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Mario CASTELNUOVO-TEDESCO (1895–1968)

1 Naomi and Ruth, Op. 27

Ana Maria Martinez, soprano
Academy and Chorus of St. Martin-in-the-Fields
Sir Neville Marriner, conductor

10:54

Sacred Service for the Sabbath Eve, Op. 122

- 2 Ma Tov
- 3 L'kha Dodi
- 4 Tov L'hodot
- 5 Bar'khu
- 6 Sh'ma Yisra'el
- 7 Mi Khamokha
- 8 Hashkivenu
- 9 V'sham'ru
- 10 May the Words
- 11 Kiddush
- 12 Let Us Adore
- 13 Va'anahnu
- 14 On That Day
- 15 Benediction
- 16 Adon Olam

3:57
5:06
6:36
1:17
1:05
1:49
5:11
2:34
1:59
3:25
1:53
2:09
0:57
1:40
2:55

Ted Christopher, baritone; Jeremy Cohen, tenor
Rabbi Rodney Mariner, speaker; Hugh Potton, organ
The London Chorus; Ronald Corp, conductor

Prayers My Grandfather Wrote (excerpts)

- 17 I. Tema
- 18 II. Hashkivenu
- 19 V. Ra'u Banim

1:53
3:49
2:33

Barbara Harbach, organ

Memorial Service for the Departed (excerpts)

- 20 I. Adonai Ma Adam
- 21 III. Yoshev B'seter
- 22 IV. Shiviti

2:24
1:39
3:18

Cantor Simon Spiro, tenor; McNeil Robinson, organ
New York Cantorial Choir; Neil Levin, conductor

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"This is one of the purest and most touching compositions you have ever written," wrote fellow émigré composer Ernst Toch to his friend Mario Castelnuovo-Tedesco after hearing his cantata *Naomi and Ruth*. For Castelnuovo-Tedesco, America offered new opportunities to deepen and develop his Italian musical heritage and his Jewish spirituality. He dreamed that he might hear his *Sacred Service* "once in the synagogues of Florence," but instead this major work was premiered at New York's Park Avenue Synagogue, establishing a long tradition of contemporary sacred Jewish music commissioned from leading composers.



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