

Brahms: Symphony No.2
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“Behold Your King”
The Budapest Festival Orchestra
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The First Movement: “We Beheld His Glory”

(John 1:1-27, 29-34)

[.00] In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in darkness, and the darkness comprehended it not. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe.

[.40] He was not that Light but was sent to bear witness of that light. That was the true Light which lights every man that comes into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came to his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name, which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

[1.46] And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

[2.00] And of his fullness have all we received; grace for grace. For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.” No man has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he has declared him, and this is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, “Who are you?” He confessed and denied not, but confessed, “I am not the Christ.” They asked him, “What then? Are you Elijah?” And he said, “I am not.” “Are you that prophet?” He answered, “No”. He said, “I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness. Make straight the way of the Lord, as said the prophet Elijah.”

[4:11] John saw Jesus coming to him and said, “Behold the Lamb of God, which takes away the sin of the world. This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man which is preferred before me, for he was before me, and I knew him not, but that he should be made manifest to Israel.’ Therefore, I come baptizing with water.”

[5:00] John bare record, saying, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him, and I knew him not, but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said to me, “Upon whom you shall see the Spirit descending and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizes with the Holy Ghost. I saw and bare record that this is the Son of God.”

(John 3:1-6, 11-21)

[5:58] There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no man can do these miracles that you do, except God be with him.” Jesus said, “Verily, verily, I say to you, except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

[6:56] Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. If I have told you earthly things, and you believe not, how shall you believe, if I tell you of heavenly things? [7:20] No man has ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of Man which is in heaven. As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whosoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life.”

[7:51] “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. [8:05] For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved. [9:20] He that believes on him is not condemned, but he that believes not is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. This is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For everyone that does evil hates the light, neither comes to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved, but he that doeth truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest that are wrought in God.”

(John 5:19-27)

[10:05] Verily, verily, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of himself, but what he sees the Father do, for what things he does, these also does the Son, likewise. For the Father loves the Son and shows him all things that he himself does, and he will show him greater works than these, that you may marvel. For as the Father raises up the dead, and quickens them, even so the Son quickens whom he will.

[11:56] For the Father judges no man, but has committed all judgment unto the Son, [12:14] that all men should honor the Son, even as they honor the Father. He that honors not the Son honors not the Father which has sent him. Verily, verily, I say to you, he that hears my word and believes on him that sent me, has everlasting life and shall not come into condemnation, but is passed from death unto life.

[13:09] Verily, verily, I say to you, the hour is coming and now is when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God, and they that hear shall live.

[13.49] For as the Father has life in himself, so has he given to the Son to have life in himself and has given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of Man.

(John 6:32-40)

[14:34] “Verily, verily, I say to you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven, for the bread of God is he which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world. [15:05] I am the bread of life. He that comes to me shall never hunger, and he that believes on me shall never thirst.”

[16:34] “All that the Father gives me shall come to me, and him that comes to me I will in no wise cast out. [16:48] For I came down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him that sent me. [17:35] This is the Father’s will which has sent me, that of all which he has given me, I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day. [18:24] And this is the will of him that sent me, that everyone which sees the Son and believes on him may have everlasting life, and I will raise him up at the last day.

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The Second Movement: “Behold Your King”

(John 11:1-15, 17, 20-27, 32, 34-35, 39-44, 47, 53)

[.00] (*mf*) Now a certain man was sick, named Lazarus of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister, Martha. They sent word to Jesus saying, “Lord, he whom you love is sick.” Jesus said, “This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby. Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister, and Lazarus. When he heard that he was sick, he abode two days still in the same place where he was. Then he said, “Let us go into Judea again.” His disciples said to him, “Master, the Jews of late sought to stone you, and you go there again?” Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours in the day? If any man walks in the day, he stumbles not, because he sees the light of this world. But if a man walks in the night, he stumbles, because there is not light in him. Our friend, Lazarus sleeps, but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep.”

[1.22] Jesus spoke of his death, but they thought that he had spoken of taking rest in sleep. Then Jesus said to them, plainly, “Lazarus is dead, and I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, so you may believe. Nevertheless, let us go to him.” When Jesus came, he found that he had lain in the grave four days already.

[2.35] As soon as Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary sat still in the house. Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother had not died. But I know, that even now, whatsoever you will ask of God, God will give it to you.” Jesus said, “Your brother will rise again.” Martha said to him, “I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day.” Jesus said, “I am the resurrection and the life; he that believes in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live. And whosoever lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?” She said to him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world.”

[3:20] When Mary was come where Jesus was and saw him, she fell down at his feet, saying to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother had not died."

[3:36] He said, "Where have you laid him." They said, "Come and see." Jesus wept.

[4:33] Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha said, "Lord, by this time there is an odor, for he has been dead four days." Jesus said, "Did I not say, that, if you would believe, you should see the glory of God?" They took away the stone, and Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. And I knew that you hear me always, but because of the people which stand by I said it, that they may believe that you have sent me." When he had thus spoken, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth!" He that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with grave clothes. His face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus said to them, "Loose him, and let him go." Then gathered the chief priests and the Pharisees a council and said, "What shall we do, for this man does many miracles". Then from that day forth they took counsel together to put him to death.

(John 12:12-13, 35-36)

[5:45] The people who were come to the Passover feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, took branches of palm trees and went forth to meet him and cried, "Hosanna! Blessed is the King of Israel that comes in the name of the Lord!" Jesus said, "Yet a little while is the light with you. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness come upon you, for he that walks in darkness knows not whither he goes. While you have light, believe in the light, that you may be the children of light."

(John 14:1-3, 6-7)

[6:20] Jesus said to his disciples, "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in me. [6:45] In my Father's house are many mansions. If it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you to myself that where I am, there you may be also."

"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No man comes to the Father but by me.

[7:58] If you had known me, you should have known my Father also, and from henceforth you know him and have seen him."

(John 19: 14-17, 19, 41-42)

[8:08] When Jesus was before Pilate, Pilate said, "Behold your King!" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar!" And they took Jesus and led him away, he, bearing his own cross. Pilate wrote a title and put it on the cross,

"JESUS OF NAZARETH THE KING OF THE JEWS."

[8:36] There was a garden, and in the garden a new sepulcher, wherein was never man yet laid. There they laid Jesus.

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The Third Movement: “Whom Do You Seek?”

(John 20:1-8, 10-16, 19-23)

[.00] On the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene came, while it was still dark, to the sepulcher and saw the stone taken away. She ran to Simon Peter and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken away the Lord out of the sepulcher, and we know not where they have laid him.” Peter and that other disciple came to the sepulcher. They ran both together, and the other disciple outran Peter and came first to the sepulcher. Stooping down and looking in, he saw the linen clothes lying, yet went not in.

[.51] Then came Simon Peter following him and went into the sepulcher and saw the linen clothes lying there and the napkin that was about his head, not lying with the linen clothes but wrapped together in a place by itself. [1:12] Then the other disciple went in, who came first to the sepulcher, and he saw and believed. The disciples went away again to their own homes, but Mary stood without, weeping. [1:34] As she wept, she stooped down and looked in, seeing two angels in white, sitting, the one at the head, and the other at the feet where the body of Jesus had lain.

[1.53] They said to her, “Woman, why do you weep?” She said, “Because they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid him.” And when she had thus said, she turned herself back and saw Jesus standing and knew not that it was Jesus. [2:12] Jesus said to her, “Woman, why do you weep? Whom do you seek?”

She, supposing him to be the gardener, said to him, “Sir, if you have borne him hence, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” [2:44] Jesus said to her, “Mary”. She turned and said to him, “Master!” (+)

[2:49] The same day at evening, on the first day of the week, when the doors were shut for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst and said to them, “Peace be unto you.”

[3:06] He showed them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad when they saw the Lord. Then Jesus said to them again, Peace be unto you. As my Father has sent me, even so send I you.” And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Ghost. Whosoever sins you remit, they are remitted unto them, and whosoever sins you retain, they are retained.”

(John 21:15-19)

[3:38] Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, son of Jonas, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Feed my lambs.”

[3:56] He said to him again the second time, “Simon, son of Jonas, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Feed my sheep.”

[4:34] He said to him the third time, “Simon, son of Jonas, do you love me?” Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, ‘Do you love me’? He said to him, “Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep.”

[4:57] “Verily, verily, I say to you, when you were young, you girded yourself and walked whither you would go, but when you shall be old, you shall stretch forth your hands, and another shall gird you and carry you whither you would not go.” This he spoke, signifying by what death he should glorify God.

[5:22] And when he had spoken this, he said to him, “Follow me.”

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The Fourth Movement: “Salvation and Glory”

(Acts 1:4-5, 2:1-2, 4, 14-15, 17-24, 29-33)

[.00] Jesus commanded the disciples that they should not depart from Jerusalem, saying, “but wait for the promise of the Father, which, you have heard of me. For John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.”

When the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place. Suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind. It filled all the house where they were sitting.

[1:13] They were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice and said to them, “Men of Judea, and all that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known to you and hearken to my words: For these are not drunken as you suppose. It is but the third hour of the day.”

“But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel, ‘It shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh. Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.’”

[2:30] “On my servants and on my hand-maidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. I will show wonders in heaven above and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord come.

[3:04] And it shall come to pass that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

[3:12] Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you as you yourselves also know, Him being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, you have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain, whom God has raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that he should be held by it. David is both dead and buried, and his sepulcher is with us unto this day. Being a prophet and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne.

[4:19] He, seeing this before spoke of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither did his flesh see corruption. This Jesus has God raised up, whereof we are all witnesses. Therefore, being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he has shed forth this, which you now see and hear.

(Acts 2:36-39, 41, 46-47)

[4:45] God has made that same Jesus, whom you have crucified, both Lord and Christ. They all said, "What shall we do?" Peter said, "Repent and be baptized, everyone of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. The promise is to you and to your children and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call." (<>) They that gladly received his word were baptized, and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.

(Acts 3:1-4, 6-8, 10-13, 19-20)

[5:25] Peter and John went into the temple at the hour of prayer. A man lame from his mother's womb was carried, daily, at the gate of the temple. Seeing Peter and John, he asked alms. Peter said, "Look at us." Then Peter said, "Silver and gold have I none, but such as I have, give I to you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise and walk." He took him by the right hand, lifted him up, and immediately his feet and ankles received strength, and he, leaping, stood and walked, and entered with them into the temple, praising God.

[6:30] Peter said, "Men of Israel, why marvel at this? Or why do you look so earnestly on us as though by our own power or holiness we had made this man to walk?" [7:14] The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of our Fathers has glorified his Son Jesus whom you delivered up and denied him in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let him go"

(Acts 4:10-12)

[7:49] "By the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him does this man stand here before you whole.

[8:17] "This is the stone which was set a naught of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. Neither is there salvation in any other, for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

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