

FAURÉ: REQUIEM

Claude Debussy

Danse sacrée et danse
profane 9'

Dobrinka Tabakova

Centuries of Meditations 20'

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Five Variants of 'Dives and
Lazarus' 12'

Interval

Gabriel Fauré

Requiem 35'



**THREE CHOIRS
FESTIVAL 2025**
HEREFORD 26 JUL – 2 AUG

Florence Price *soprano*

Alex Ashworth *bass-baritone*

Three Choirs Festival Voices

Philharmonia Orchestra

Adrian Partington *conductor*

**Performance of Fauré Requiem supported by Joanna
Brickell**

**Performance of Centuries of Meditations supported by
Jeremy Wilding**

Centuries of Meditations

I The green trees

The green trees when I saw them first through one of the gates
transported and ravished me, their sweetness and unusual
beauty made my heart to leap, and almost mad with ecstasy.
The corn was orient and immortal wheat, which never should
be reaped, nor was ever sown. I thought it had stood from
everlasting to everlasting.

Centuries of Meditations iii, 3

The skies in their magnificence,
The lively, lovely air,
The stars did entertain my sense,
Oh how divine,... how fair!
And all the works of God, so bright and pure,
So rich and great did seem.

from Wonder

II The Cross

That Cross is a tree set on fire with invisible flame, that
illuminateth all the world. The flame is Love: the Love in His
bosom who died on it. In the light of which we see now to possess
all the things Heaven and Earth after His similitude.

Centuries of Meditations i, 60

The Cross is the abyss of wonders, the centre of desires, the
school of virtues, the house of wisdom, the throne of love,
the theatre of joys, and the place of sorrows; It is the root of
happiness, and the gate of Heaven.

Centuries of Meditations i, 59

It is the Rock of Comforts and the Fountain of Joys.
It is a Well of Life beneath in which we may see the face of
Heaven...

Centuries of Meditations i, 58

O King of kings, give me such strength
In this great war depending,
That I may here prevail at length
And ever be ascending,
Till I at last arrive to Thee
The source of all felicity!

from Aspiration

Felicity is a bird of paradise.

Select Meditations iii, 65

Si Deus est pura Mente Colendus.
If God, as verses say, a Spirit be
We must in Spirit like the Deity
Become: we must the Image of His mind
And union with it, in our Spirit find.

Centuries of Meditations ii, 84

III You are as prone to love as the sun to shine

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Centuries of Meditations ii, 65

You never enjoy the world aright till the sea itself floweth in your
veins, till you are clothed with the heavens, and crowned with the
stars.

Centuries of Meditations i, 29

And all its light shineth for you.

Centuries of Meditations ii, 7

IV I saw new worlds

I saw new worlds beneath the water lie,
New people; ye, another sky
And sun, which seen by day
Might things more clear display.
What wondrous things upon the Earth are done
Beneath, and yet above, the sun!
Deeds all appear again
In higher spheres; remain
In clouds as yet:
But there they get
Another light, and in another way
Themselves to us above display.
The skies themselves this earthly globe surround;
We're even here within them found.

from On Leaping Over the Moon

... winds blow... seas roar... rain fall[s]...
clouds fly... the stars march forth...
For ever and ever. Amen.

Centuries of Meditations ii, 22; iv, 100

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Beneath, and yet above, the sun!...
The skies themselves this earthly globe surround;
We're even here within them found.

Thomas Traherne (1637–74)



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Requiem

I. Introit et Kyrie

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

II. Offertoire

O Domine, Jesu Christe, Rex gloriae, libera animas defunctorum
de poenis inferni et de profundo lacu.
O Domine, Jesu Christe, Rex gloriae, libera animas defunctorum
de ore leonis ne absorbeat Tartarus.
O Domine, Jesu Christe, Rex gloriae, ne cadant in obscurum.
Hostias et preces tibi, Domine, laudis offerimus tu suscipe pro
animabus illis, quarum hodie memoriam facimus.
Fac eas, Domine, de morte transire ad vitam.
Quam olim Abrahae promisisti et semine eius.
O Domine, Jesu Christe, Rex gloriae, libera animas defunctorum
de poenis inferni et de profundo lacu.
Ne cadant in obscurum.
Amen.

III. Sanctus

Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth, pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria
tua.
Hosanna in excelsis!

1. Introit & Kyrie

Rest eternal grant them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine on them.
A hymn becomes Thee, God in Zion, and to Thee a vow shall be paid in
Jerusalem.
Hear my prayer, to Thee all flesh shall come.
Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy.

2. Offertory

O Lord Jesus Christ, King of glory, deliver the souls of the departed from the
pains of hell and from the deep pit.
O Lord Jesus Christ, King of glory, deliver the souls of the departed from the
lion's mouth that hell not engulf them.
O Lord Jesus Christ, King of glory, may they not fall into darkness.
Sacrifices and prayers to Thee O Lord, with praise, we offer; do Thou accept
for those souls whom this day we commemorate.
Make them, O Lord, from death to pass to life, which Thou once promised to
Abraham and his seed. O Lord Jesus Christ, King of glory, deliver the souls
of the departed from the pains of hell and from the deep pit.
May they not fall into darkness.
Amen.

3. Sanctus

Holy, Lord God of hosts.
Full are the heavens and the earth of Thy glory.
Hosanna in the highest.

IV. Pie Jesu

Pie Jesu Domine, dona eis requiem, sempiternam requiem.

V. Agnus Dei

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

Lux aeterna luceat eis, Domine, cum sanctis tuis in aeternum, quia pius es.

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

VI. Libera me

Libera me, Domine, de morte aeterna, in die illa tremenda, quando coeli movendi sunt et terra, dum veneris judicare saeculum per ignem.

Tremens factus sum ego et timeo dum discussio venerit atque ventura ira, quando coeli movendi sunt et terra.

Dies illa, dies irae, calamitatis et miseriae.

Dies illa, dies magna et amara valde.

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

Libera me, Domine, de morte aeterna, in die illa tremenda, quando coeli movendi sunt et terra, dum veneris judicare saeculum per ignem.

VII. In Paradisum

In Paradisum deducant Angeli in tuo adventu suscipiant te Martyres et perducant te in civitatem sanctam Jerusalem.

Chorus Angelorum te suscipit et cum Lazaro quondam paupere aeternam habeas requiem.

4. Pie Jesu

Sweet Jesus, Lord, grant them rest, eternal rest.

5. Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world: grant them rest, rest eternal.

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

Rest eternal give to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.

6. Deliver me

Deliver me, O Lord, from death eternal on that dreadful day when the heavens and earth are moved, and Thou shalt come to judge the world by fire.

I tremble and fear for the reckoning will come and wrath befall, when the heavens and earth are moved.

That day, day of wrath, of calamity and misery.

That day, a great day and most bitter.

Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.

Deliver me, O Lord, from death eternal on that dreadful day when the heavens and earth are moved, and Thou shalt come to judge the world by fire.

7. Into Paradise

Into Paradise may the angels lead thee, at thy coming may the martyrs receive thee and bring thee into the holy city Jerusalem.

May the chorus of angels receive thee, and with Lazarus, once a beggar, may thou have eternal rest.

