Re:Creation

(Complete version)

For Choir (SATB), Solo Soprano, Mezzo, Tenor & Baritone (SOLOISTS) and VOICE OF GOD (Baritone)

PART 1: CREATOR: God's Creativity Released

In the beginning God, His Spirit and the Word create all that is good

A: CHOIR In the beginning there was God The God who was and is And who always will be Genesis 1:1a B: In the beginning was the Word And the Word was with God And the Word was God John 1: 1 C: In the beginning the God who always is Made the heavens and the earth Genesis 1: 1b D: In the beginning the Word who always is Made all things that were and are Nothing came to life without Him All that is good came from Him John 1: 3 E: From the beginning life was found in Him His life is the light of all people John 1:4 The creation of light by the Light who outshines the darkness F: SOPRANOS & ALTOS The Earth was formless and void And darkness was over The surface of the deep The Spirit of God was moving Over the surface of the waters Genesis 1: 2** **G: TENORS & BASSES** Then God said 'Let there be light' And there was light Genesis 1: 3** **CHOIR** Light And God saw that the light was good He separated the light from the darkness Genesis 1:4 H: The light blazed out of the darkness And the darkness can not overpower it John 1: 5

I: SOLO BARITONE Jesus said 'I am the light of the world Anyone who follows Me Shall not walk in darkness

But shall have the light of life'

He is the true light Who has come into the world To enlighten everyone

John 1: 9

The visible expression of the invisible God

J: CHOIR

He is the visible expression Of the invisible God The first of all creation In Him all things were made All in heaven and on earth All that we can grasp And all as yet beyond us Global powers, supernatural forces All who aspire to rule And all who are given authority All have been created through Him And for Him

SOLO BARITONE

Before anything else was, He was there

CHOIR

And nothing holds together without Him

Colossians 1: 15 – 17

Colossians 2:9

John 1: 14

Colossians 2: 10

John 10: 10

The Word became a human being and lived here

K: SOLO MEZZO

In Him is all the completeness of God Living in a human body

L: SOLO MEZZO, BARITONE & CHOIR

The Word became flesh And lived here with us We can see His glory Glory that belongs to God's one and only Son Glory that is full Of God's grace and truth

M: SOLO MEZZO & CHOIR

In Him we can be made complete

N: SOLO BARITONE

'I have come' said Jesus 'That you may have life Life to the full Life that is complete'

O: CHOIR

He is the radiance of God's glory The exact representation of God's nature

SOLO BARITONE & CHOIR

He upholds all things By the word of His power

He is the same yesterday, today and forever

P: SOLO MEZZO, BARITONE & CHOIR

Jesus is the same yesterday Today and forever Hebrews 1: 3**

PART 2: CREATION: God's Creativity Recognised

The Creator of the heavens

A: SOPRANOS & ALTOS God saw all that He had made	C	
And behold it was very good B: TENORS & BASSES God said, 'Let there be lights In the expanse of the heavens To separate the day from the night Let them be for signs and for seasons For days and for years	Genesis 1:31a**	
+ SOPRANOS & ALTOS Let them give light on the earth'	Genesis 1:14	
C: SOLO SOPRANO O Lord our God How majestic is Your name In all the earth You have displayed Your splendour Above the heavens When we consider Your heavens The work of Your fingers The moon and the stars which You have created Who are we That You should even think about us? Who are we That you should care about us? Yet You have made us to be A little lower than the angels Crowning us with glory and majesty	Psalm 8: 1 Psalm 8: 3 – 5	
The Creator of all living things		
D: CHOIR		
God said, 'Let the waters teem With swarms of living creatures Let the birds fly above the earth Let the earth bring forth living creatures after their kind: Cattle and creeping things All beasts of the earth after their kind'	Genesis 1: 20a** Genesis 1: 24**	
E: SOPRANOS & ALTOS You have made us to rule over The works of Your hands You have put all things Under our feet		
CHOIR All sheep and oxen And all animals in the wild The birds of the heavens		
And fish of the sea And whatever passes through the paths of the sea	Psalm 8: 6 – 8	
The Creator of the material world		
F: SOLO BARITONE You laid the foundation of the Earth		

You laid the foundation of the Earth You set out its measurements You cradle the waters In the hollow of Your hand You mark out the heavens With a span You count the dust of the earth You weigh the mountains In Your scales

With flowing mane

G: SOLO MEZZO & BARITONE You stretch out the heavens Like a curtain You spread them out Like a tent to live in Isaiah 40:22b The Creator of liquid masses H: SOLO SOPRANO, MEZZO, BARITONE & CHOIR You enclose the sea with barriers Job 38: 8 You say, 'So far you shall come And no farther Here your proud waves shall stop' Job 38: 11 You enter the springs of the sea You walk the recesses of the deep Job 38: 16 The Creator of climatic phenomena **I: SOLO TENOR** You enter the storehouses Of the snow and hail Job 38: 22 You open up channels For the floods You show the way For the thunderbolt to go Job 38: 25 J: SOLO TENOR, SOPRANOS & ALTOS You are the Father of the rain And disperse each drop of dew You give birth to the icecaps And grant life to the frost Job 38: 28 - 29 **K: SOLO TENOR & CHOIR** You send lightning flashes on their way And number off the clouds Job 38: 35,37a SOLO TENOR You pour water from the heavens Causing dust to harden And clods of earth to stick together Job 38: 37b - 38 The Creator of the animal world L: SOPRANOS & ALTOS You cause the mountain goats To give birth You watch the deer Give birth to her fawn Job 39: 1 You set the wild donkeys Job 39: 5 Free to roam **M: TENORS & BASSES** You bend the shoulders of the wild ox And harness his strength At harvest-time Job 39: 10 You give the horse his might And clothe his neck

Isaiah 40: 12

Job 39: 19

The Creator of bird life

N: SOPRANOS & ALTOS You lead the ostrich To lay her eggs on the ground	Job 39: 13 – 14
TENORS & BASSES You teach the hawk to fly Stretching his wings toward the South	Job 39: 26
CHOIR You command the eagles To soar high To fly	Job 39: 27 – 28
The Creator who empowers the weary	
O: SOLOISTS & CHOIR You are the Lord of heaven and earth You are the God who always is You are the Lord The Creator of the ends of the earth You never tire or grow weary You know everything there is to know Your understanding is beyond us To the weary You give strength To those who are weak You increase their power Those who wait for You	Isaiah 40: 28b
Become strong again They rise up on eagles' wings They run and not get weary They walk and not grow faint P: O Lord our God	Isaiah 40: 28b –
How majestic is Your name In all the Earth	Psalm 8: 1a

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PART 3: REBELLION: God's Creativity Resisted

God's people make their own gods

A: SOPRANOS & ALTOS

The God who was and is and always will be Made the earth by His power By His wisdom He created the world And stretched out the heavens

B: TENORS

When He thunders The waters in the heavens roar

TENORS & BASSES

He makes clouds rise From the ends of the earth He sends lightning with the rain And from His storehouses Sends out the wind

C: CHOIR

At the sight of this People feel foolish and senseless Those who make idols are deceived Because the gods they make Are false and lifeless They are worthless And should be despised They will be destroyed When the Lord comes to deal with them

D: SOLO TENOR

The God of Jacob is not like them He is the One who made everything

SOLO TENOR & CHOIR

The Lord Almighty is His name

Jeremiah 10:12b*

Jeremiah 10:13a***

Jeremiah 10:14-15

Jeremiah 10:16a*

Jeremiah 10:16b*

God's creatures obey His rules but His people ignore them

E: VOICE OF GOD (BARITONE)

Why then, My people, do you turn Away from Me Without ever turning back? You cling to your idols And refuse to return to Me I listen carefully But you do not speak the truth Not one of you has been sorry For his wickedness Not one of you has asked 'What have I done wrong?' Everyone keeps on going his own way Like a horse rushing into battle

F:

Even storks know when it is time to return Doves, swallows and thrushes Know when it is time to migrate

G:

But My people, you do not know The laws by which I rule you Jeremiah 8: 5 - 6

Jeremiah 8:7a*

H:

My people are foolish and senseless You have eyes but do not see You have ears but do not hear I am the Lord Why do you not honour Me? Why do you not tremble before Me?

I: CHOIR

He made the sand as the boundary for the sea A permanent boundary that it cannot cross The sea may be rough But it cannot go beyond it The waves may roar But they cannot break through

J: VOICE OF GOD

Yet My people, you are stubborn and rebellious You have turned aside and have left Me You never thought to honour Me Even though I send Both spring and autumn rains And give you harvests every year Your sinfulness has turned you away Your sins have deprived you of good Jeremiah 5:21-22a

Jeremiah 5:22b

Jeremiah 5: 23-25

God's people cry for His mercy

K: SOLO SOPRANO & MEZZO

O Lord, You search me And know me You know when I work And when I rest You understand my thoughts Before I do You know my past and my future You know everything about me

L: CHOIR, SOLO SOPRANO & MEZZO

Be merciful to me, O God Because of Your constant love Because of Your great mercy Wipe away my sins Wash away all my evil Make me clean from my sin

Psalm 51: 1-2*

Psalm 139:1-3

God promises to forgive those who return to Him

M: VOICE OF GOD

If My people who are called by My name Humble themselves and pray If they seek My face And turn from their wicked ways Then I will hear from heaven I will forgive their sin And I will heal their land

2 Chronicles 7:14

PART 4: RESTORATION: God's Creativity Restored

God's people are separated from Him by their sin

A: SOLO BARITONE Dare we say 'The Lord has forsaken us	
He has forgotten us?'	Isaiah 49: 14
SOLO MEZZO	
Can a mother forget her nursing child? Can she feel nothing for the child she bore?	
VOICE OF GOD (BARITONE)	
Even she may forget	
But I will not forget you	
Behold I have written your name	T : 1 40 17 16
On the palms of My hands I keep you as the apple of My eye	Isaiah 49:15-16
I hide you in the shadow of My wings	Psalm 17: 8
B: SOLO TENOR	
Do not think that the Lord's hand	
Is too weak to save you	
His ear deaf to your call for help It is your sin that separates you from Him	Isaiah 59:1-2
God's people cannot do what is right	
C: CHOIR	
We hope for light to walk by	
But there is only darkness	Isaiah 59:9b*
We move around like people who are blind	Isaiah 59:10
SOLO MEZZO, TENOR, BARITONE & CHOIR The good we want to do	
We cannot do	
Yet we do the evil	D 7 10
We do not want to do	Romans 7:19
CHOIR	
Is there anyone who will rescue us?	
Is there anyone who will save us? Thank God there is:	
Jesus Christ the Lord	Romans 7:24
God provides restoration	
D: While we were still helpless	
Christ died for us	Romans 5:6
By this God has shown us	
How much He loves us	Romans 5:8
While we were still sinners	
Christ died for us By His death on the cross	
We are now put right with God	Romans 5:9a
We were God's enemies	
But He has made us His friends	_
Through the death of His Son	Romans 5:10*
In order to bring us Holy, pure and faultless	
Into His presence	Colossians 1:22b

Because of His great mercy

God gives us new life By raising Jesus from the dead

SOLOISTS & CHOIR

All who believe in Him will not die	
But will have eternal life	John 3:16b
They possess an inheritance that	
Cannot decay or spoil or fade away	1 Peter 1:4
Ready to be revealed	
At the end of time	1 Peter 1:5b*

God's restored people rejoice

F: SOLO BARITONE

With all my heart I praise the Lord With all that I am I praise His holy name

SOLO MEZZO

With all my heart I praise the Lord And forget none of His blessings

SOLO TENOR

He forgives all my sins He heals all my sickness

SOLO SOPRANO

He saves my life from Hell He crowns me with His love and mercy

SOLOISTS

Each day I live He meets my needs He gives me the strength of an eagle

SOLO SOPRANO & MEZZO

For all whose cry is for justice He always does what is right The Lord is merciful and gracious Slow to anger with a love That never fails He will not always accuse us Or will He be angry forever He does not punish us as our sins deserve Or pay us back for the evil we have done

SOLOISTS

As far as the heavens are above the earth So great is His love for those who worship Him As far as the east is from the west So far has He taken our sins away from us

SOLO BARITONE

As a father has compassion on his children So the Lord has compassion on all who worship Him

G: SOLOISTS & CHOIR

The Lord in heaven has set up His throne He rules over everything and everyone All you His angels, praise the Lord All you His creatures, praise the Lord

H: TENORS, BASSES, SOLO TENOR & BARITONE,

With all my heart I praise the Lord

Psalm 103: 1-6

Psalm 103: 8 -13

Psalm 103: 19 - 20a

1 Peter 1:3b

With all that I am I praise His holy name

SOPRANOS, ALTOS, SOLO SOPRANO & MEZZO

With all my heart I praise the Lord And forget none of His blessings

SOLOISTS & CHOIR

He forgives all my sins He heals all my sickness He saves my life from Hell

ALTOS, BASSES, SOLO MEZZO & BARITONE He crowns me with His love and mercy

SOLOISTS & CHOIR

Each day I live He meets my needs He gives me the strength of an eagle

Psalm 103: 1 -5

PART 5: RENEWAL: God's Creativity Renewed

God's restored people become His children

A: SOLO TENOR

The Word came to the world He made And to all who receive And believe in Him He gives the right to become children of God Those who are led by the Spirit of God Are children of God Who possess the blessings God keeps for His people And later will possess the blessings God has promised His Son

John 1:11

Romans 8:16-17

All creation waits for God's children to be revealed

B: CHOIR

All creation waits with eager expectation For the children of God To be revealed Up to this time All of creation groans with pain Like the pain of childbirth We too who have the Spirit of God As the first of His gifts Also groan within ourselves As we wait for God to adopt us As sons and set our bodies free

Romans 8:22 – 23

God will provide His children with new homes and new bodies

C: SOLO MEZZO & SOPRANO

Whilst our physical bodies are to die Our spirit within us is renewed day by day When the bodies in which we now live Are broken down God will have a house in Heaven For us to live in A home He Himself has made One which will last forever

2 Corinthians 4:16

VOICE OF GOD

D: SOLO TENOR

Jesus said, 'Do not be worried or anxious Trust in God, trust also in Me In My Father's house there are many rooms I go there to prepare a place for you Rest assured, I will come back And take you to be with me So that where I am You will be as well'

E: SOLOISTS & CHOIR

We are citizens of heaven Who eagerly await our Saviour To come from there The Lord Jesus Christ will change Our physical bodies So that they will be like His glorious Body To do this, He will use The power He has By which He is able To bring everything under His control

Philippians 3:20-21

John 14:1-3

All creation will worship God's Son

F: VOICE OF GOD (BARITONE)

I have raised Jesus to the highest place I have given Him the name That is greater than any other name That at the name of Jesus All beings in heaven and earth Will fall on their knees And openly proclaim that 'Jesus Christ is Lord'

CHOIR

To the glory of God the Father

God is making everything new

G: SOLO MEZZO

The Lord who sits on heaven's throne says:

VOICE OF GOD

Look I am making everything new

SOLOISTS & CHOIR

Now God is at home with His people He will live with us And we will be His own He will be with us and be our God And wipe every tear from our eyes There will be no more death No more sadness, crying or pain The old ways will be gone forever

VOICE OF GOD

Look I am making everything new

H: SOLO MEZZO

The Lord who sits on heaven's throne says:

Philippians 2:9-11

Revelation 21:5

Revelation 21:3b - 4

Revelation 21:5

Everything is finished I am Alpha and Omega The First and the Last The Beginning and the End

Revelation 21:13

Revelation 21:2

Revelation 21:11

God's great new city will appear

I: SOLOISTS & CHOIR

God's great new city will appear Coming out of heaven Like a radiant bride Shining with God's glory Like a sparkling jewel Dazzling with His pure light

J: SOLO SOPRANO, SOPRANOS & ALTOS

Jasper walls enclose the golden city Clear as crystal Built firm on precious stones Jasper, sapphire, chalcedony Emerald, onyx, carnelian Chrysolite, beryl, topaz Chrysoprase, jacinth, amethyst Each of its twelve gates A solid pearl Each part of its streets Pure clear gold

Revelation 21:19-20

TENORS, BASSES, SOLO TENOR & BARITONE

No need for temples there The Lord God all-powerful And the Lamb are the city's temple No need for sun or moon The glory of God is its light The Lamb its lamp

SOLOISTS & CHOIR

The nations of the world Will walk by that light The kings of the earth Will bring their glory to it On no day will its gates be shut And night-time never comes The glory and honour Of the nations will be brought to it Nothing unclean will ever enter it None who deceive or defile will be there Only those named in the Lamb's Book of life will live there

K: SOLO MEZZO

The God who was and is And always will be says:

VOICE OF GOD

I will freely give water From the spring of the water of life To all those who are thirsty All who keep the faith to the end Will inherit all of this And I will be their God And they will be my children

L: SOLOISTS & CHOIR

The river of the water of life

Revelation 21:21–27

Revelation 21:6-7

Shines like crystal Flowing from the throne of God And of the Lamb

VOICE OF GOD

On each side of the river Is the tree of life Yielding twelve kinds of fruit

VOICE OF GOD + SOLOISTS

Its leaves bring healing to the people

Revelation 22:1-2

At the end of all things God and the Word reign eternally

M: TENORS & BASSES	
At the end of all things there is God	
The God who was and is	
And who always will be	Genesis 1: 1a
N: SOPRANOS & ALTOS	
At the end of all things is the Word	
And the Word is with God	
And the Word is God	John 1: 1
O: SOLOISTS & CHOIR	
At the end of all things the God who always is	
Will make new heavens and new earth	Revelation 21: 1a
P:	
At the end of all things the Word who always is	
Renews all things that will be	
Nothing will have life without Him	
All that is good will come from Him	
All that is of God will last forever	
Amen, Amen, Amen	
Come Lord Jesus	Revelation 22:20

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