



Passion according to John

**A New Musical Setting of
the English
Liturgical Text for Good
Friday
according to the Latin
Rite
(with additional
antiphons)**

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*G*lory and praise to You, Lord, Jesus Christ: The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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I: Arrest

Jesus went out with his disciples across the Kidron valley to where there was a garden, into which he and his disciples entered. Judas his betrayer also knew the place, because Jesus had often met there with his disciples. So Judas got a band of soldiers and guards from the chief priests and the Pharisees and went there with lanterns, torches, and weapons. Jesus, knowing everything that was going to happen to him, went out and said to them, "Whom are you looking for?" They answered him, "Jesus the Nazorean." He said to them, "I AM." Judas his betrayer was also with them. When he said to them, "I AM," they turned away and fell to the ground. So then again he asked them, "Whom are you looking for?" They said, "Jesus the Nazorean." Jesus answered, "I told you that I AM. So if you are looking for me, let these men go."

This was to fulfill what he had said, "I have not lost any of those you gave me."

(JESUS' CHORALE)

*I am God's blest;
from Abraham's increase;
All love confessed;
the Eternal Prince of Peace;
From east to west
the Alpha and Omega;
the wearied's rest;
the prisoner's release.*

*By faith foretold, from words of old
the Virgin's child;
the hope of Bethlehem;
By sinner's slain,
would still deliver them.
Through every darkness
everlasting light:
Behold the Lamb!
Behold this sacred night!*

II: Denial

Then Simon Peter, who had a sword drew it, struck the high priest's slave, and cut off his right ear. The slave's name was Malchus. Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword into its scabbard. Shall I not drink the cup that the Father gave me?"

So the band of soldiers, the tribune, and the Jewish guards seized Jesus, bound him, and brought him to Annas first. He was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was the high priest that year. It was Caiaphas who had counseled the Jews that it was better that one man should die rather than the people.

Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. Now the other disciple was known to the high priest, and he entered the courtyard of the high priest with Jesus. But Peter stood at the gate outside. So the other disciple, the acquaintance of the high priest, went out and spoke to the gatekeeper and brought Peter in. Then the maid who was the gatekeeper said to Peter, "You are not one of this man's disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not." Now the slaves and the guards were standing around a charcoal fire that they had made, because it was cold, and were

warming themselves. Peter was also standing there keeping warm.

The high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and about his doctrine, Jesus answered him, "I have spoken publicly to the world. I have always taught in a synagogue or in the temple area where all the Jews gather, and in secret I have said nothing. Why ask me? Ask those who heard me what I said to them. They know what I said."

When he had said this one of the temple guards standing there struck Jesus and said, "Is this the way that you answer the high priest?"

Jesus answered him, "If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong; but if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?" Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

Now Simon Peter was standing there keeping warm. And they said to him, "You are not one of his disciples, are you?" He denied it and said, "I am not." One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the one whose ear Peter had cut off said, "Didn't I see you in the garden with him?"

Again Peter denied it, and immediately the cock crowed.

(PETER'S CHORALE)

*Upon this Rock where
once was love denied,
who in a storm
when other's chose to hide
through waters dark
would reach for Jesus' hand;*

*Upon this rock
God's church would one day stand.
From out of shame;
from out of sin and grief
led still by hope,
all guilt would find relief.
Led by that voice,
which comes but from above,
a moment's fear,
in time, comes home to love.*

III: Judgment

Then they brought Jesus from Caiaphas to the praetorium. It was morning. And they themselves did not enter the praetorium, in order not to be defiled so that they could eat the Passover. So Pilate came out to them and said, "What charges do you bring against this man?"

They answered and said to him, "If he were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you." At this Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves, and judge him according to your law."

The Jews answer him, "We do not have the right to execute anyone," in order that the words of Jesus might be fulfilled that he said indicating the kind of death he would die. So Pilate went back into the praetorium and summoned Jesus and said to him, "Are you the King of the Jews?"

Jesus answered, "Do you say this on your own or have others told you about me?" Pilate answered, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nations and the chief priests handed you over to me. What have you done?"

Jesus answered, "My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom did belong to this world, my attendants would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is my kingdom is not here."

So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king? Jesus answered, "You way I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." Pilate said to him, "What is truth?"

(CHORALE)

*I am the truth that was and is to be.
Truth that when told can set the captive
free.*

*And freed from fear,
will noble hearts rejoice
to hear my voice...*

IV: The Crowd

When he had said this, he again went out to the Jews and said to them, "I find no guilt in him, but you have a custom that I release one prisoner to you at Passover. Do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?" They cried out again, "Not this one but Barabbas!"

Now Barabbas was a revolutionary.

Then Pilate took Jesus and had him scourged. And the soldiers wove a crown out of thorns and placed it on his head, and clothed him in a purple cloak, and they came to him and said, "Hail, King of the Jews!" And they struck him repeatedly. Once more Pilate went out and said to them, "Look, I am bringing him out to you, so that you may know that I find no

guilt in him." So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple cloak. And Pilate said to them, "Behold, the man!"

When the chief priests and the guards saw him they cried out, "Crucify him, crucify him!"

Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him. I find no guilt in him."

The Jews answered, "We have a law and according to that law he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of God."

Now when Pilate heard this statement, he became even more afraid, and went back into the praetorium and said to Jesus, "Where are you from?" Jesus did not answer him. So Pilate said to him, "Do you not speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you and I have power to crucify you?"

Jesus answered, "You would have no power over me if it had not been given to you from above. For this reason the one who handed me over to you has the greater sin."

Consequently, Pilate tried to release him; but the Jews cried out, "If you release him you are not a Friend of Caesar. Everyone who makes himself a king opposes Caesar." When Pilate heard these words he brought Jesus out and seated him on the judge's bench in the place called Stone Pavement, in Hebrew Gabbatha.

It was the preparation day for Passover, and it was about noon. And he said to the Jews, "Behold, your king!"

They cried out, "Take him away, take him away! Crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your king?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but

Caesar.” Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.

V: Crucifixion

So they took Jesus, and, carrying the cross himself, he went out to what is called the Place of the Skull, in Hebrew, Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus in the middle. Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, “Jesus the Nazorean, the King of the Jews.”

Now many of the Jews read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, Latin and Greek. So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, “Do not write ‘The King of the Jews,’ but that he said, ‘I am the King of the Jews.’” Pilate answered, “What I have written, I have written.”

When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four shares, a share for each soldier. They also took his tunic, but the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top down. So they said to one another, “Let’s no tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it will be,” in order that the passage of Scripture might be fulfilled that says:

*They divided my garments among them,
and for my vesture they cast lots.* This is what the soldiers did.

Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary of Magdala. When Jesus was his mother and the disciple there whom he loved, he said to

his mother, “Woman, behold, your son.” Then he said to the disciple, “Behold your mother.” And from that hour the disciple took her into his home.

After this aware that everything was now finished, in order that the Scripture might be fulfilled, he said, “I thirst.”

There was a vessel filled with common wine. So they put a sponge soaked in wine on a sprig of hyssop and put it up to his mouth. When Jesus had taken the wine, he said, “It is finished.” And bowing his head, he handed over the spirit.

[In the Roman Catholic Tradition

ALL KNEEL at this point for a moment]

(CHILDREN’S CHORALE:
The Witness of the Innocents)

*What love is this that dies in so much pain?
What love is this that hopes to rise again?
And can such grace in human hearts remain?
Such wondrous love; no words explain...*

*What love is this to love with every breath?
What love is this that fears not even death?
And who will tell this story that we’ve heard?:
To know the love of God’s almighty word.*

*What wondrous love?
We hold you in our heart.
Sent forth in love, may we each do our part.
To tell a world that waits in fear and doubt:
God’s love has come. This is God’s love.
The word we sing about is love*

VI: Burial

Now since it was the preparation day, in order that the bodies might not remain on the cross on the sabbath, for the sabbath day that week was a holy one, the Jews asked Pilate that their legs be broken and that they be taken down.

So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and then of the other one who was crucified with Jesus. But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs, but one soldier thrust his lance into his side and immediately blood and water flowed out.

An eyewitness has testified, and his testimony is true; he knows that he is speaking the truth, so that you also may come to believe.

For this happened so that the Scripture passage might be fulfilled: Not a bone of it will be broken. And again another passage says: They will look upon him whom they have pierced.

After this, Joseph of Arimathea, secretly a disciple of Jesus for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate if he could remove the body of Jesus. And Pilate permitted it. So he came and took his body.

Nicodemus, the who had first come to him at night, also came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes weighing about one hundred pounds. They took the body of Jesus and bound it with burial cloths along with the spices, and bound it with burial cloths along with the spices, according to the Jewish burial custom. Now in the place where he had been crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb, in which no one had yet been

buried. So they laid Jesus there because of the Jewish preparation day; for the tomb was close by.

The Gospel of the Lord

(FUGUE and CHORALE)

*Praise to You, Lord, Jesus Christ.
Glory and Praise to You.*

*Lord Jesus Christ: the Lamb of God.
Behold!
The One of whom
the prophets have foretold
would come to bring
his people home to God.*

*On every tongue your name be sung:
Lord, Jesus Christ!*

Amen!

