,my sweet)i want
no world(for beautiful you are my world,my true)
and it's you are whatever a moon has always meant
and whatever a sun will always sing is you

here is the deepest secret nobody knows
(here is the root of the root and the bud of the bud
and the sky of the sky of a tree called life;which grows
higher than soul can hope or mind can hide)

and this is the wonder that's keeping the stars apart
I carry your heart(i carry it in my heart)

Regina Coeli | CD2

1 Sinfonia

Regina Coeli

Regina caeli, lætare, alleluia:
Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia,
Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia.

*Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.
The Son whom you merited to bear, alleluia.
Has risen, as He said, alleluia.*

2 Ora pro nobis

Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.

Pray for us to God, alleluia.

3 ve dulcissima

Ave, dulcissima Maria.
Vera spes et vita!
Dulce refrigerium.
O Maria, flos Virginum.

*Hail, sweetest Mary.
Fount of hope and life!
Sweet refreshment.
O Mary, Virgin flower.*

4 Alleluia!

Alleluia! (Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia.)

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Canticles

5 Why are the nations in an uproar?

Why are the nations in an uproar? *
Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?

Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt,
and the princes plot together, *
against the LORD and against his Anointed?

“Let us break their yoke,” they say; *
“let us cast off their bonds from us.”

He whose throne is in heaven is laughing; *
the Lord has them in derision.

Then he speaks to them in his wrath, *
and his rage fills them with terror.

His mother sat up all night?

His mother sat up all night
The night the war started
Caught in the blue shadowed screen
Caught in the light pointed sky
The fear in the voices; Caught in the fear
She taped everything until she cornered the war
Until it fit in the palm of her hand
and she was God casting it away from him.

We are silent

We are silent. We are waiting.
Through the cacophony of hate, the meek must scream their silence.
Through the eagerness of evil, the patient must fly on wings of stillness.

I am a patch of shade

I am a patch of shade staggering like death through sand
The air is stuck full of pincers
I am stuck in hell trapped in melting wind
Calling the night bats, calling like a frantic insect
Like a cool dark spider made to snap through tails of shooting stars
My enemies lull me to sleep
They cradle me in stinging sound
They rock me in this bed of fire.

Nunc dimittis

Lord, now lettest Thou thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word.
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation
 which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people.
To be a light to lighten the nations
 and to be the glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
 As it was in the beginning is now and will be forever. Amen.

Part I – Psalm 2, Book of Common Prayer translation; alt. J. Wachner.

Parts II, III, IV by Shelli Jankowski-Smith

Part V – Nunc dimittis Book of Common Prayer translation; alt. J. Wachner.

6 Jubilate Deo

- 1 O be joyful in the LORD, all you lands; *
 serve the LORD with gladness
 and come before his presence with a song.
- 2 Know this: The LORD himself is God; *
 he himself has made us, and we are his;
 we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

- 3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.
- 4 For the LORD is good;
his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

7 Psalm Cycle I

Psalm 149 *Cantate Domino*

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song; *
sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.
- 2 Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; *
let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.
- 3 Let them praise his Name in the dance; *

Psalm 150 *Laudate Dominum*

- 6 Let everything that has breath *
praise the Lord.

Psalm 24 *Domini est terra*

- 1 The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, *
the world and all who dwell therein.
- 2 For it is he who founded it upon the seas *
and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.
- 3 "Who can ascend the hill of the LORD? *
and who can stand in his holy place?"
- 4 "Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, *
who have not pledged themselves to falsehood,
nor sworn by what is a fraud.
- 5 They shall receive a blessing from the Lord *
and a just reward from the God of their salvation."
- 6 Such is the generation of those who seek him, *
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

8 **Psalm 27** *Dominus illuminatio*

- 1 The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom then shall I fear? *
the LORD is the strength of my life;
of whom then shall I be afraid?
- 2 When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, *
it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who
stumbled and fell.
- 3 Though an army should encamp against me, *
yet my heart shall not be afraid;
- 4 And though war should rise up against me, *
yet will I put my trust in him.
- 5 One thing have I asked of the LORD;
one thing I seek; *
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days
of my life;
- 6 To behold the fair beauty of the LORD *
and to seek him in his temple.
- 7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe
in his shelter; *
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling
and set me high upon a rock.
- 8 Even now he lifts up my head *
above my enemies round about me.

9 **Psalm 121** *Levavi oculos*

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?
- 2 My help comes from the LORD, *
the maker of heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep;
- 5 The LORD himself watches over you; *
the LORD is your shade at your right hand,
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
nor the moon by night.

- 7 The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe.
- 8 The LORD shall watch over your going out and
your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore.

10 **Psalm 119** *Legem pone*

- 33 Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, *
and I shall keep it to the end.
- 34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; *
I shall keep it with all my heart.
- 35 Make me go in the path of your commandments, *
for that is my desire.
- 36 Incline my heart to your decrees *
and not to unjust gain.
- 37 Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; *
give me life in your ways.
- 38 Fulfill your promise to your servant, *
which you make to those who fear you.
- 39 Turn away the reproach which I dread, *
because your judgments are good.
- 40 Behold, I long for your commandments; *
in your righteousness preserve my life.

4 Alleluias, Intercessions and Remembrances | CD3

Alleluia! Amen.

O Holy God, open unto me
light for my darkness, courage for my fear, hope for my despair.
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.
O loving God, open unto me
wisdom for my confusion, forgiveness for my sins, love for my hate.
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.
O God of Peace, open unto me
peace for my turmoil, strength for my weakness, joy for my sorrow.
O generous God, open my heart to receive all your gifts.

Alleluia! Amen.

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5 Holy Holy, Holy (Nicaea)

Holy, Holy Holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and Mighty!
God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, Holy, Holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and Seraphim falling down before Thee,
Who was, and is, and evermore shall be.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see:
Only Thou art holy, there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea;
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and Mighty!
God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity!

6 Joy to the World

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive its King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room
And heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Saviour reigns!
Let men our songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sin and sorrow grow
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make his blessings flow
Far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness
And wonders of his love.

7 All Creatures of our God and King

All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing.
O praise ye! Alleluia!
O brother sun with golden beam,
O sister moon with silver gleam,
O praise ye! Alleluia!

O brother wind, air, clouds and rain,
By which all creatures ye sustain,
O praise ye! Alleluia!
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice!
Ye lights of evening, find a voice.
O praise ye! Alleluia!

O sister water flowing clear,
Make music for thy Lord to hear,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
O brother fire who lights the night,
Providing warmth enhancing sight.
O praise ye! Alleluia!

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
O praise ye! Alleluia!
Praise him above ye heav'nly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
O praise ye! Alleluia! Amen.

Psalm Cycle III

8 Psalm 23 (Traditional Scottish Psalter - 1650)

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want.
he makes me down to lie in pastures green;
he leadeth me the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again;
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness,
even for his own Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
yet will I fear no ill;
for thou art with me; and thy rod
and staff my comfort still.

My table thou hast furnished
in presence of my foes;
my head thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me;
and in God's house forevermore
my dwelling place shall be.

9 Psalm 98 *Cantate Domino*

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.
- 3 The LORD has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in
the sight of the nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to
the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the
victory of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the LORD with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the LORD.

10 **Psalm 139** *Domine, probasti*

- 1 LORD, you have searched me out and known me; *
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.
- 2 You trace my journeys and my restingplaces *
and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.
- 4 You press upon me behind and before *
and lay your hand upon me.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
- 6 Where can I go then from your Spirit? *
where can I flee from your presence?
- 7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there; *
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.
- 8 If I take the wings of the morning *
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
- 9 Even there your hand will lead me *
and your right hand hold me fast.
- 22 Search me out, O God, and know my heart

11 **Psalm 67** *Deus misereatur*

- 1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, *
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.
- 2 Let your ways be known upon earth, *
your saving health among all nations.
- 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.
- 4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon earth.
- 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.
- 6 The earth has brought forth her increase; *
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.
- 7 May God give us his blessing, *
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

12 **Psalm 130** *De profundis*

- 1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD;
LORD, hear my voice; *
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.
- 2 If you, LORD, were to note what is done amiss, *
O LORD, who could stand?
- 3 For there is forgiveness with you; *
therefore you shall be feared.
- 4 I wait for the LORD; my soul waits for him; *
in his word is my hope.
- 5 My soul waits for the LORD,
more than watchmen for the morning, *
more than watchmen for the morning.
- 6 O Israel, wait for the LORD, *
for with the LORD there is mercy;
- 7 With him there is plenteous redemption, *
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

Psalm 150 *Laudate Dominum*

- 1 Hallelujah!
O Praise God in his holy temple; *
praise him in the firmament of his power.
- 2 Praise him for his mighty acts; *
praise him for his excellent greatness.
- 3 Praise him with the blast of the ram'shorn; *
praise him with lyre and harp.
- 4 Praise him with timbrel and dance; *
praise him with strings and pipe.
- 5 Praise him with resounding cymbals; *
praise him with loudclanging cymbals.
- 6 Let everything that has breath *
praise the Lord.
Hallelujah!

13 The Somerville Service

Kyrie

Lord have mercy upon us
Christ have mercy upon us
Lord have mercy upon us

Sanctus and Benedictus

Holy, holy, holy
Lord God of Hosts!
Heaven and earth are full of Thy Glory.
Glory be to Thee, O Lord most high.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the Highest.

Agnus Dei

O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world, grant us Thy peace.