Requiem for the Living

by Dan Forrest

Performance time: 40 minutes

I. Introit - Kyrie
II. Vanitas Vanitatum
III. Agnus Dei
IV. Sanctus
V. Lux Aeterna

Federated Choir, Soloists, and Orchestra

Joshua Konow, conductor



Federated Choir

Soprano Alto Tenor Bass Ruth Eberlein-Kershner Mimi Bathgate **Bob Bathgate** Ian Crane Bruce Gigax Rosie Horvath, soloist Courtney Becker-Gary Dole Laura Otis Howell Michael Griffith Albert Donze Chris Bednar Beth Rutkowski Ken Horner Carl Jenks Kate Breen Gerald Kadis Elizabeth Spencer Dana Korosi Katie Swanson-Harbage Virg Marino Susan Brooks Doug Harlan Melissa Vandergriff Nancy Isham Brian Skoog, soloist Keith Mast Kiko Weinroth, soloist Cheryl Koza Kevin Quinlan

> Anne Layne Bobbi Mastri Sibyl McBride Kira McGirr

Orchestra

<u>Violin 1</u> Nataliya Shehluk Asher Blackburn	<u>Viola</u> Brian Slawta Cristina Micci	<u>Flute</u> Kaleb Chesnic
Ann Yu	Cello Nataliya Pshanyahna	<u>Oboe</u> Emily Chesnic
<u>Violin 2</u> Yaryna Tsarynska Rungi Weng	Nataliya Pshenychna McKinley Glasser Double Bass	<u>Horn</u> Ben Reidhead
Kelsey Ferguson	Xander Degoey	<u>Harp</u> Emily Lauran
<u>Percussion</u> John Nichols	<u>Timpani</u> Kevin Robison	<u>Organ</u> Marcia Snavely

Program Notes

"Requiem for the Living" faces head-on the grief and sorrow that are common to all human existence. This powerful modern Requiem takes us on a journey through anguish (*Kyrie, Vanitas Vanitatum*), awe over all creation (*Sanctus*), and reconciliation through the comfort of Christ (*Lux Aeterna*).

Note: In some cases, the traditional texts have been re-arranged slightly. Some extra-liturgical texts have been interpolated, and the usual order of the Agnus Dei and Sanctus has been inverted, to present a slightly different overall dramatic arc. The traditional Die Irae has been replaced by a bitter essay on the vanity of existence (Vanitas Vanitatum), and is then followed by a prayer to the Lamb of God for redemption from this vanity (Agnus Dei). The Sanctus, in this narrative, becomes a response to this redemption, praising God and all of creation. The Lux Aeterna brings us to sublime comfort and rest through the peace of Christ.



1. Introit - Kyrie

(Choir)

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

Exaudi orationem meam,

ad te omnis caro veniet. Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison.

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

Hear my prayer, for unto Thee all flesh shall

come.

Lord have mercy; Christ have mercy; Lord have mercy.

2. Vanitas Vanitatum

(Choir)

Vanitas vanitatum, omnia vanitas!

Pie Jesu Domine, dona eis requiem. Lacrimosa,

et locutus est, pereat dies in qua natus sum.

Vanity of vanities, all is vanity! (from Ecclesiastes)

Merciful Lord Jesus, grant them rest.

Full of tears,

(from the Dies Irae)

he said, Let the day perish wherein I was born. (from Job 3:2-3)

3. Agnus Dei

(Soprano solo)

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis, dona eis requiem.

(Choir, and solo)

Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem, miserere nobis,

dona eis requiem.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,

have mercy on us; grant them rest.

Lamb of God,

who takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace; have mercy on us; grant them rest

4. Sanctus

(Choir)

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,

Dominus Deus Sabaoth. Pleni sunt Caeli et terra gloria tua.

Hosanna in excelsis!

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

5. Lux Aeterna

(Soprano solo, and choir)

Lux aeterna luceat eis, Domine:

Cum sanctis tuis in aeternum: quia pius es.

Et lux perpetua luceat eis.

May light eternal shine upon them, O Lord, in the company of Thy saints forever: for Thou are merciful.

Let perpetual light shine on them.

(Tenor solo)

Come unto me,

all ye who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

(Matthew 28:19)

(Choir, and soprano solo)

Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine

et lux perpetua luceat eis.

Dona nobis pacem.

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