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PROGRAM

Dvořák

PART I

Requiem aeternam Requiem aeternam Dies irae Tuba mirum Quid sum miser Recordare, Jesu pie Confutatis maledictus Lacrymosa

INTERMISSION

PART II

Offertorium Hostias Sanctus Pie Jesu Agnus Dei

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PROGRAM NOTES

by GLENN D. McGeoch

It is as little known among performing musicians as it is among the general listening public that Antonin Dvořák was one of the most prolific composers of the late nineteenth century. If we judge him only by the extent of his work, he is incontestably a phenomenon in the world of music. Without a doubt Dvořák was one of the most distinguished musical personalities of his period and should take his rightful place beside Brahms, Tchaikovsky, and Franck. He ranks today among the great masters in the copiousness and extraordinary variety of his expression.

As the nineteenth century drew to a close, other European countries besides Germany, Austria, Italy, and France became articulate in music. The period saw the emergence of such nationalistic composers as Grieg in Norway, Moussorgsky and the "Five" in Russia, Albéniz in Spain, and Smetana and Dvořák in Bohemia. The freshness and originality of their musical styles stemmed from their conscious use of folk music sources. The result was an agreeable and popular art, essentially melodic, rhythmic, and colorful. Folk music, consciously cultivated by such artists as Dvořák and Smetana, shed its provincialism but retained its essential characteristics—simplicity, directness, and honesty.

It breathed an entirely new spirit into the gloomy romantic period.

As a traditionalist Dvořák accepted the forms of his art without question, but he regenerated them by injecting a strong racial feeling, which gave brilliant vitality, depth, and warmth to everything he wrote. Dvořák possessed genuinely Slavonic qualities that gave an imperishable color and lyrical character to his music. With a preponderance of temperament and emotion over reason and intellect, he always seemed to be intuitively guided to effect a proper relationship between what he wished to express and the manner of expressing it. In this connection he had more in common with Mozart and Schubert than he had with Beethoven. Like them he was one of those rare, natural musicians who produced continuously, spontaneously, and abundantly. His expression is fresh and irresistibly frank, and, although it is moody at times and strangely sensitive, it is never deeply philosophical or brooding; gloom and depression are never allowed to predominate. Everything he felt and said in his music was natural and clear. There was no defiance, no mystical ecstacy in his makeup. He had the simple faith, the natural gaiety, and the sane and robust qualities of Haydn. His music, therefore, lacks the breadth and the epic quality of Beethoven's; it possesses none of the transcendent emotional sweep of Tchaikovsky's; but for radiantly cheerful and comforting music, for good-hearted, peasant-like humor, for unburdened lyricism, Dvořák has no peer.

In 1891 the committee of the Birmingham Festival commissioned Dvořák to write a work and suggested a setting of parts of Cardinal Newman's *Dream of Gerontius*. He accepted the commission, but refused the text. Instead he wrote a Requiem. The work was sketched out between January and June, worked over in August and September, and performed for the first time on October 9 at

the Birmingham Festival under his direction. It was an immediate success.

No external occasion required Dvořák to write a Mass for the Dead, and with his particularly optimistic temperament, it seems peculiar that he did so from choice alone. This beautiful and highly subjective work belongs to his final period and, although he was only forty-nine years of age and at the height of his fame, his advancing years had begun to weigh heavily upon him. For all its oppressive and gloomy thoughts, Dvořák could not, like Brahms, look upon the Requiem text with deep penetration or profound introspection, nor could he, like Verdi, seize upon the dramatic and the theatrical suggestions it so amply provides. He could not cry out that all was vanity and death a grim finality; nor had he any gift for expressing the horrors and terror of the Judgment Day. Compared with Verdi's vivid and dramatic setting of the Dies irae, Dvořák's march theme may seem slightly naïve. He found in the text more an expression of sublimity than of fear, a source for sorrowful meditation and devout supplication rather than anguish. His Requiem speaks to us of the unity of God and spirit, which is as genuine as his affirmation of life and the world. It is in the sweetness and elegance of the Pie Jesu quartet, in the moving pathos of the Lacrymosa that ends Part I, and in the Offertory, as he turns from the horror of death to hopes of salvation, that he is the most expressive.

A detailed analysis of this work would contribute little to our understanding of its meaning. It should be noted, however, that the various sections of each of its two parts are linked together without pause, and that in the alternation of solos and chorus there is little occasion for big solo arias such as are found in Verdi's Requiem. Attention should also be called to the opening theme given out by the cellos at the very beginning of the work. This theme, often referred to as the "Motive of Death," is repeated throughout. Note it particularly as it recurs in the voices near the conclusion of the Kyrie and again in the orchestra at the very end of this section; in the soprano solo voice as it enters at the beginning of the second Requiem aeternam (in augmented form); in the trumpet at the beginning of the Tuba mirum and again at the very end; in the basses, sopranos, and orchestra in the Quid sum miser; at the end of the Lacrymosa as it triumphs over the prayer for peace; in the Pie Jesu in which unaccompanied voices are answered antiphonally by an orchestral version; and most effectively of all, as it finally reappears at the very end of the work, where, after the music has reached a bright climax, it is quietly intoned in the soprano voice to the words Requiem aeternam (as it was at the beginning). The work ends softly, revealing Dvořák's diffident contemplation of death and the reconciling certainty of his unshaken faith.

1. Requiem aeternam (Soli and chorus)

Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine; et lux perpetua eis;

Te decet hymnus, Deus, in Sion, et tibi reddetur votum in Jerusalem.

Exaudi orationem meam, ad te omnis caro veniet.

Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison.

2. Requiem aeternam (Soprano and chorus)

Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine; et lux perpetua luceat eis;

In memoria aeterna erit justus: ab auditione mala non timebit.

3. Dies irae (Chorus)

Dies irae, dies illa, Solvet saeclum in favilla, Teste David cum Sibylla. Quantus tremor est futurus, Quando Judex est venturus. Cuncta stricte discussurus!

4. Tuba mirum (Soli and chorus)

Tuba mirum spargens sonum, Per sepulchra regionum, Coget omnes ante thronum. Mors stupebit et natura, Liber scriptus proferetur, In quo totum continetur, Unde mundus judicetur. Judex ergo cum sedebit, Quidquid latet, apparebit, Nil inultum remanebit.

5. Quid sum, miser (Soli and chorus)

Quid sum, miser; tunc dicturus, Quem patronum rogaturus, Cum vix justus sit securus? Rex tremendae majestatis! Qui salvandos salvas gratis, Salve me, fons pietatis!

6. Recordare (Soli)

Recordare, Jesu pie, Quod sum causa tuae viae; Ne me perdas illa die. Quarens me, sedisti lassus; Redemisti crucem passus; Tantus labor non sit cassus. Juste Judex ultionis, Donum fac remissionis Ante Diem rationis. Ingemisco tanquam reus, Culpa rubet vultus meus: Supplicanti parce Deus. Qui Mariam absolvisti, Et latronem exaudisti, Mihi quoque spem dedisti. Preces meae non sunt dignae, Sed tu bonus fac benigne, Ne perenni cremer igne. Inter oves locum praesta, Et ab hoedis me sequestra, Statuens in parte dextra.

Eternal rest give to them, O Lord; and let perpetual light shine upon them.

A hymn, O God, becometh Thee in Sion; and a vow shall be paid to Thee in Jerusalem:

O Lord, hear my prayer; all flesh shall come to Thee; Eternal rest give to them, O Lord; and let perpetual light shine upon them. Lord have mercy on us, Christ have mercy on us, Lord have mercy on us.

Eternal rest give to them, O Lord; and let perpetual light shine upon them.

He shall be just for evermore: He will not fear from evil hearing.

Dreaded day, that day of ire, when the world shall melt in fire, told by Sibyl and David's lyre. Fright men's hearts shall rudely shift, as the Judge through gleaming rift comes each soul to closely sift.

Then the trumpet's shrill refrain, piercing tombs by hill and plain, Souls to judgment shall arraign.

Death and nature stand aghast.

Then before Him shall be placed that whereupon the verdict's based, book wherein each deed is traced. When the Judge His seat shall gain, all that's hidden shall be plain, nothing shall unjudged remain.

Dreaded day, that day of ire, when the world shall melt in fire, told by Sibyl and David's lyre.

Wretched man, what can I plead, whom to ask to intercede, when the just much mercy need?

Thou, O awe-inspiring Lord, saving e'en when unimplored, save me, mercy's fount adored

Ah, Sweet Jesus, mindful be, that Thou cam'st on earth for me, cast me not this day from Thee.

Seeking me Thy strength was spent, ransoming Thy limbs were rent, is this toil to no intent?

Thou, awarding pains, condign, Mercy's ear to be incline, ere the reckoning Thou assign.

I, felon-like, my lot bewail, suffused cheeks my shame unveil: God! O let my prayers prevail.

Mary's soul Thou madest white, didst to heaven the thief invite; hope in me these now excite.

Prayers o' mine in vain ascend: Thou art good and wilt forefend in quenchless fire my life to end.

Place amid Thy sheep accord, keep me from the tainted horde, set me in Thy sight, O Lord.

7. Confutatis (Chorus)

Confutatis maledictis, Flammis acribus abdictis, Voca me cum benedictis. Oro supplex et acclinis, Cor contritum quasi cinis, Gere curam mei finis.

8. Lacrymosa (Soli and chorus)

Lacrymosa dies illa! Qua resurget ex favilla Judicantus homo reus. Huic ergo parce Deus. Pie Jesu Domine, Dona eis requiem. Amen. When the cursed by shame opprest enter flames at Thy behest, call me then to join the blest.

Prostrate, suppliant, now no more, unrepenting, as of yore, save me, dying, I implore.

Dreaded day, that day of ire, when the world shall melt in fire, told by Sibyl and David's lvre.

Mournful day! that day of sighs, when from dust shall man arise, strained with guilt his doom to know.

Mercy, Lord, on him bestow. Jesus kind! Thy souls release, lead them thence to realms of peace. Amen.

PART II

9. Domine Jesu Christe (Soli and chorus)

Domine Jesu Christe, Rex gloriae, libera animas omnium fidelium defunctorum de poenis inferni et de profundo lacu; libera eas de ore leonis, ne absorbeat eas tartarus, necadant in obscurum. Sed signifer sanctus Michael repreasentet eas in lucem sanctam. Quam olim Abrahae promisisti et semini eius.

10. Hostias (Soli and chorus)

Solo Bass repeats "Domine Jesus Christe"

Hostias et preces, Domine, laudis offerimus, tu suscipe pro animabas illis, quarum hodie memoriam facimus; fac eas, Domine, de morte transire ad vitam; quam olim Abrahae promisisti et semini ejus.

Libera animas omnium fidelium defunctorum de poenis inferni, fac eas de morte transire ad vitam.

11. Sanctus (Soli and chorus)

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus, Domine Deus Sabaoth. Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloriae tuae. Osanna in excelsis.

Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Osanna in excelsis.

12. Pie Jesu (Soli and chorus)

This is an inserted section, in which the words from No. 8 (Lacrymosa) return to form a transition to the Agnus Dei.

13. Agnus Dei (Soli and chorus)

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona eis requiem. Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona eis requiem sempiternam. Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona eis requiem sempiternam.

Lux aeterna luceat eis, Domine, cum Sanctis tuis in aeternam, quia pius es.

Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine, et lux perpetua luceat eis.

O Lord Jesus Christ, King of glory, deliver the souls of all the faithful departed from the pains of hell and from the deep pit;

Deliver them from the lion's mouth, that hell engulf them nor, nor they fall into darkness;

But that Michael, the holy standardbearer, bring them into the holy light.

Which Thou once didst promise to Abraham and his seed.

We offer Thee, O Lord, sacrifices and prayers of praise; do Thou accept them for those souls whom we this day commemorate; grant them, O Lord, to pass from death to the life which Thou once didst promise to Abraham and his seed.

Deliver, O Lord, the souls of all the faithful departed from every bond of sin. And by the help of Thy grace let them be found worthy to escape the sentence of vengeance. And to enjoy the full beatitude of the light eternal.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts. Thy heavens and the earth are full of Thy glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He Who cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world: give unto them rest. Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world: give unto them eternal rest. Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world: give them eternal rest.

May light eternal shine upon them O Lord, with Thy saints forever, for Thou art kind.

Grant them everlasting rest, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, with Thy saints.

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Donald Bryant, Conductor Nancy Hodge, Accompanist

Second Altos

First Sopranos Bittner, Susan Bradstreet, Lola Calvo, Margo Cassis, Odette Cox, Elaine Denner, Phyllis Dworkin, Anita Fenelon, Linda Fox, Estelle Gallas, Carole Gierman, Susann Gockel, Barbara Hanson, Gladys Hayes, Ruth Holdgate, Claire Hoover, Joanne Keeler, Ann Klepack, Karen Lahodny, Lillian Luecke, Doris Mather, Dianne McLeod, Leslie Newman, Judith Pack, Beth Parkllan, Darcy Parklian, Darcy Pearson, Agnes Phillips, Margaret Phillips, Mary Ann Schilt, Margaret Schneider, Alice Schuler, Ann Simon, Susan Stockhorst, Eva Stockhorst, Eva Teichert, Janice Tukel, Susan Watson, Deborah

Second Sopranos

Allen, Tracy Almuti, Gloria Aprill, Kathy Barden, Ann Berry, Kathy Birdsall, Meredith Burr, Virginia Capalbo, Gina Carr, Nancy Christmas, Kathleen Dennis, Mary Enzmann, Jill Datsko, Doris Greig, Laurie Hiraga, Mary Horning, Alice Ingley, Mary Kolasa, Marilyn Kosarin, Stephanie Lehmann, Judith Lifton, Janisse Lyman, Frances Maher, Cindy McCallum, Barbara Murray, Marilyn Oxendine, Jan Petcoff, Susan Peth, Sara Poston, Janet Pratt, Carolyn

Reese, Virginia Sipple, Mary Staebler, Jo Ann Stewart-Robinson, Elizabeth Taylor, Susan Thurman, Eunice Tompkins, Patricia Williams, Suzanne Wright, Deirdre

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Adams, Judie Ause, Martha Barker, Kathy Beam, Eleanor Brace, Virginia Brown, Marion Butala, Amy Cappaert, Lael Carpenter, Sally Dick, Carol Evans, Daisy Evich, Nancy Feldkamp, Lucy Finkbeiner, Marilyn Forsblad, Ylva Freedman, Robin Gewanter, Ruth Goslee, Jeanne Grasmick, Ann Greene, Kathryn Gross, Ellen Gross, Rosalinda Hall, Christine
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Hoexter, Margaret Hofmeister, Norma Hollinshead, Betsy Hurchik, Nancy Karp, Nancy Keppelman, Nancy Kevorkian, Kathleen Koupal, Geraldine Kratzmiller, Joann Kulenkamp, Nancy Landon, Joyce Lietz, Kirsten Linn, Diane McCoy, Bernice McIntire. Joan Miller, Mary Murray, Virginia Nelson, Lois Petoskey, Barbara Rogers, Sally Santolucito, Marcia Schermerhorn, Karen Schneider, Gretchen Slee, Beth Van Bolt, Jane Vlisides, Elena Wargelin, Carol Wendt, Christine Whelan, Katie White, Myra Wiedmann, Louise Wortley, Carole

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Baker, Hugh
Butler, Charles
Cathey, Owen
Dombrowski, Tim
Flessa, Steve
Franke, Marshall
Grimm, Marshall
Gross, Myron
Lowry, Paul
MacGregor, Robert
Mitchell, Dennis
Sauser, Robert
Setzer, Marc
Ward, Ken

Second Tenors

Barrett, Martin
Clark, Harold
DeLong, Michael
Galbraith, Merle
Girod, Albert
Glover, Roy
Haworth, Donald
Hellstedt, Peter
Hmay, Thomas
Klettke, Dwight
McCarthy, David
Melcher, Philip
Pelachyk, John
Slotnick, Dennis
Smith, Lawrence
Strauss, David
Verschaeve, Mike
Wahl, Jeff
Warren, James

Weamer, Alan Wortley, James

First Basses Atkins, Anthony Ballard, Gary Beam, Marion Becvar, Tom Berstis, Viktors Bohde, Matthew Brueger, John Budday, Jeffery Burr, Charles Cipriano, John Damashek, Robert Eastman, John Eklund, David Fairchild, Win Feldstein, Bruce Hagerty, Thomas Hamilton, Edgar Haviland, Robert Haynes, Jeff Herren, Donald Holly, Tom Hopkins, John Hountras, John Howard, Tim Jarrett, K. John Kays, J. Warren Kissel, Klair Lam, Sam Lauth, David Lew, Dennis Linn, Thom Meier, Sidney Muntz, Richard Olson, Steven Ortland, David Pate, Michael Pearson, Raymond Regier, Steve Robinson, Paul Roth, Michael Saslaw, Lou Shalwitz, Robert Spence, David Sutton, Wade Tajibnapis, William Tompkins, Terril Voege, Ken Weadon, Mark Williams, Riley

Second Basses
Beach, Tom
Bond, W. Howard
Chin, Gabriel
Lehmann, Charles
Linowes, Richard
McIntire, John
McMurtrie, James
Pierson, Philip
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