

BACKGROUND

The Catholic *Requiem* has its early roots when, in pre-Apostolic times, some Jews were known to pray that the immortal souls of the just might have eternal rest (“*requiem aeternam*”). Some sources from the 2nd century Christian church mention a celebration of the Eucharist for the dead, as do the New Testament-period apocryphal *Acts of John* and the writings of Tertullian from the 3rd century.

The developed form of the Requiem Mass and the Office of the Dead can be traced back to the 9th or 8th century, even though some prayers and a service for the dead existed long before that time (St. Ambrose speaks of the celebration of funeral masses in Rome in the 4th century). It was not until the 13th century, when the doctrine of Purgatory was universally accepted by the Catholic church, that Masses for the dead became common. Its structure is like other Masses, except that the joyful portions of the Ordinary (*Gloria*, *Credo*) are omitted, the Alleluia is replaced by alternative text and music, and the sequence *Dies irae* is added. The sequence *Dies irae* was the last portion to be added, done so by order of the Council of Trent in 1570.

MOZART’S REQUIEM

Soon before his death, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791) was commissioned by Count Fanz von Walsegg to compose a *Requiem* for the anniversary of Walsegg’s wife. However, Mozart’s *Requiem* in D-minor was left unfinished at his death in 1791. To fulfill the commission, Mozart’s wife Constanze turned to Mozart’s friend and copyist, Franz Xaver Süssmayr (1766-1803), a student of Antonio Salieri, to complete the work.

It has never been precisely clear what portions of the *Requiem* were completed and/or composed by Süssmayr, but he did later claim to have written at least the “Agnus Dei” and “Sanctus.” For better or for worse, this completed version (a combination of both Mozart and Süssmayr), is the familiar version of the “Mozart *Requiem*” which has been performed frequently since 1791. In recent times, numerous composers and scholars have rewritten or replaced some or all of (what was believed to be) Süssmayr’s completions, with varying degrees of success.

A highly romanticized and considerably fictional account of Mozart’s life and death, including an imagined rivalry between Mozart and Antonio Salieri, was made popular in the 1984 movie *Amadeus* (based on a 1979 play by Peter Shaffer), and frequently featured music of Mozart’s *Requiem*.

IPA (International Phonetic Alphabet) SYMBOLS AND THEIR SOUNDS

~ Sounds used in Latin ~

Vowels: <i>There are IPA symbols for all possible vowel sounds, each symbol having only one pronunciation. Diphthongs are spelled by writing out both of the vowel symbols in the diphthong.</i>			
CLOSED VOWELS		OPEN VOWELS	
[ɑ]	The sound “ah” in “father”. The pronunciation of Latin “a”	[ɛ]	The sound “eh” in “let” The pronunciation of Latin “e,” “oe,” and “ae” (except in “Michael,” which is pronounced [mikæɪ])
[i]	The sound “ee” in “meet” The pronunciation of Latin “i” and “y”	[ɔ]	The vowel sound in “thought” The pronunciation of Latin “o”
[u]	The sound “oo” in “boot” The pronunciation of Latin “u”		
[j]	The sound of “y” in “yes”, generally a glide to the next vowel (note: in many languages, the letter “j” is pronounced like an American “y”)		
Consonants: <i>The IPA symbols for most consonant sounds look just like the English letter (e.g. the symbol for the “t” sound is [t]). Sometimes the symbol for a sound looks like a different consonant (e.g. the symbol for the “c” sound in “cat” is [k]). Here are some other special symbols and situations:</i>			
[ʃ]	The sound of “sh” in “shine.” Found in Latin when the combination “sc” is followed by “i” or “e.”	[kw]	The of “qu” in “quit.” Found in Latin in the combination “qu.” (contrast to Spanish “qu” is pronounced [k])
[g]	The hard sound of “g” in “gate.” Found in Latin when the letter “g” is followed by an “a,” “o,” or “u.”	[dʒ]	The soft sound of “g” in “germ”. Found in Latin when the letter “g” is followed by an “i” or “e.”
[k]	The sound of “c” in “cat”. Found in Latin when the letter “c” is followed by “a,” “o,” or “u.” Also, the letter “h” in Latin is silent, except in the words “mihi” and “nihil,” where it is pronounced [k]. <i>Those crazy Latins...</i>	[tʃ]	The sound of “ch” in “chew”. Found in Latin when the letter “c” is followed by “i” or “e.”
[ks]	The sound of “x” in “exit.” The usual pronunciation of “x” in Latin.	[r]	Latin uses only the flipped or rolled “r,” never the American “r” sound [ɹ].
[j]	“y” as in “yes”, generally a glide to the next vowel (note: in many languages, “j” is pronounced like an American “y”)	[ɲ]	The sound of “gn” in “lasagna.” Found in Latin in the combination “gn.”
[t]	The pronunciation of Latin “th” and “t” in most situations, except...	[s]	Latin “s” is never pronounced [z]
[tsi]	The pronunciation of Latin “ti” before a vowel, accept when “ti” follows “s,” “t,” or “x”		

Mozart's *Requiem*, with standard Latin pronunciation

No. 1, REQUIEM (INTROIT) & KYRIE

Background: The source of the text is IV Esdras, "the Apocalypse of Esdras," an uncanonical apocryphal book of Jewish origin. Esdras, who was considered a "second Moses," did not author this book. These verses show evident traces of Christianity and are ascribed to the 3rd century.

Chorus:

Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine
rɛkwɪɛm ɛtɛrnɪm dɔn ɛɪs dɔmɪnɛ

Eternal rest give unto them, O Lord:

et lux perpetua luceat eis.
ɛt luks pɛrɛpɛtu luʃɛt ɛɪs

and let perpetual light shine upon them

Te decet hymnus Deus in Sion,
tɛ dɛʃɛt ɪmnus dɛʊs ɪn sɪɔn

A hymn, O God, becometh thee in Sion;

et tibi reddetur votum in Jerusalem
ɛt tɪbɪ rɛdɛtɜr vɔtʊm ɪn jɛruslɛm

and a vow to Thee in Jerusalem

exaudi orationem meam
ɛksʊdɪ ɔrtsɪɔnɛm mɛɪm

O hear my prayer

ad te omnis caro veniet
d tɛ ɔmnɪs kɔrɔ vɛnɪɛt

all flesh shall come to Thee

Kyrie eleison
kɪrɪɛ ɛlɛɪsɔn

Lord, have mercy upon us

Christe eleison
krɪstɛ ɛlɛɪsɔn

Christ have mercy upon us

Kyrie eleison
kɪrɪɛ ɛlɛɪsɔn

Lord have mercy upon us

No. 2, DIES IRAE (SEQUENCE)

Background: Found in manuscripts dated 1250-1255 and perhaps is of the 12th century. Source of the text is in the Prophecy of Sophonias. The text usually is set syllabically. The unusual degree of internal repetition sets this sequence apart from others, and contributes greatly to its power and popularity. Was accepted by the Council of Trent in the late 16th century.

Chorus:

Dies irae, dies illa
dies irē diēs il

Day of wrath, that day

Solvēt saeculum in favilla
solvet sækulum in favil

shall dissolve the world into embers

Teste David cum Sibylla
tæstæ dvid kum sibil

as David prophesied with the Sybil

Quantus tremor est futurus,
kwntus trêmor est futurus

How great the trembling will be

Quando iudex est venturus,
kwndo iudæks est venturus

when the Judge shall come,

Cuncta stricte discussurus!
kunkt stiktæ diskusurus

the rigorous investigator of all things!

No. 3, TUBA MIRUM (SEQUENCE, continued)

Solo Quartet:

Tuba mirum spargens sonum
tub mirum sprðzæns sɔnum

*The trumpet, spreading its wondrous
sound*

Per sepulcra regionum,
pær sɛpulkr rɛdʒiɔnum

through the tombs of every land,

Coget omnes ante thronum.
kodʒæt ɔmnæs ntɛ trɔnum

will summon all before the throne.

Mors stupebit et natura,
mɔrs stupebit ɛt ntura

Death will be stunned, likewise nature

Cum resurget creatura,
kum rəsurdʒət krɛtʊr

when all creation shall rise again

Judicant responsura.
judiknt rɛspɔnsʊr

to answer the One judging

Liber scriptus proferetur,
liber skriptus prɔfɛrɛtʊr

A written book will be brought forth,

In quo totum continetur,
in kwɔ tɔtʊm kɔntinɛtʊr

in which all shall be contained,

Unde mundus judicetur.
undɛ mundʊs judifɛtʊr

and from which the world shall be judged.

Judex ergo cum sedebit,
judɛks ɛrgɔ kʊm sɛdɛbit

When therefore the Judge is seated

Quidquid latet apparebit:
kwidkwid ltɛt prɛbit

whatever lies hidden shall be revealed

Nil inultum remanebit.
nil inultʊm rɛmnɛbit

no wrong shall remain unpunished

Quid sum miser tunc dicturus?
kwid sum misɛr tʊnk diktʊrus

What then am I, a poor wretch, going to say?

Quem patronum rogaturus,
kwɛm ptrɔnʊm rɔgtʊrus

Which protector shall I ask for,

cum vix justus sit securus?
kʊm viks jʊstʊs sit sɛkʊrs

when even the just are scarcely secure?

No. 4, REX TREMENDAE (SEQUENCE, continued)

Chorus:

Rex tremendae majestatis,
rɛks trɛmɛndɛ mjɛsttɪs

King of terrifying majesty,

Qui salvandos salvas gratis,
kwɪ slvndɔs slvs grtɪs

who freely saves the saved:

Salva me, fons pietatis.
slv mɛ fɔns pjɛttɪs

Save me, fount of pity.

No. 5, RECORDARE (SEQUENCE, continued)

Solo Quartet:

Recordare, Jesu pie,
rɛkɔrdrɛ jɛsu pjɛ

Remember, merciful Jesus,

Quod sum causa tuae viae:
kwɔd sum kus tuɛ vjɛ

that I am the cause of your sojourn;

Ne me perdas illa die.
nɛ mɛ pɛrds ɪl djɛ

do not cast me out on that day.

Quaerens me, sedisti lassus:
kwɛrɛns mɛ sɛdɪstɪ lsus

Seeking me, you sat down weary;

Redemisti crucem passus:
rɛdɛmɪstɪ krʊʃɛm psus

having suffered the Cross, you redeemed me.

Tantus labor non sit cassus.
tntus lbɔr nɔn sjt ksus

May such great labor not be in vain.

Juste judex ultionis,
jʊstɛ jʊdɛks ʊltsjɔnɪs

Just Judge of vengeance,

Donum fac remissionis,
dɔnum fɛk rɛmɪsjɔnɪs

grant the gift of remission

Ante diem rationis.
ntē diēm rtsionis

before the day of reckoning.

Ingemisco, tamquam reus:
indʒemiskō tmkwam rēus

I groan, like one who is guilty

Culpa rubet vultus meus:
kulp rubet vultus mēus

my face blushes with guilt

Supplicanti parce, Deus.
supliknti prtʃe dēus

Spare thy supplicant, O God

Qui Mariam absolvisti,
kwi mriam bsolvisti

You who absolved Mary [Magdalene]

Et latronem exaudisti,
et ltronem egzudisti

and heeded the thief

Mihi quoque spem dedisti.
miçi kwōkwē spēm dēdisti

have also given hope to me

Preces meae non sunt dignae:
preʃes mēē nōn sunt diʒnē

My prayers are not worthy,

Sed tu bonus fac begigne,
sēd tu bōnus fk bēdʒiʒnē

but Thou, good one, kindly grant

Ne perenni cremer igne.
nē pēreni krēmēr iʒnē

that I not burn in the everlasting fires

Inter oves locum praesta,
intēr ōvēs lōkum prēst

*Grant me a favored place among thy
sheep,*

Et ab hoedis me sequestra,
et b ēdis mē sēkwēstr

and separate me from the goats,

Statuens pin parte dextra.
sttuēns pin prtē dēkstr

placing me at thy right hand.

No. 6, CONFUTATIS (SEQUENCE, continued)***Chorus:***

Confutatis maledictis,
kɔnfuttis mlɛdiktis

When the accursed are confounded,

Flammis acribus addictis,
flmis kribus diktis

consigned to the fierce flames:

Voca me cum benedictis.
vɔk mɛ kum bɛnɛdiktis

call me to be with the blessed.

Oro supplex et acclinis,
ɔrɔ supleks ɛt klinis

I pray, suppliant and kneeling,

Cor contritum quasi cinis:
kɔr kɔntritum kwsɪ tʃinis

my heart contrite as if it were ashes

Gere curam mei finis.
dʒɛrɛ kurm mɛi finis

protect me in my final hour

No. 7, LACRYMOSA (SEQUENCE, continued)***Chorus:***

Lacrymosa dies illa
lkrimɔsa dies il

O how tearful that day

Qua resurget ex favilla
kw rɛsurdʒɛt ɛks fvɪla

*on which the guilty shall rise from the
embers*

Judicandus homo reus:
judikndus ɔmɔ rɛus

to be judged. (man guilty)

Huic ergo parce Deus.
uik ɛrgɔ prɪʃɛ dɛus

Spare them then, O God

Pie Jesu Domine,
piɛ jɛsu dɔmine

Merciful Lord Jesus,

dona eis requiem. Amen.
dɔn ɛis rɛkwiɛm mɛn

grant them rest. Amen.

No. 8, DOMINE JESU (OFFERTORIUM)

Background: Text was formerly a prayer that was recited for the sick who were about to die.

Chorus:

O Domine Jesu Christe, Rex gloriae,
o domine jesu kriste reks glorie

O Lord, Jesus Christ, King of Glory

libera animas omnium fidelium defunctorum
liber nimas omnium fidelium defunctorum

keep the souls of all the faithful departed

de poenis inferni
de penis inferni

from the pains of hell

et de profundo lacu
et de profundo laku

and from the deep pit

libera eas de ore leonis
liber eas de ore leonis

deliver them from the lion's mouth

ne absorbeat eas tartarus
ne bsorbet eas trrus

that hell may not swallow them up

ne cadant in obscurum
ne kdnt in obscurum

and may they not fall into darkness

Solo Quartet:

sed signifer sanctus Michael
sed signifer snktus mikel

*but may Thy holy standard-bearer,
Michael*

repraesentet eas in lucem sanctam
representet es in lutfem snktm

lead them into the holy light

Chorus:

Quam olim Abrahae promisisti
kwam olim brae promisisi

which Thou didst promise to Abraham

et semini ejus
et semini ejus

and to his seed

No. 9, HOSTIAS (OFFERTORIUM, continued)**Chorus:**

Hostias et preces tibi, Domine
 ostis et prætēs tibi dōmine

We offer to Thee, O Lord

laudis offerius
 ludis oferius

sacrifices and prayers

tu suscipe pro animabus illis
 tu sufipe prō nimbus ilis

do Thou receive them in behalf of those

quarum hodie memoriam facimus
 kwrum hōdie mēmōriam fījimus

souls whom we commemorate this day

fac eas, Domine
 fk eas dōmine

Grant them, O Lord

de morte transire ad vitam
 dē mōrtē trnsirē d vitm

to pass from death unto life

Quam olim Abrahae promisisti
 kw m olīm bræ prōmisisti

which Thou didst promise to Abraham

et semini ejus
 et sēmini ejus

and to his seed

No. 10, SANCTUS

Background: Text is biblical

Chorus:

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus
 snktus snktus snktus

Holy, Holy, Holy

Dominus Deus Sabaoth
 dōminus dēus sbōt

Lord God of Sabaoth

Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua
 pleni sunt t̄feli et t̄r glōri tu

Heaven and earth are filled with Thy glory

Osanna in excelsis
 ōsn in ekst̄fēlsis

Hosanna in the highest

No. 11, BENEDICTUS

Background: Text is biblical

Solo Quartet:

Benedictus qui venit
 bēnediktus kwi venit

Blessed is He who cometh

in nomine Domini.
 in nōminē dōmini

*in the name of the Lord****Chorus:***

Osanna in excelsis.
 ɔsn in ɛkstʃɛlsis

*Hosanna in the highest***No. 12, AGNUS DEI**

Background: Based on the biblical text John 1:29

Chorus:

Agnus Dei,
 ɲus dɛi

Lamb of God

qui tollis peccata mundi,
 kwi tɔlis pɛkt mundi

who takest away the sins of the world

dona eis requiem
 dɔna ɛis rɛkwɪɛm

grant them rest

...dona eis requiem sempiternam
 dɔn ɛis rɛkwɪɛm sɛmpɪtɛrnɪm

*...grant them rest everlasting****Sop Solo & Chorus:***

Lux aeterna luceat eis, Domine
 luks ɛtɛrna lufɛt ɛis dōminɛ

May light eternal shine on them, O Lord

cum sanctis tuis in aeternum quia pius es
 kum snktis tuis in ɛtɛrnɪm kwi pius ɛs

With Thy saints forever for Thou art merciful

Chorus:

Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine
r kwi m  t rnm d n  is d min 

Eternal rest give to them, O Lord

et lux perpetua luceat eis
 t luks p rpetu luf t  is

and let perpetual light shine upon them

Cum sanctis tuis in aeternum
kum snktis tuis in  t rnum

With Thy saints forever

quia pius es
kwi pius  s

for Thou art merciful