Requiem

[1] I: Lamentations

Choir I

Mourn not, weep not, cry not, grieve not. (Nehemiah 8:9, Luke 8:52, Job 36:13, Ephesians 4:30)

Refrain thy voice from weeping and thine eyes from tears. (*Jeremiah 31:16*)

Neither shalt thou mourn nor weep, Neither shall thy tears run down. (Ezek. 24:16)

Grieve not, cry not, mourn not, nor weep. (*Ephesians 4:30, Job 36:13, Nehemiah 8:9*)

Why make ye this ado and weep? (*Mark 5:39*)

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How is it that ye have no faith? (Mark 4:40)

The just shall live by his faith. (*Habakkuk 2:4*)

The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms. (*Deuteronomy 33:27*)

Everlasting joy shall be unto them. (*Isaiah 61:7*)

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Choir II

Lamentations, and mourning, and weeping. (Ezekiel 2:10)

The joy of our heart is ceased; Our dance is turned into mourning. (Lamentations 5:15)

Mourn.

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II: The Triumph of Faith

[2] Why make ye this ado?

Man that is born of a woman is of few days and full of trouble. (*Job 14:1*)

He cometh forth like a flower and is cut down; He fleeth also as a shadow and continueth not. (*Job 14:2*)

All flesh shall perish together and man shall turn again unto dust. (*Job 34:15*)

[3] What man is he?

What man is he that liveth and shall not see death? (Psalm 89:48)

Behold we die, we perish, we all perish. (*Numbers 17:12*)

Shall we be consumed with dying? (*Numbers 17:13*)

The righteous perisheth And no man layeth it to heart:

And merciful men are taken away. (*Isaiah 57:1*)

By the blast of God they perish

and by the breath of his nostrils

are they consumed.

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(Job 4:9)

Everlasting joy shall be unto them.

How long, Lord? Wilt thou hide thyself forever?

Shall thy wrath burn like fire?

(Psalm 89:46)

His anger endureth but a moment;

In his favour is life. (Psalm 30:1)

Life?

Stay yourselves and wonder.

(Isaiah 29:1)

Unto you is given the mystery of the kingdom of God.

(Mark 4:11)

Stay yourselves and wonder.

O Lord, thou has brought up my soul from the grave, Thou hast kept me alive.

(Psalm 30:3)

Behold ye, regard, and wonder marvelously.

(Habakkuk 1:5)

[4] Good tidings to the meek

Good tidings to the meek; He hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted; to comfort all that mourn; to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness. (Isaiah 61:1,2,3)

Behold ye, regard, and wonder marvelously. (*Habakkuk 1:5*)

III: The Call to Song

[5] Be filled with the spirit

Be filled with the spirit, Singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord. (Ephesians 5:18,19)

None answered. (Judges 19:28)

Be filled with the spirit, Singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord.

But none answered.

Be filled with the spirit, Singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord.

None giveth answer. (*Job 35:12*)

[6] O let the nations be glad

O let the nations be glad and sing for joy. (*Psalm 67:4*)

But they hearkened not, nor inclined their ear. (*Jeremiah 7:24*)

[7] Sing unto Him

Sing unto him. Talk ye of all his wondrous works. (*I Chronicles 16:9*)

[8] Utter a song

Utter a song... (Judges 5:12)

Can I hear any more the voice Of singing men And singing women? (2 Samuel 19:35)

Blessed be the Lord God, Who only doeth wondrous things. (*Psalm 72:18*)

IV: The Garment of Praise

[9] Sing with the spirit

Sing with the spirit, And sing with the understanding also. (*I Corinthians 14:15*) I will sing with the spirit, And I will sing with the understanding also. (*I Corinthians 14:15*)

[10] Let everything that hath breath

Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord. (*Psalm 150:6*)

Let the inhabitants of the rock sing Let them shout from the top of the mountains. (Isaiah 42:11)

Choirs I and II

Break forth into singing ye mountains, O forest, and every tree therein. (Isaiah 44:23)

[11] Let them give glory

Let them give glory unto the Lord and declare his praise in the islands. (*Isaiah 42:12*)

Let the earth rejoice, Let the multitude of isles be glad thereof. (Psalm 97:1)

[12] Praise Him all ye stars of light

Praise him all ye stars of light. (*Psalm 148:3*)

Let the heaven and earth praise him. (Psalm 69:34)

The morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy. (*Job 38:7*)

For they went at large like horses and leaped like lambs, praising thee, O Lord. (Wisdom of Solomon 19:9)

[13] I am their music

I am their music. (Lamentations 3:63)

And now am I their song. (*Job 30:9*)

I will praise the Lord with my whole heart; (Psalm 111:1)

Till he fill thy mouth with laughing and thy lips with rejoicing. (Job 8:21)

V: The Leave-taking

[14] Ye were sometimes darkness

Ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light. (Ephesians 5:8)

[15] The Lord shall be unto thee

The Lord shall be unto thee an everlasting light, and thy God thy glory. (Isaiah 60:19)

[16] Return unto thy rest

Return unto thy rest, O my soul; for the Lord hath dealt bountifully with thee. (*Psalm 116:7*)

[17] Thou hast given him

Thou hast given him his heart's desire, and hast not withholden the request of his lips. He asked life of thee, and thou gavest him a long life: Even for ever and ever.

(Psalm 21:2, 1 – from the Book of Common Prayer)

[18] Amen and amen, alleluia

Amen and amen, alleluia. (*Psalm 89:52*)

Alleluia.