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The opening theme song with a poetic paraphrase begins:

Ich bete an die Macht der Liebe,
O Pow'r of love, all else transcending,
Die sich in Jesu offenbart;
In Jesus present evermore,
Ich geb' mich hin dem freien Triebe,
I worship thee, in homage bending,

Requiem Mass, Introit and Kyrie

Music: Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791; composed 1791, completed by Süßmayr 1792)
Lyrics: Requiem Mass
Artists: John Alldis Choir, BBC Symphony Orchestra, Sir Colin Davis (dir.)
Helen Donath (soprano), Yvonne Minton (contralto)
Ryland Davies (tenor), Gerd Nienstedt (bass)

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I. Introit

[Orchestral Introduction: Bassoons, then basset horns, etc.]

Requiem æternam dona eis, Domine,
Grant them eternal rest, O Lord,
et lux perpetua luceat eis.
and may perpetual light shine on them.

[Soprano solo sings the traditional chant melody for these words.]

Te decet hymnus, Deus, in Sion,
A hymn in Zion befits you, O God,
et tibi reddetur votum in Jerusalem.
and homage shall be paid to you in Jerusalem. [Psalm 65:1]

[Choir]

Exaudi orationem meam,
Hear my prayer,
ad te omnis caro veniet.
All earthly flesh will come to you. [Psalm 65:2]

[Choir sings in imitation as we return to the Introit's opening words.]

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II. *Kyrie*

[Double fugue: *Kyrie eleison* is one theme
and the faster *Christe eleison* run which goes with it, is the second theme.]

Kyrie eleison.
Lord have mercy.
Christe eleison.
Christ have mercy.
Kyrie eleison.
Lord have mercy.

[Closing words to our theme song:]
O! dass diess jeder Sünder wüsste,
O! that every sinner would know this,
Sein Herz wohl bald dich lieben müsste.
His heart must soon surely love You.

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