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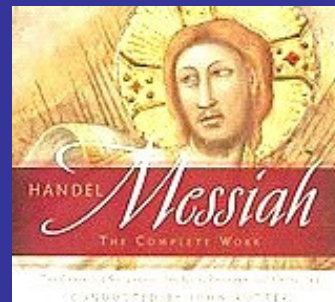
**Music for Easter**

- ♪ Handel
- ♪ Mozart
- ♪ Wagner
- ♪ Rimsky-Korsakov
- ♪ Mascagni
- ♪ Sousa
- ♪ Rutter
- ♪ Jenkins
- ♪ Lloyd Webber

**Handel: *The Messiah***

The second part of the Messiah concerns Christ, his agony on the cross and his ascent into Heaven. I have chosen two arias:-

- ♪ **How beautiful are the feet**
- ♪ **I know that my redeemer liveth**



## Mozart – *Requiem in D minor*

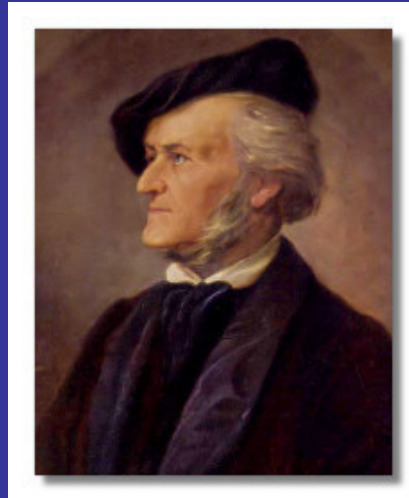
- Although this Requiem, like the Requiems I will be playing later, was not composed for Easter, the solemnity of the music reflects the mood of sadness surrounding Christ's crucifixion.
- I have chosen the **Benedictus** from the Requiem and also a separate piece: **Ave Verum Corpus**



## Wagner - *Parsifal*

### **Good Friday Music**

- Wagner's Opera Parsifal is based on an epic poem about the Arthurian Knight PERCIVAL and his quest for the Holy Grail



## Rimsky Korsakov: *Russian Easter Festival Overture*

- ♪ This is a full 15 minute Overture containing many Russian folk songs.
- ♪ Due to time constraints I am proposing to play only 7 minutes of this composition.



## Mascagni: *Cavalleria Rusticana*

### Easter Hymn

- ♪ Part of a romantic opera which became the only well known piece written by this composer



Sousa: *Easter Monday on the White House Lawn*

♪ This “March” was written to commemorate the annual Easter “Egg Roll” held on the White House Lawn



Karl Jenkins: *Requiem Pie`Jesu*

♪ In the next three Requiems I have chosen Pie`Jesu to demonstrate how each composer has dealt with the same theme with generally the same words about **KIND (SWEET) JESUS**



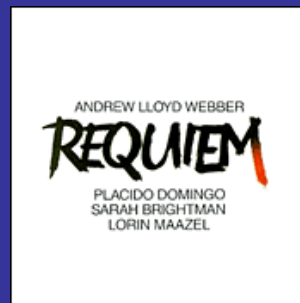
## John Rutter CBE (b 1945): *Requiem* *Pie` Jesu*

- ♪ Rutter's compositions are chiefly choral, and include Christmas carols, anthems and extended works such as a Gloria, a Magnificat, and a Requiem.
- ♪ Rutter's music is very popular, particularly in the USA: NBC's Today Show called him "*the world's greatest living composer and conductor of choral music*".



## Andrew Lloyd Webber: *Pie Jesu* from *Requiem*

- ♪ The Requiem premiered in New York in 1985, and was dedicated to his father, William, who had died in 1982
- ♪ It achieved a Grammy Award in 1986 in the category of best classical composition
- ♪ *Pie Jesu* climbed to the top of the popular music charts in Great Britain





## **NEXT CONCERT**

♪ **Andrew Lloyd Webber:**  
*Requiem*

♪ **William Lloyd Webber:**  
*The Prince of Peace*

**All Saints Parish Church, Marlow**  
**7.30**  
**Saturday 9 May 2009**