

### THE MESSIAH

a sacred oratorio in three parts

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PIANO VOCAL REDUCTION

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#### **RUN OF SHOW**

**OVERTURE** (piano)

COMFORT YE MY PEOPLE (tenor)

EVERY VALLEY SHALL BE EXALTED (tenor)

AND THE GLORY OF THE LORD (Full Company + Audience Chorus)

THUS SAITH THE LORD (bass)

BUT WHO MAY ABIDE THE DAY OF HIS COMING? (bass)

AND HE SHALL PURIFY (Full Company + Audience Chorus)

#### INTERMISSION

BEHOLD! A VIRGIN SHALL CONCEIVE (mezzo-soprano)

O THOU THAT TELLEST GOOD TIDINGS TO ZION (mezzo-soprano)

O THOU THAT TELLEST GOOD TIDINGS TO ZION (Full Company + Audience Chorus)

FOR UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN (Full Company + Audience Chorus)

PASTORAL SYMPHONY (piano)

THERE WERE SHEPHERDS ABIDING IN THE FIELD (soprano)

AND LO! THE ANGEL OF THE LORD CAME UPON THEM (soprano)

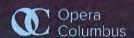
AND THE ANGEL SAID UNTO THEM (soprano)

AND SUDDENLY THERE WAS WITH THE ANGEL (soprano)

GLORY TO GOD (Full Company + Audience Chorus)

REJOICE GREATLY, O DAUGHTER OF ZION! (soprano)

HALLELUJAH (Full Company + Audience Chorus)



#### **OVERTURE** (piano)

#### **COMFORT YE MY PEOPLE** (tenor)

Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God. Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned. The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness: prepare ye the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. (Isaiah 40:1-3)

### **EVERY VALLEY SHALL BE EXALTED** (tenor)

Ev'ry valley shall be exalted, and ev'ry mountain and hill made low; the crooked straight, and the rough places plain. (Isaiah 40:4)

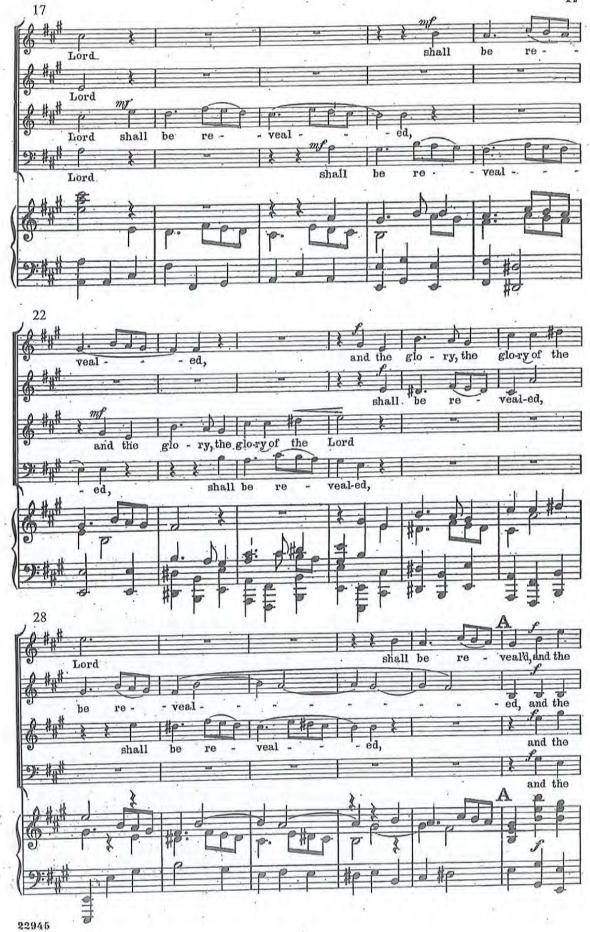
#### Nº 4. - CHORUS

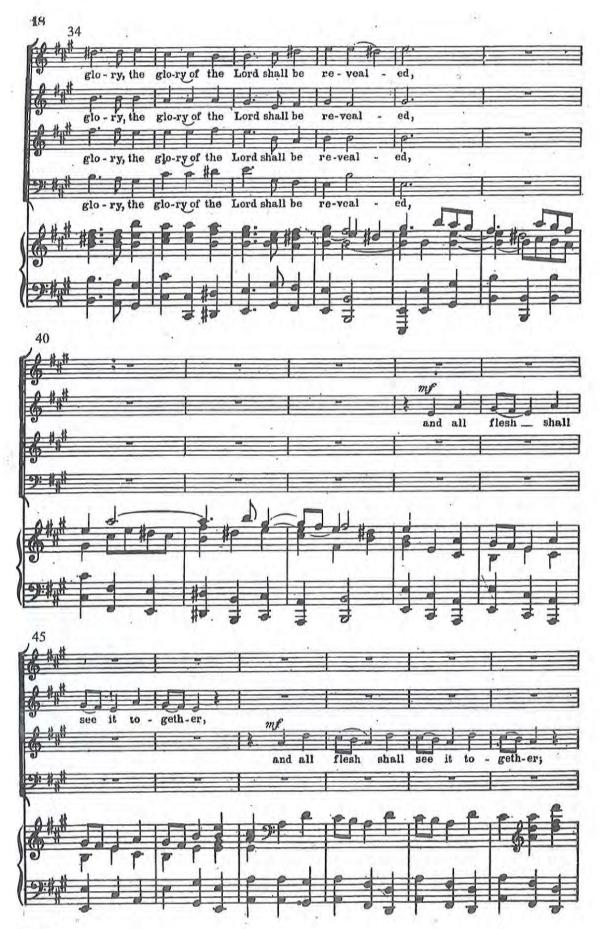
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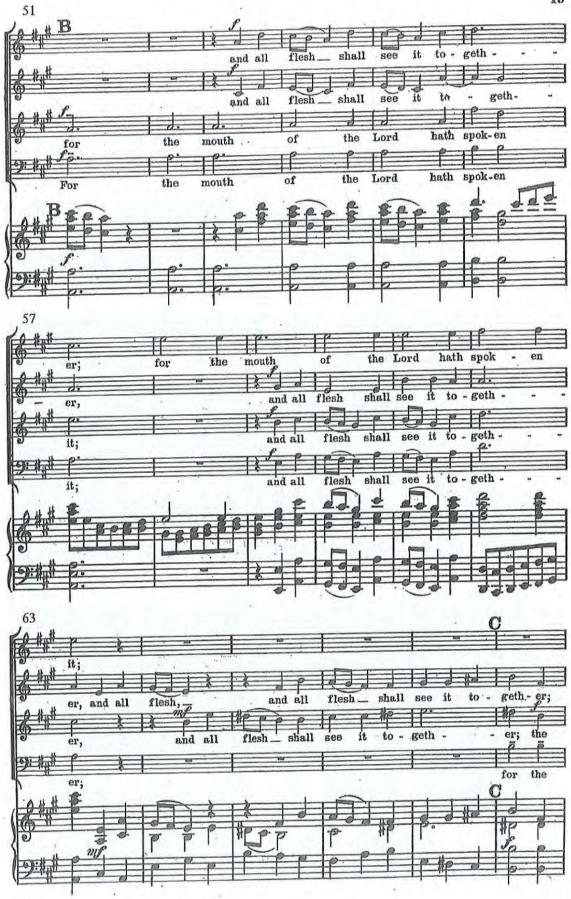
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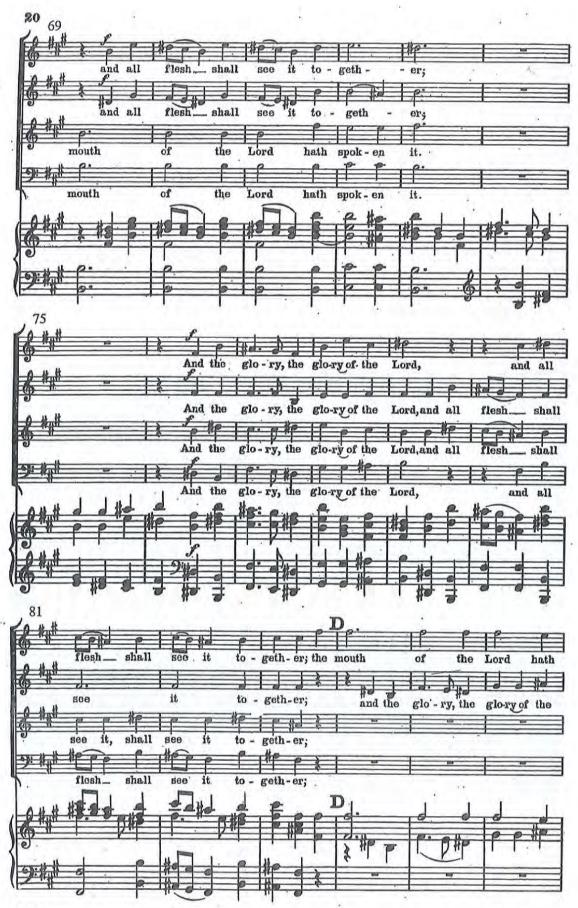




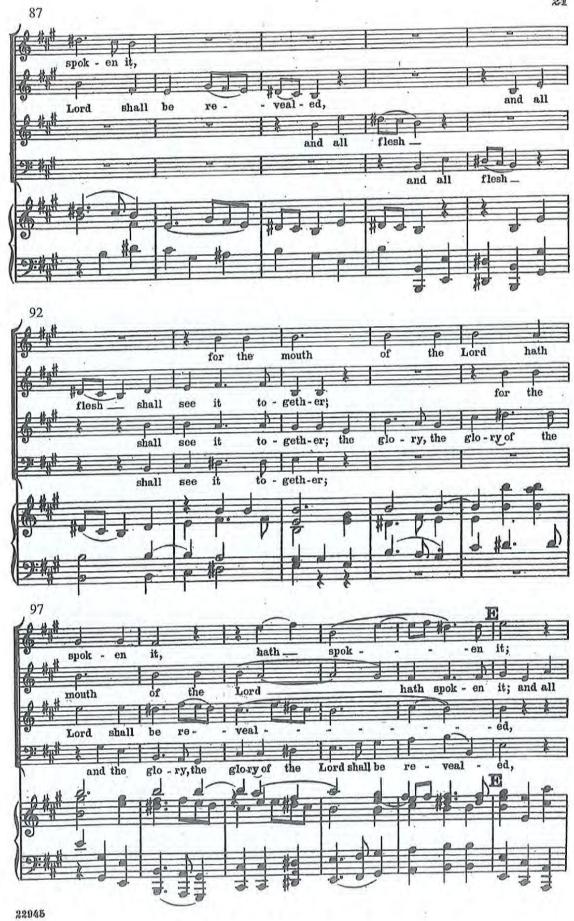


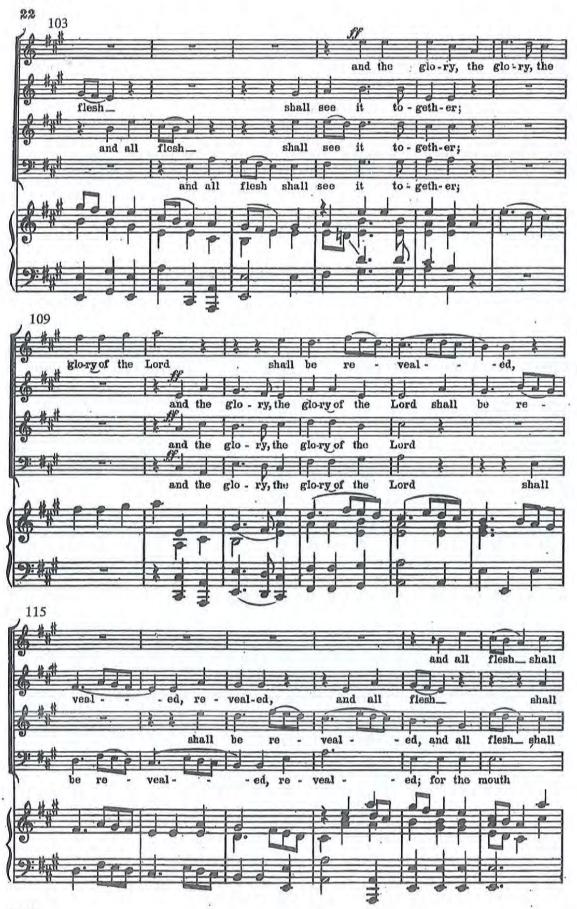
















#### THUS SAITH THE LORD (bass)

Thus saith the Lord, the Lord of Hosts; Yet once a little while and I will shake the heavens and the earth, the sea and the dry land. And I will shake all nations; and the desire of all nations shall come. (Haggai 2:6-7)

The Lord, whom ye seek shall suddenly come to His temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in; behold, He shall come, saith the Lord of Hosts. (Malachi 3:1)

BUT WHO MAY ABIDE THE DAY OF HIS COMING? (bass)
But who may abide the day of his coming, and who shall stand when
He appeareth? For he is like a refiner's fire. (Malachi 3:2)

# Nº 7.- CHORUS "AND HE SHALL PURIFY"







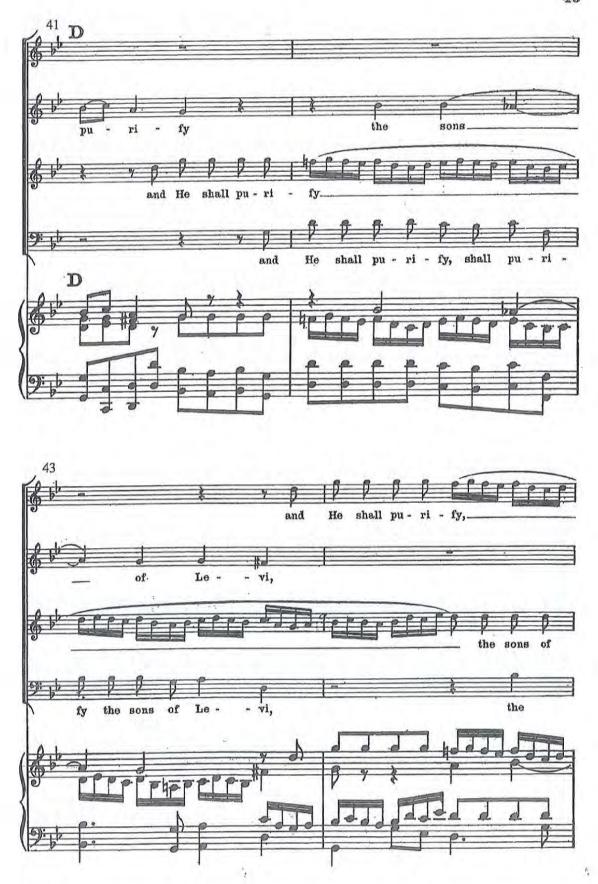






















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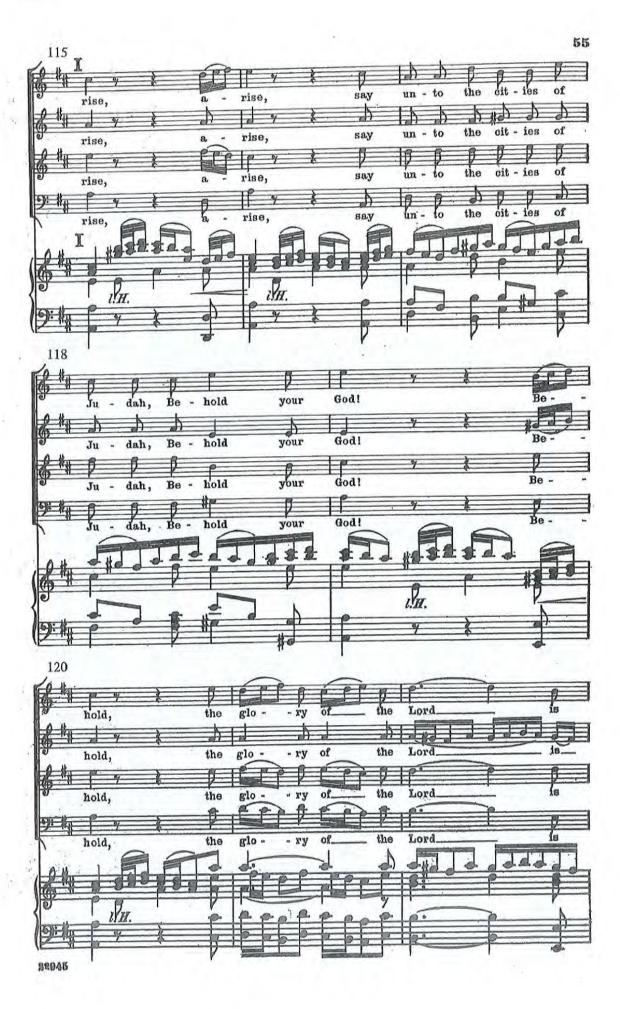
BEHOLD! A VIRGIN SHALL CONCEIVE (mezzo-soprano)
Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and shall call His name
Emmanuel, God with us. (Isaiah 7:14, Matthew 1:23)

O THOU THAT TELLEST GOOD TIDINGS TO ZION (mezzo-soprano)
O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion, get thee up into the high mountain. O thou that tellest good tidings to Jerusalem, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, behold your God! (Isaiah 40:9)

Arise, shine, for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. (Isaiah 60:1)

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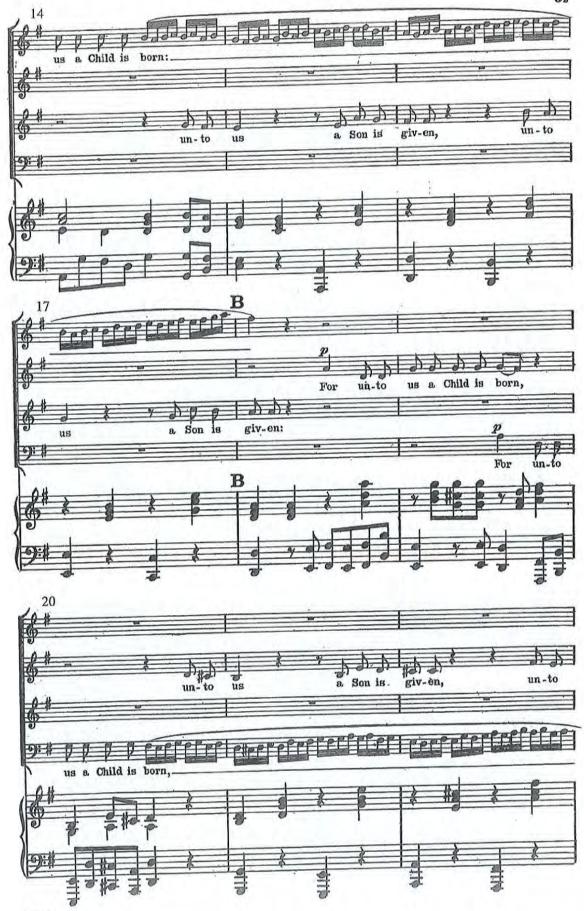




## Nº 12.- CHORUS "For unto us a Child is born"

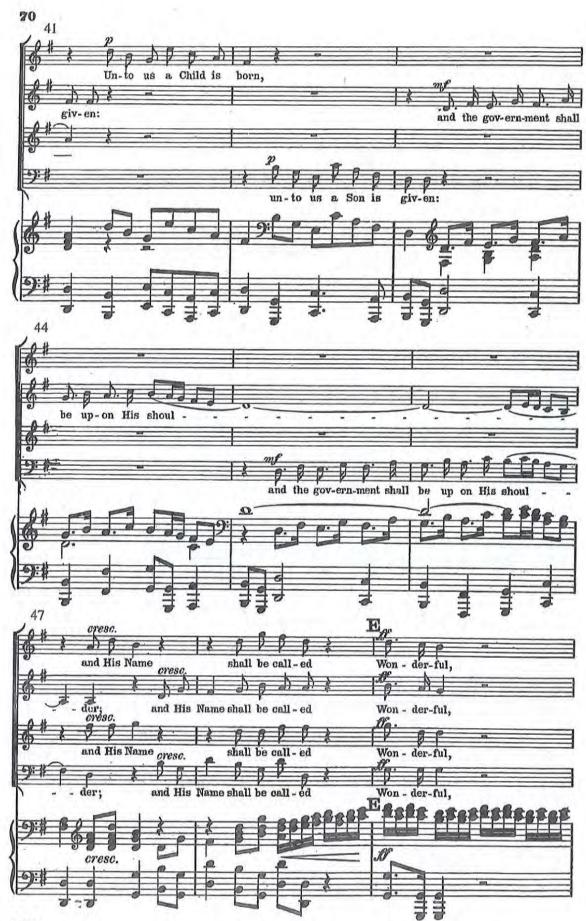




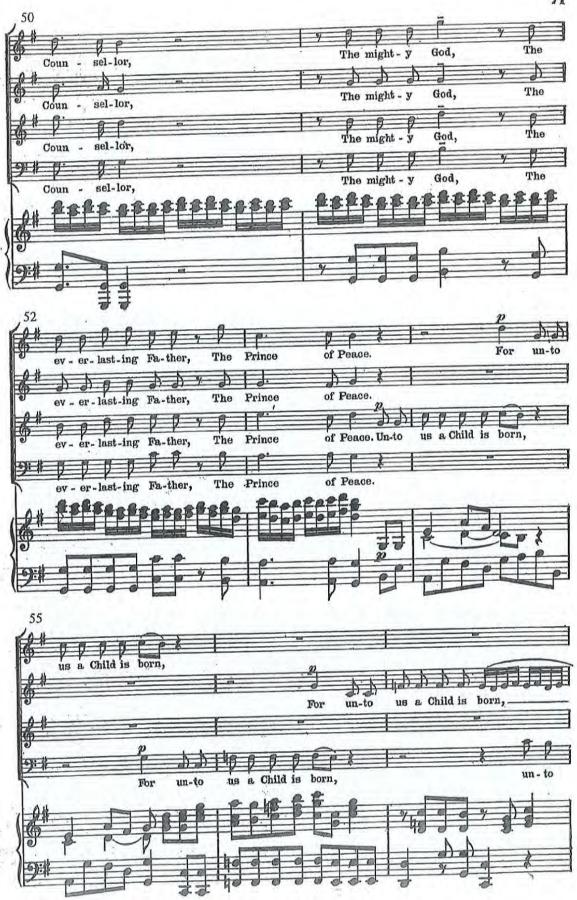












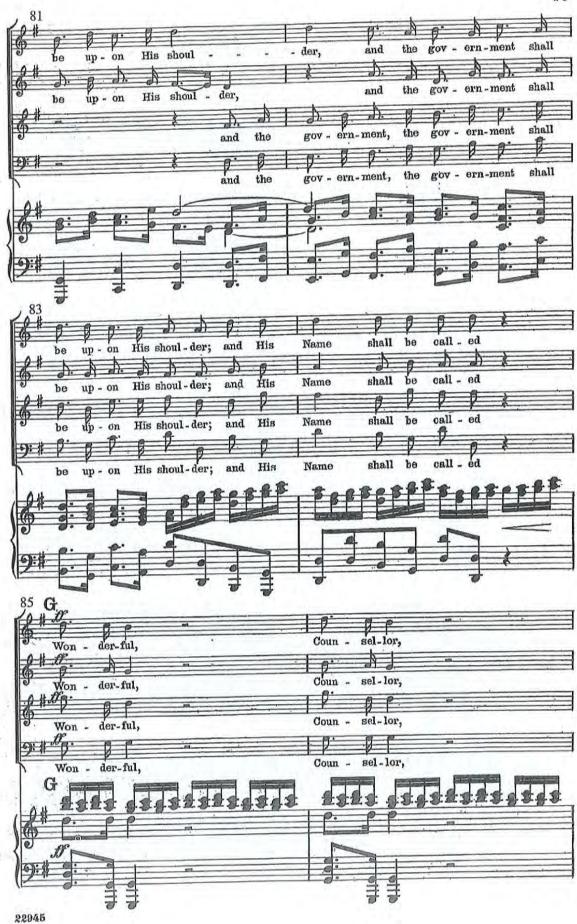














## PASTORAL SYMPHONY (piano)

## THERE WERE SHEPHERDS ABIDING IN THE FIELD (soprano)

There were shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flocks by night. (Luke 2:8)

AND LO! THE ANGEL OF THE LORD CAME UPON THEM (soprano)
And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord
shone round about them, and they were sore afraid. (Luke 2:9)

AND THE ANGEL SAID UNTO THEM (soprano)

And the angel said unto them: "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." (Luke 2:10-11)

AND SUDDENLY THERE WAS WITH THE ANGEL (soprano)
And suddenly there was with the angel, a multitude of
the heav'nly host praising God, and saying: (Luke 2:13)

Luke ii: 14

## Nº 17. - CHORUS "GLORY TO GOD"



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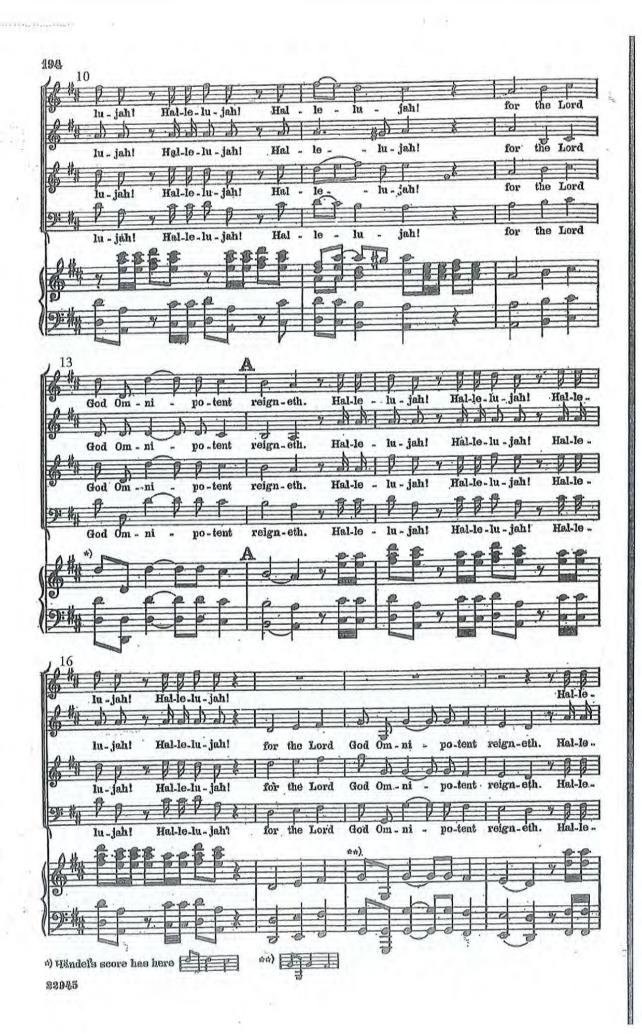


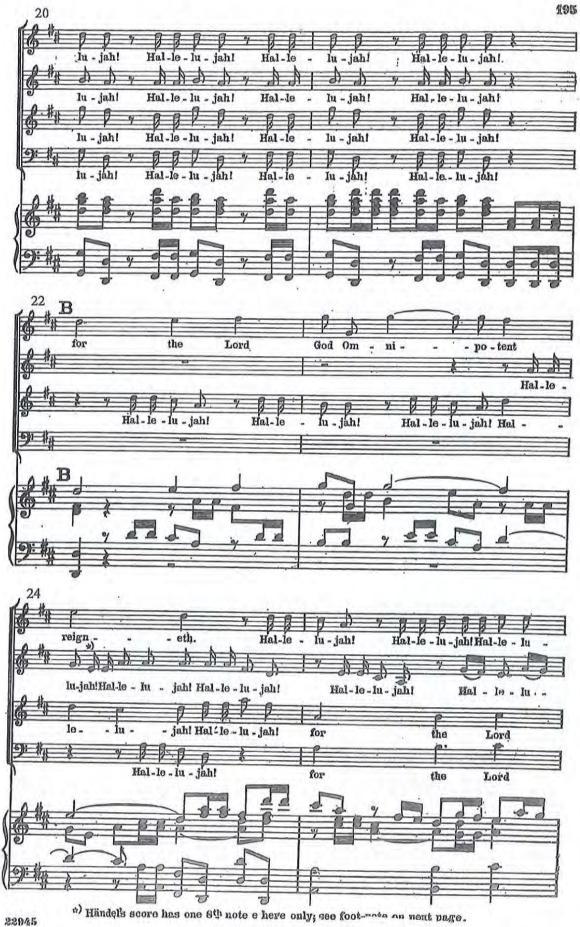


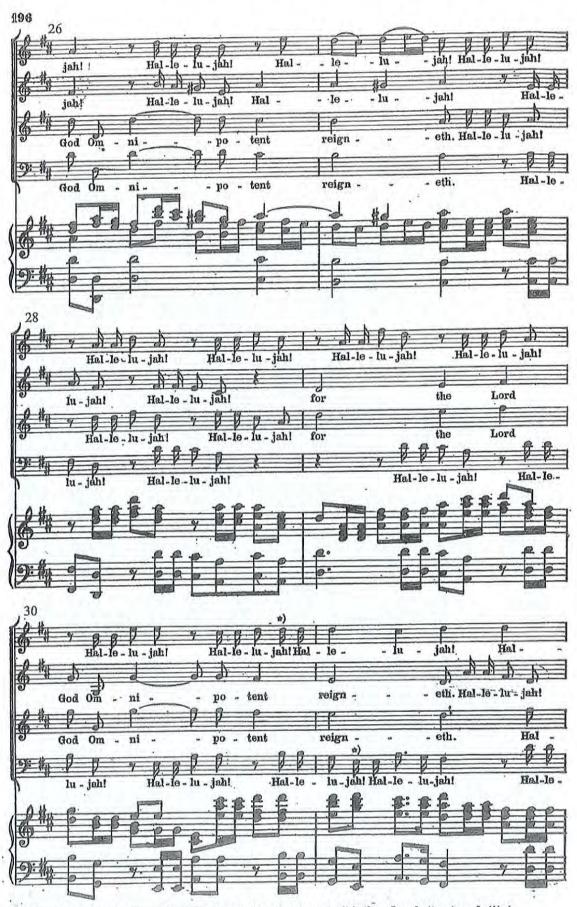
REJOICE GREATLY, O DAUGHTER OF ZION! (soprano)
Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem!
Behold, thy King cometh unto thee; He is the righteous Saviour,
and He shall speak peace unto the heathen. (Zechariah 9:9-10)

## Nº 44.- CHORUS "HALLELUJAH!"









a) Händel's score has here 2 syllables for one note, it is therefore better to substitute two 16<sup>th</sup> notes for the 8<sup>th</sup>



