## Apocalypse



For Solo Soprano and SATB Chorus
By David Lancaster

Apocalypse (2012) draws upon text found in the 'Prick of Conscience' window in All Saints Church, North Street, York, in which fifteen panels depict the final days of the world. Some of the original medieval text is used but it is largely presented in a new translation by David Lancaster and Daniela Nunnari.

## Performance notes

From the beginning to rehearsal bar 11: all sopranos (including the soloist) are distributed around the auditorium, ideally so as to surround the audience. At bar 11 they begin to return to their position with the remainder of the choir, to be in position by bar 20. From that point, the soprano soloist should occupy a central, raised position (station A below).

At bar 118: two additional soprano duettists move from their regular position to stations either side of the choir ( $B$ and $C$ below), where they should remain until the end.


The length of the spoken and whispered passages is approximate.

For SATB chorus with high soprano soloist
Duration: $25^{\prime \prime} 00^{\prime \prime}$
(An alternative version is available in which the music is divided into four movements, which can be interspersed throughout a concert programme).

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land. $\qquad$
B.
B.

land. $\qquad$




On the third day_ the sea will

B.


div. $\boldsymbol{p}$
T.
T.



On the first of the fifteen days the sea

B.


## Tutti spoken, staggered entries

$f$

On the first of the fifteen days the sea shall rise (as the book says) as high as a mountain: forty cubits for certain. And the waves will rise up and stand just like a hill

B.








S.
S.

A.
T.

B.

oh





B.



A.
A.











ah
S.



B.





B.


Più mosso


Spoken, different
S. $\left[\begin{array}{llll}4 & f \\ 4 & \text { solo voices: } \\ \text { eighth } & \text { hard } & \text { come } & \text { down }\end{array}\right.$

Spoken, different solo voices:

B.
B.



S duo 1






On the first of the fifteen days the sea will rise (as the book says), as high as a mountain, forty cubits for certain. And

T.




S duo 1


S duo 2
A - gain



T.

B.
B.




ah







Tempo I $d=48$


On the thir-teenth day___ shall dead men's bones
be put back to-





On their graves they shall_ stand; this shall be-fall through - out the land.



B.








All pauses 3-5 secs.






$f \quad .=48$







B.
B.



A.

B.
$\left[\begin{array}{lll}6): 4 & 4 & 6 \\ 4 & 6 & \\ \hline\end{array}\right.$
day___
this shall be - tide:
all the world where we now
re -


B.






On the first day_


