



"St. Paul"

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"St. Paul"

by

FELIX MENDELSSOHN

THE ORATORIO CHOIR

Edgar D. Kerr, Conductor

Carol Ann Beck, Pianist

Ruth Kerr, Organist

Shirley Jones, Pianist

Part One

THE PERSECUTION

OVERTURE

CHORUS.....The Choir

Lord, Thou alone art God, and Thine are the heaven, the earth, the mighty waters, The Heathen furiously rage, Lord, against Thee and Thy Christ. Now behold, lest our foes prevail, and grant to Thy servants all strength and joyfulness, that they may preach Thy word!

CHORAL.....The Choir

To God on high be thanks and praise,
Who deigns our bonds to sever,
His cares our drooping souls upraise,
And harm shall reach us never.
On Him we rest, with faith assured,
Of all that live the mighty Lord,
Forever and forever.

SOPRANO RECITATIVE.....Karen Couch

And the many that believed were of one heart and of one soul. And Stephen, full of faith and full of power, did great wonders among the people. And they of the Synagogue were not able to resist the wisdom and the spirit by which he spake. Then they enlisted men who were false witnesses, which said:

DUET.....James McKim, Roger Dahlen

We verily have heard him blaspheme against these holy places, and against the law.

SOPRANO RECITATIVE.....Miss Couch

And they stirred up the people and the elders, and came upon him, and caught hold of him, and brought him to the council, and spake:

CHORUS.....The Choir

Now this man ceaseth not to utter blasphemous words against the law of Moses, and also God. Did we not enjoin and straitly command you, that you should not teach in the Name ye follow? And lo! ye have filled Jerusalem with your unlawful doctrine. He hath said, and our ears have heard him, Jesus of Nazareth, He shall destroy all these our holy places, and change all the customs which Moses delivered us.

SOPRANO RECITATIVE.....Mary May Gonzaga

And all that sat in the council looked steadfastly on him, and saw his face as it had been the face of an angel, then said the High Priest: "Are these things so?" And Stephen said:

TENOR RECITATIVE.....Lanny Green

Men, brethren, and fathers, hearken to me. The God of glory appeared unto our fathers, delivered the people out of their afflictions, and gave them favour. But they understood it not. He sent Moses into Egypt, for He saw their afflictions, and heard their groaning. But they refused him, and would not obey his word, but thrust him from them

and sacrificed to senseless idols. Solomon built Him an house; albeit the Most High God dwelleth not in temples which are made with hands, for heaven is His throne, and earth is but His footstool.
Hath not His hand made all these things?

Ye hard of heart, ye always do resist the Holy Ghost. As did your fathers, even so do ye. Which of the Prophets have not your fathers persecuted? And they have slain them which shewed before the coming of Him, the Just One, with those murder ye have here been stained. Ye have received the Law, received it by the deposition of angels, and ye have not obeyed it.

CHORUS.....The Choir

Take him away. Away with him! For now the holy Name of God he hath blasphemed, and who blasphemeth Him shall perish!

TENOR RECITATIVE (Stephen).....Mr. Green

Lo! I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!

AIR FOR SOPRANO.....Nancy Macy

Jerusalem, thou that killest the Prophets, thou that stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered unto Me thy children, and ye would not, and ye would not! Jerusalem, thou that killest the Prophets, thou that stonest them which are sent unto thee! Jerusalem!

TENOR RECITATIVE.....David Gardner

Then they ran upon him with one accord, and cast him out of the city, and stoned him, and cried aloud:

CHORUS.....The Choir

Stone him to death! He blasphemeth God, he blasphemeth God: and who doeth so shall surely perish!

TENOR RECITATIVE.....Mr. Gardner

And they stoned him: and he kneeled down, and cried aloud: "Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

CHORAL.....The Choir

To Thee, O Lord I yield my spirit,
Who break'st in love, this mortal chain.
My life I but from Thee inherit,
And death becomes my chiefest gain.
In Thee I live, in Thee I did,
Content, for Thou art ever nigh.

SOPRANO RECITATIVE.....Miss Gonzaga

And the witnesses had laid down their clothes at the feet of a young man whose name was Saul, who was consenting unto his death. And devout men took Stephen, and carried him to his burial, and made great lamentation over him.

CHORUS.....The Choir

Happy, and blest are they who have endured. For though the body dies, the soul shall live forever.

TENOR RECITATIVE.....Gordon Henrickson
And Saul made havock of the Church; and breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples, he spake of them much evil, and said:

BASS ARIA.....Philip Roberts
Consume them all, Lord Sabaoth, consume all these Thine enemies. Behold, they will not know Thee, that Thou, our great Jehovah, art the Lord alone, the Highest over all the world. Pour out Thine indignation, and let them feel Thy power.

THE CONVERSION

CONTRALTO RECITATIVE AND ARIOSO.....Sarah Schendel
And he journeyed with companions toward Damascus, and had authority and command from the High Priest that he should bring them bound, men and women, unto Jerusalem. But the Lord is mindful of His own, He remembers His children. Bow down before Him, ye mighty, for the Lord is near us.

TENOR RECITATIVE.....Mr. Green, James Nobles
And as he journeyed he came near unto Damascus; when suddenly there shone around him a light from heaven: and he fell to the earth; and he heard a voice saying unto him: Saul, Saul, why persecut'st thou Me? And he said: "Lord, who art Thou?" And the Lord said to him: "I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom thou persecutest." And he said, trembling and astonished: "Lord, what wilt Thou have me do?" The Lord said to him: "Arise, and go into the city; and there thou shalt be told what thou must do."

CHORUS.....The Choir
Rise! Up! Arise! Rise, and shine! For thy light comes and the glory of the Lord, doth appear upon thee. And the glory of the mighty Lord appeareth upon thee.

TENOR RECITATIVE.....Mr. Gardner
And his companions which journeyed with him stood, and they were afraid, hearing a voice but seeing no man. And Saul arose from the earth, and when his eyes were opened, he saw no man: but they led him by the hand, and brought him into Damascus, and he was three days without sight, and did neither eat nor drink.

BASS ARIA.....Mr. Nobles
O God, have mercy, have mercy upon me, and blot out my transgressions according to Thy lovingkindness, yea, even for Thy mercys sake. Deny me not, O cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not The spirit from me, O Lord, and take not Thy spirit from me, O Lord, O take not Thy spirit from me, O Lord. Lord, a broken, and a contrite heart is offered before Thee; Lord, a broken heart, and a contrite heart is offered before Thee. I will speak of Thy salvation, I will teach transgressors and sinners shall be converted unto Thee, shall be converted unto Thee. Then open Thou my lips, O Lord, and my mouth shall shew forth Thy glorious praise, and my mouth shall shew forth Thy glorious praise.

TENOR RECITATIVE.....Mr. McKim
And there was a disciple at Damascus, named Ananias; to him said the Lord:

SOPRANO RECITATIVE.....Pamela Locklear
"Ananias, arise, and enquire thou for Saul of Tarsus; for behold, he prayeth. He is a chosen vessel unto Me, the Lord; and I will shew unto him how great things he must suffer for My Name's sake."

BASS ARIA.....Mr. Roberts
I praise Thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart for evermore. For great is Thy mercy toward me, and Thou hast delivered my soul from the lowest hell.

SOPRANO RECITATIVE.....Miss Locklear
And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house, and laying his hands upon him said:

TENOR RECITATIVE.....Mr. Gardner
"Here thou, brother Saul! The Lord hath sent me hither, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee as thou camest, that thou might'st receive thy sight, and be likewise filled with the Holy Ghost."

SOPRANO RECITATIVE.....Miss Locklear
And there fell from his eyes like as though it were scales; and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized. And straightway he preached Jesus in the synagogues, and testified that He is very Christ.

CHORUS.....The Choir
O great is the depth of the riches of wisdom and knowledge of the Father! How deep and unerring is He in His judgments! His ways are past our understanding. Sing His glory forevermore, A-men! O great is the depth of the riches of wisdom and of the knowledge of our God.

OFFERING.....Dr. Raymond Jennings

Part Two

THE MINISTRY

SOPRANO RECITATIVE.....Janice Heiderscheid
And Paul came to the congregation, and preacheth freely the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Then spake the Holy Ghost: "Set yet apart Barnabas and Paul for the work where unto I have called them." And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away.

TENOR-BASS DUET
Now we are ambassadors in the Name of Christ, and God beseecheth you by us, in the name of Christ.

CHORUS.....The Choir
How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace. To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words.

SOPRANO RECITATIVE.....Dorothy Flanagin
So they, being filled with the Holy Ghost, departing thence delay'd not, and preached the word of God with joyfulness.

TENOR RECITATIVE.....Mr. Gardner
But when the Jews saw the multitudes, how they assembled to hear what Paul delivered unto them, they were filled with envy, and spake against those things which were spoken by Paul, contradicting and blaspheming. But Paul and Barnabas spake freely and publicly unto the people: "Ye were chosen first to have the word of the Lord set before you: but seeing that ye put it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of the life everlasting, behold ye, we turn, even now unto the Gentiles:

SOPRANO RECITATIVE.....Miss Locklear

And there was a man at Lystra, impotent in his feet, and who had never walked: and the same heard Paul speak; who stedfastly beholding him, said with a loud voice: "Stand upright upon thy feet." And he leaped up and walked, and praised God. But when the Gentiles saw what Paul had done, they lifted up their voices, saying one to another:

CHORUS.....The Choir

The gods themselves as mortals have descended. Behold them here, and adore them!

TENOR AND BASS RECITATIVES.....

Mr. Gardner, Mr. Nobles

Now when the Apostles heard the same, they rent their garments, and ran in among the people crying out, and saying: "O wherefore do ye these things? We also are men, of like passions with yourselves, who preach unto you, in peace and earnestness, that ye should turn away from all these vanities unto the everliving God, who made the outstretch'd heavens, the earth, and the sea, As saith the prophet: 'All your idols are but falsehood, and there is no breath in them: they are vanity, and the work of errors: in the time of their trouble they shall perish!' God dwelleth not in temples made with hands."

BASS AIR.....Mr. Nobles

For know ye not that ye are his temple, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth within you?

And whosoever God's temple defileth, God shall sure destroy him? For the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.

CHORUS.....The Choir

But our God abideth in Heaven. His will directeth all the world.

SOPRANO RECITATIVE.....Miss Locklear

And they all persecuted Paul on his way; but the Lord stood with him, and strengthened him, that by him the word might be fully known, and that all the Gentiles might hear.

TENOR CAVATINA.....Mr. Green

Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give to thee a crown of life. Be not afraid My help is nigh!

SOPRANO RECITATIVE.....Miss Locklear

And tho' he be offered upon the sacrifice of our faith, yet he hath fought a good fight; he hath finished his course; he hath kept well the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for him a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give him at the last great day.

CHORUS.....The Choir

O great is the depth of the riches of wisdom and knowledge of the Father! How deep and unerring is He in His judgments! His ways are past our understanding O great is the depth of the riches of wisdom and knowledge of the Father!

MEMBERS OF THE CHOIR

SOPRANOS

Susan Adams
Evelyn Bailey
Betsey Baker
Marcia Barney
Carol Beck
Carla Bennett
Linda Boulden
Constance Bryson
Anita Cain
Marilyn Christianson
Patricia E. Clark
Paula Clifton
Nancy Collins
Karen Couch
Elaine Dagenette
Christine Dankert
Sherry Davis
Jacqueline Espada
Dorothy Flanagan
Roberta Genck
Mary May Gonzaga
Sharon Happ
Lee Heck
Janice Heiderscheid
Betty Kimball
Karen Knudson
Barbara Koontz
Pamela Locklear
Gwen McPherson
Marcia McWilliams
Nancy Macy
Phyllis Mattley
Margaret Mueller
Lucinda Reeves
Joyce Riecke
Maxine Robinson
Dorothy Rollet
Carol Settergren
Kathryn Settergren
Marilyn Shoemaker
Caroline Smith
Judith Smith

Linda Smith
Patricia Sparks
Margaret Sprigg
Sally Stamberger
Effie Standley
Anita Toll
Darlene Vest
Roberta Warren
Janet Weber
Karen Wildman
Martha Wolfe

ALTOS

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Sharon Barnett
Carole Black
Margaret Brewer
Cynthia Brisendine
Cheryl Brooks
Carol Cain
Ruth Christensen
Deborah Cirimotich
Elizabeth Cochran
Cathy Collins
Anita Cormack
Jane Curd
Merle Dauphin
Marilyn Eads
Martha Elliott
Nancy Fears
Ida Gardner
Barbara Gramlick
Anitra Haapa
Lorraine Harring
Beth Hart
Deborah Hausman
Linda Haymond
Beverley Haynes
Elizabeth Herrill
Nancy Hill
Sherill James
Marcia Jenkins
Ulla Jensen

Gail Johnson
Lois Johnson
Shirley Jones
Lynda Kinderdick
Sandra Marlatte
Cheryl Marsden
Verla Moody
Cynthia Mueller
Joy Noren
Constance Osgood
Karen Pascoe
Linda Patrick
Deborah Perkins
Carol Popp
Brenda Randall
Judith Rector
Carole Reed
Sarah Schendel
Mary Shaw
Donna Silvonon
Jean Thrasher
Beth Treat
Linda Tucker
Julia Warhurst
Susan Wilbur
Eva Worley

TENORS

Garth Brokaw
Jack Cassidy
Terry Chapman
John Curry
James Danna
David Gardner
Lanny Green
Ronald Harris
Gordon Henrickson
William Kastning
Timothy Lacke
James McKim
Robert Newberry
Gregory Pomeroy
Robert Ryerson

David Sloat
Robert Smith
David Weatherford
Robert Zapata

BASSES

Roiland Bailey
Richard Bayha
Lewis Bowling
James Boyd
Harold Boydston
Gilbert Bunning
Ronald Charlton
Byron Christensen
Hurst Coffman
Roger Dahlen
Allan Deware
William Edwards
Paul Epps
Larry Gillum
Richard Hamilton
Alan Highfield
Dale Hodge
Walter Holt
James Hovey
Glen Hubbel
Paul Johnson
Thomas Jorgenson
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