

To the memory of Robert Lincoln, 1928-1957

# The Passion According to Saint John

FOR MIXED CHOIR AND SOLOISTS

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## Chorus No. 1: Prologue

*♩* 1:66

Soprano Alto

Tenor Bass

The Pas-sion of our Lord Je-sus Christ ac.

cord. ing to the the ho-ly e-

man-gel-ist, Saint John:

Evangelist

Dm 8

At that time Jesus went out with his disciples across the Kidron

valley, where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered.

Gm

Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place; for Jesus often met

there with his disciples. So Judas, procuring a band of soldiers and some officers

from the chief priests and the Pharisees, went there with lanterns and

torches and weapons. Then Jesus, knowing all that was to befall him,

Jesus

came forward and said to them: "Whom do you seek?"

Dm 8

Evangelist

They answered him:

# Chorus No. 2: The Soldiers and Officers

$\text{♩} = 100$

Je- sus of Na- za- reth. Je- sus of Na- za- reth.

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Evangelist Jesus said to them: "I am he."

Jesus "I am he."

betrayed him, was standing with them. When he said to them, "I am he,"

Jesus they drew back and fell to the ground. Again he asked them: "Whom do you seek?"

Evangelist And they said:

# Chorus No. 3: The Soldiers and Officers

$\text{♩} = 100$

Je- sus of Na- za- reth,  
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 Je- sus of Na- za- reth,  
 Je- sus of Na- za- reth,  
 Je- sus of Na- za- reth,

Evangelist

Jesus

Evangelist Jesus answered: "I told you that I am he; so, if you

Evangelist seek me, let these men go." This was to fulfil the

Evangelist word which he had spoken, "Of those whom thou gavest me I lost not one"

Evangelist Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's

Evangelist slave and cut off his right ear. The slave's name was Malchus.

Evangelist Jesus said to Peter: "Put your sword into its sheath; shall I not

Evangelist

drink the cup which the Father has giv-en me?"

So the band

of soldiers and their captains and the officers of the Jews seized Jesus and bound him.

Gm

First they led him to Annas; for he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas,

who was the high priest that year. It was Caiaphas who had given counsel to the Jews

that it was expedient that one man should die for the people. Simon Peter

followed Jesus, and so did another disciple. As this dis-ciple was known to the

high priest, he entered the court of the high priest along with Je- sus,

while Peter stood outside at the door. So the other disciple who was known

to the high priest, went out and spoke to the maid who kept the door,

and brought Pe-ter in. The maid who kept the door said to Peter:

Maid

"Are- you not one — of this — man's dis-ci-ples?"

Evangelist

Peter said:

Peter

"I am not."

Bb

Evangelist

Now the servants and officers had

made a charcoal fire, because it was cold, and they were standing and

warming themselves; Peter also was with them, standing and warming himself.

Am

The high priest then questioned Jesus about his disciples and his teaching.

Jesus

Jesus answered him: "I have spoken openly to the world; I have always

taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all Jews come together;

I have said nothing secretly. Why do you ask me? Ask those who have

heard me, what I said to them; they know what I said."

Evangelist

When he had said this, one of the officers standing by struck Jesus

Officer

with his hands saying: "Is that how you answer the high priest?"

Evangelist

Jesus answered him: "If I have spoken wrong -

lys,

bear witness to the wrong; but if I have spoken right - ly, why do you strike - me?

Evangelist

Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

Now Simon Peter was standing and warming him - self. They - said to him:

### Chorus No. 4: The Servants and Officers

$\text{♩} = 138$

Are you not al- so,

are you not

Are, are you not al- so,

are you not

one of his disci- ples?

ples?





Evangelist

this man?"

Dm

They answered him:

# Chorus No. 5: The Jews

d:66

If this man were not an e- vil- do- er,

er,

of No-10

we would not have hand- ed him o- ver to you.

Am

Evangelist

Pilate

Pilate said to them: Take him your- selves and judge--

Evangelist

him by your own laws." Dm

The Jews said to him:

# Chorus No. 6: The Jews

$J = 80$

It is not law- full  
 It is not law- full for us  
 It is not law- full for

us  
 to put an- y

man to death, to put an- y man to death.

## *Evangelist*

*Am*  
 This was to fulfill the word which Jesus had spoken to show by

what death he was to die. Pilate entered the praetorium again

## *Pilate*

and called — Jesus, and said to him: "Are you the King — of the Jews?"

Evangelist

Jesus

Jesus answered =

“Do you say this of your own — ac-cord,

Evangelist

or did others say it to you a-bout — me?”

Pilate

“Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed

Evangelist

you o-ver to me; what have you — done?”

Jesus

“My kingship is not of this world; if my kingship were of this world, my — servants would fight, that I might not be handed over to — the Jews;

Evangelist

but my kingship is not from the world.”

Am

Pilate said to him:

Pilate "So are you a king?"

Evangelist Jesus answered: "You say that"

I am a king. For this I was born, and for this have I come into the world, to bear witness to the truth. Every one who is of the truth

Evangelist Pilate said to him: "What is truth?"

Evangelist "I find no crime in him. But you have a custom that I should

Evangelist After he had said this, he went out to the Jews again, and told them:

Pilate "I find no crime in him. But you have a custom that I should release one man for you at the Pass-over; will you have me release

Evangelist They cried out: "for you the King of the Jews?"

Evangelist They cried out: again

# Chorus No. 7: The Jews

$J=176$

Not this man, not this man, not this man, not this man

( $J=88$ )

but Bar. ab. - - - - - bas!

Evangelist

Now Barabbas was a robber. Then Pilate took Jesus

and scourged him. And the soldiers plaited a crown of thorns, and

put it on his head and arrayed him in a purple robe.

Am They came up to him, saying:

*rit.* **J:69**

him! Gra- ci- fy him!  
 him! Gra- ci- fy him!  
 him! Gra- ci- fy him!

*Em* **Evangelist** Pilate said to them: *rit* "Take — him yourselves and

*Dm* **Evangelist** The Jews answered him:

# Chorus No. 10 = The Jews.

**J = 120**

We have a law, and by that law he ought to

die, — be- cause — he has made him-self\_ the Son\_ of God. the Son\_ of God. Son\_ of God.

Evangelist

When Pilate heard these words, he was the more afraid;

Pilate

he entered the praetorium again and said to Je-sus: "Where — are

Evangelist

But Jesus gave no answer. Pi-late therefore said

Pilate

to him: — "You will not speak to me? Do you not know that I have power

Evangelist

to release you, and power to cru-ci-fy you?"

Jesus

“You would have no power o-ver me unless it had been given you from a-bove; therefore he who delivered me to you has the great- er sin.”

*Evangelist*

Dm  
Upon this Pilate sought to re-lease him, but the Jews cried out:

# Chorus No. 11: The Jews

$J = 138$

If you re-lease this man, you are not  
If you re-lease this man, you are not

Cae- sars friend: ev-ry one who makes him- self a  
Cae- sars friend:

king sets him- self a- gainst Cae- sar.

## Evangelist

C  
When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down





*rit.*  
 J = 69  
 him! Cru- ci- fy him, cru- ci- fy — him!  
 him! Cru- ci- fy, cru- ci- fy him!  
 him! Cru- ci- fy him, cru- ci- fy — him!  
 him! Cru- ci- fy — him!

*Em*  
 Evangelist  
 Pilate said to them: "Shall I crucify you — king?"

*Dm*  
 Evangelist  
 The chief priests answered:

# Chorus No. 13: The Chief Priests

J = 152  
 J = 1 (J = 76)

We have no king — but Cae- sars, we have no

Evangelist

Then Pilate handed him over to them to be crucified. So they

took Jesus, and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called

the place of a skull, which is called in Hebrew Gol-go-tha. There they

crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Je-

sus between them. Pilate also wrote a title and put it on the

cross; it read, "Je-sus of Na-za-reth, the King of the Jews."

Gm

Many of the Jews read this title, for the place where Jesus

was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in

Latin, and in Greek. *Am* The chief priests of the Jews then said to Pilate:



### Chorus No. 14: The Chief Priests

$\text{♩} = 76$

Do not writes, "The king of the Jews,"  
 Do not writes, "The king of the Jews,"  
 Do not writes, "The king of the Jews,"  
 Do not writes, "The king of the Jews,"

but, "This man said," but "This man said I am the  
 but, "This man said," but "This man said I am the  
 but, "This man said," but "This man said I am the  
 but, "This man said," but "This man said I am the

I am the king of the Jews."  
 I am the king of the Jews."  
 I am the king of the Jews."  
 I am the king of the Jews."

Evangelist

Pilate

F

Pilate answered: "What I have written, I have writ- ten."

Evangelist

Eb

When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his garments

and made four parts, one for each soldier; al-so his tu- nic.

Aim

But the tunic was without seam, woven from top to bottom;

so they said to one another:

# Chorus No. 15: The Soldiers

$\text{♩} = 80$

let us not tear

it,

let us not tear

it,

let us not tear

it,

but cast

but cast

lots for it to see whose it shall be, to see whose it shall be.  
lots for it

*Evangelist*

*Am*  
This was to fulfill the scripture, "They parted my garments among

them, and for my clothing they cast lots." So the soldiers did this ;

*Eb*  
but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother,

and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clo-pas, and Ma-ry Magdalene.

When Jesus saw his mother, and the disciple whom he loved

*Jesus*  
stand-ing near, he said to his mo-ther: "Woman, be-hold — your son!"

Evangelist

Jesus

Then he said to the disciple: "Be-hold— your mo- ther!"

Evangelist

And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

Dm

After this Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to

Jesus

Evangelist

fulfill the scripture): "I — — — — — thirst." A bowl of

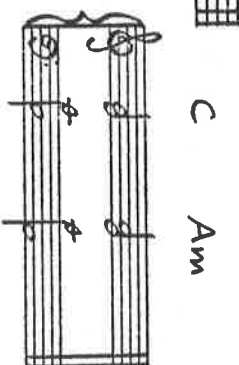
vinegar stood there; so they put a sponge full of the vinegar on hyssop and — held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the vinegar,

Jesus

Evangelist

he said: "It — — — — — is fin- ished." And he bowed his

head and gave up his spir - it.



\* *Evangelist*

8 Since it was the day of Preparation, in order to prevent the bodies from

remaining on the cross on the sabbath (for that sabbath was a high day),

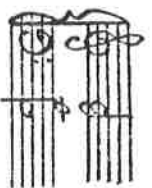
the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might

be ta - ken a - way. So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first,

and of the other who had been crucified with Jesus; but when they

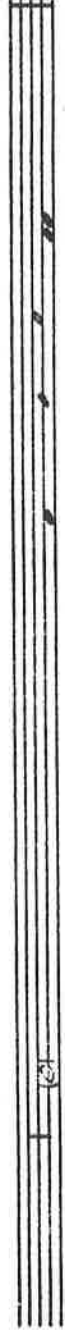
came to Je - sus and saw that he was already dead, they did not

break his legs. But one of the soldiers pierced his side with

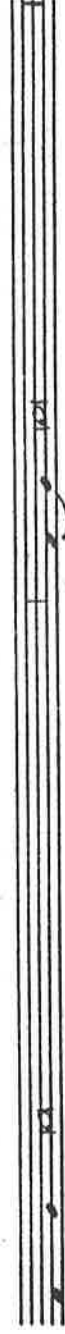


\* This account of the Burial of Jesus, which concludes St. John's story of the Passion, may be chanted as indicated, or may be read without note. It is sometimes omitted. In any case the work should conclude with Chorus No. 16: Epilogue.

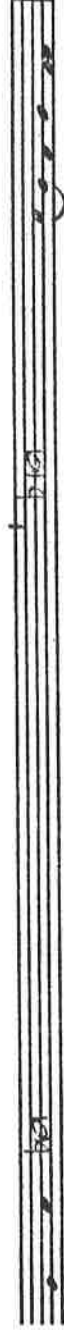




a spear, and at once there came out blood and wa-ter.



He who saw it has borne witness --- his --- testimony is true,



and he knows that he tells the truth --- that you may al-so be-lieve.

Gm



For these things took place that the scripture might be fulfilled,

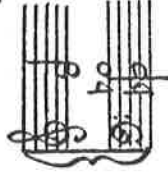


“Not a bone of him shall be bro-ken.” And again another scripture says,

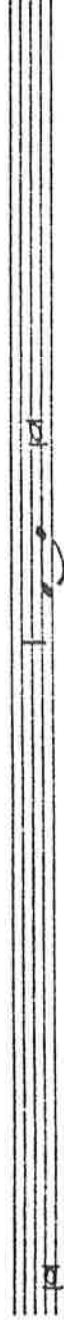


“They shall look on him whom they have pierced.”

Bb



After this Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus,

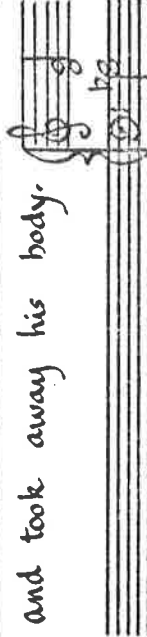


but secretly, for fear of the Jews, asked --- Pilate that he might take



away the body of Je-sus, and --- Pilate gave him leave. So he came

Gm



and took away his body.

Nicodemus also, who had at first

come to him by night, came — bringing a mixture of myrrh and

aloes, a-bout a hundred pounds' weight. They — took the body of

Jesus, and — bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the

burial custom of the Jews.

Now in the place where he was

crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb where

no one had ever been laid. So because of the Jewish day of Preparations,

as the tomb was close at hand, they laid Je- sus there.

F Am

# Chorus No. 16: Epilogue

$\text{♩} = 66$

We give thanks and praise to our Lord

Lord Jesus Christ, who has borne out

and re-deemed pain and re-deemed the world through his ho-

ly sac-rifice on the cross.

