

“The Passion Narrative” – Good Friday

(Set to the Gregorian melody from the *Liber Usualis*
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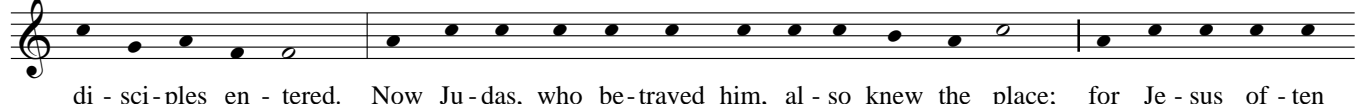
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The Pas-sion of our Lord Je-sus Christ ac-cord-ing to John. At that time: Je-sus went forth with his



di - sci - ples a - cross the Kid - ron val - ley, where there was a gar - den, which he and his



di - sci - ples en - tered. Now Ju - das, who be - trayed him, al - so knew the place; for Je - sus of - ten



met there with his di - sci - ples. So Ju - das, pro - cur - ing a band of sol - diers and some of - fic - ers



from the chief priests and the Pha - ri - sees, went there with lan - terns and torch - es and weap - ons.



Then Je - sus, know - ing all that was to be - fall him, came for - ward and said to them,

✠ N. S. N.



“Whom do you seek?” They an - swered him, “Je - sus of Naz - a - reth.” Je - sus said to them,

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“I am he.” Ju - das, who be - trayed him, was stand - ing with them. When he said to them,



“I am he,” they drew back and fell to the ground. A - gain he asked them, “Whom do you seek?”

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And they said, “Je - sus of Naz - a - reth.” Je - sus an - swered, “I told you



that I am he; so, if you seek me, let these men go.”

N.



This was to ful - fil the word which he had spok - en, "Of those whom thou gav - est me



I lost not one." Then Si - mon Pe - ter, hav - ing a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's slave



and cut off his right ear. The slave's name was Mal - chus. Je - sus said to Pe - ter,

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"Put your sword in - to its sheath; shall I not drink the cup which the Fa - ther has giv - en me?"

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So the band of sol - diers and their cap - tain and the of - fic - ers of the Jews seized Je - sus and bound him.



First they led him to An - nas; for he was the fa - ther - in - law of Cai - a - phas, who was high priest that year.



It was Cai - a - phas who had given coun - sel to the Jews that it was ex - pe - di - ent that one man



should die for the peo - ple. Si - mon Pe - ter fol - lowed Je - sus, and so did an - oth - er di - sci - ple.



As this di - sci - ple was known to the high priest, he en - tered the court of the high priest a - long with Je - sus,



while Pe - ter stood out - side at the door. So the oth - er di - sci - ple, 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

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said to Pe - ter, "Are not you al - so one of this man's di - sci - ples?" He said, "I am not."

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Now the ser-vants and of-fic-ers had made a char-coal fire, be-cause it was cold, and they were stand-ing and warm-ing them-selves; Pe-ter al-so was with them, stand-ing and warm-ing him-self.

The high priest then ques-tioned Je-sus a-bout his di-sci-ples and his teach-ing.

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Je-sus an-swered him, "I have spok-en o-pen-ly to the world; I have al-ways taught in syn-a-gogues and in the tem-ple, where all Jews come to-geth-er; I have said no-thing se-cret-ly. Why do you ask me? Ask those who have heard me, what I said to them; they know what I said." When he had said this, one of the of-fic-ers stand-ing by struck Je-sus with his hand, say-ing, "Is that how you an-swer the high priest?"

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Je-sus an-swered him, "If I have spok-en wrong-ly, bear wit-ness to the wrong; but if I have spok-en right-ly, why do you strike me?"

N.

An-nas then sent him bound to Cai-a-phas the high priest. Now Si-mon Pe-ter was stand-ing and warm-ing him-self.

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They said to him, "Are not you al-so one of his di-sci-ples?" He de-nied it and said,

S. "I am not." N. One of the ser-vants of the high priest, a kins-man of the man

S. whose ear Pe - ter had cut off, asked, "Did I not see you in the gar - den with him?"

N. Pe - ter a - gain de - nied it; and at once the cock crowed. Then they led Je - sus

from the house of Cai - a - phas to the prae - to - ri - um. It was ear - ly. They them-selves did not

en - ter the prae - to - ri - um, so that they might not be de - filed, but might eat the Pass - o - ver.

S. So Pi - late went out to them and said, "What ac - cus - a - tion do you bring

N. a - gainst this man?" S. They an - swered him, "If this man were not an e - vil - do - er,

N. we would not have hand - ed him o - ver." S. Pi - late said to them, "Take him your-selves

N. and judge him by your own law." S. The Jews said to him, "It is not law - ful

N. for us to put an - y man to death." This was to ful - fil the word which Je - sus had spok - en

to show by what death he was to die. Pi - late en - tered the prae - to - ri - um a - gain

S. and called Je - sus, and said to him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" N. Je - sus an - swered,

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“Do you say this of your own ac - cord, or did oth - ers say it to you a - bout me?”

N. S.
Pi - late an - swered, “Am I a Jew? Your own na - tion and the chief priests

have hand-ed you o - ver to me; what have you done?” N.
Je - sus an - swered,

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“My king - is not of this world; if my king-ship were of this world, my ser-vants would fight,

that I might not be hand-ed o - ver to the Jews; but my king - ship

is not from the world.” N. S.
Pi - late said to him, “So you are a king?”

N. ✠
Je - sus an - swered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born,

and for this I have come in - to the world, to bear wit - ness to the truth.

N. S.
Ev - ‘ry one who is of the truth hears my voice.” Pi - late said to him, “What is truth?”

N. S.
Af - ter he had said this, he went out to the Jews a - gain, and told them, “I find no crime

in him. But you have a cus - tom that I should re - lease one man for you at the Pass - o - ver;

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will you have me re - lease for you the King of the Jews?” They cried out a - gain,

S. N.

“Not this man, but Ba-rab-bas!” Now Ba-rab-bas was a rob-ber. Then Pi-late took Je-sus and scourged him.

And the sol-diers plait-ed a crown of thorns, and put it on his head, and ar-rayed him in

a pur-ple robe; they came up to him, say-ing, “Hail, King of the Jews!”

N. S.

and struck him with their hands. Pi-late went out a-gain, and said to them, “Be-hold, I am

bring-ing him out to you, that you may know that I find no crime in him.” So Je-sus came out,

wear-ing the crown of thorns and the pur-ple robe. Pi-late said to them, “Here is the man!”

N. S.

When the chief priests and the of-fic-ers saw him, they cried out, “Cru-ci-fy him,

cru-ci-fy him!” Pi-late said to them, “Take him your-selves and cru-ci-fy him,

for I find no crime in him.” The Jews an-swered him, “We have a law, and by that law he

ought to die, be-cause he has made him-self the Son of God.” When Pi-late heard these words,

he was the more a-fraid; he en-tered the prae-to-ri-um a-gain and said to Je-sus,

S. N.

“Where are you from?” But Je-sus gave no an-swer. Pi-late there-fore said to him,

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 “You will not speak to me? Do you not know that I have pow - er to re - lease you,
 and pow - er to cru - ci - fy you?” N. Je - sus an - swered him, “You would have no
 pow - er o - ver me un - less it had been giv - en you from a - bove; there - fore he who
 de - liv - ered me to you has the great - er sin.” N. Up - on this Pi - late sought to re - lease him,
 S. but the Jews cried out, “If you re - lease this man, you are not Cae - sar’s friend;
 ev - ‘ry one who makes him - self a king sets him - self a - gainst Cae - sar.”
 N. When Pi - late heard these words, he brought Je - sus out and sat down on the judg - ment seat
 at a place called The Pave - ment, and in He - brew, Gab - ba - tha. Now it was the day of Pre - pa -
 S. ration of the Pass - o - ver; it was a - bout the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, “Here is your King!”
 N. They cried out, S. “A - way with him, a - way with him, cru - ci - fy him!”
 N. Pi - late said to them, S. “Shall I cru - ci - fy your King?” N. The chief priests an - swered,
 S. “We have no king but Cae - sar.” N. Then he hand - ed him o - ver to them

to be cru - ci - fied. So they took Je - sus, and he went out, bear - ing his own cross, to the place

called the place of a skull, which is called in He - brew Gol - go - tha. There they cru - ci - fied him,

and with him two oth - ers, one on ei - ther side, and Je - sus be - tween them. Pi - late al - so

wrote a ti - tle and put it on the cross; it read, "Je - sus of Naz - a - reth, the King of the Jews."

Man - y of the Jews read this ti - tle, for the place where Je - sus was cru - ci - fied was

near the cit - y; and it was writ - ten in He - brew, in Lat - in, and in Greek.

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The chief priests of the Jews then said to Pi - late, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,'

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but, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'" Pi - late an - swered, "What I have writ - ten


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I have writ - ten." When the sol - diers had cru - ci - fied Je - sus they took his gar - ments

and made four parts, one for each sol - dier; al - so his tu - nic. But the tu - nic

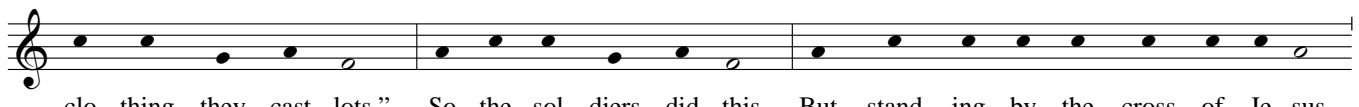
was with - out seam, wov - en from top to bot - tom; so they said to one an - oth - er,

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"Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be."


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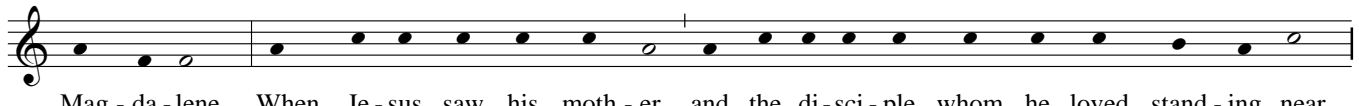
This was to ful - fil the scrip - ture, "They part - ed my gar - ments a - mong them, and for my




clo - thing they cast lots." So the sol - diers did this. But stand - ing by the cross of Je - sus



were his moth - er, and his moth - er's sis - ter, Ma - ry the wife of Clo - pas, and Ma - ry




Mag - da - lene. When Je - sus saw his moth - er, and the di - sci - ple whom he loved stand - ing near,




he said to his moth - er, "Wo - man, be - hold, your son!"

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Then he said to the di - sci - ple, "Be - hold, your moth - er!"

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And from that hour the di - sci - ple took her to his own home. Af - ter this Je - sus,

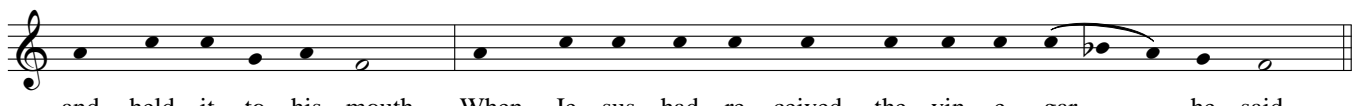


know - ing that all was now fin - ished, said (to ful - fil the scrip - ture), "I thirst."


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A bowl full of vin - e - gar stood there; so they put a sponge full of the vin - e - gar on hys - sop



and held it to his mouth. When Je - sus had re - ceived the vin - e - gar, he said,



"It is fin - ished"; and he bowed his head and gave up his spir - it.

Here all pause and genuflect for a moment.

Since it was the day of Pre - par - a - tion, in or - der to pre - vent the bod - ies
 from re - main - ing on the cross on the sab - bath (for that sab - bath was a high day),
 the Jews asked Pi - late that their legs might be brok - en, and that they might be
 tak - en a - way. So the sol - diers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the oth -
 er who had been cru - ci - fied with him; but when they came to Je - sus and saw that he was
 al - read - y dead, they did not break his legs. But one of the sol - diers pierced his side with a spear,
 and at once there came out blood and wat - er. He who saw it has borne wit - ness,
 his tes - ti - mon - y is true, and he knows that he tells the truth, that you al - so may be - lieve.
 For these things took place that the scrip - ture might be ful - filled, "Not a bone of him
 shall be brok - en." And a - gain an - oth - er scrip - ture says, "They shall look on him
 whom they have pierced."

The conclusion continues on the next page.

*(This section is on the same staff lines as the rest of The Passion.
But, since it is a separate part, it could be sung at a lower pitch.)*

Af - ter this Jo - seph of A - ri - ma - the - a, who was a
di - sci - ple of Je - sus, but se - cret - ly, for fear of the Jews, asked Pi - late that he
might take a - way the bod - y of Je - sus, and Pi - late gave him leave.
So he came and took a - way his bod - y. Ni - co - de - mus al - so,
who had at first come to him by night, came bring - ing a mix - ture of
myrrh and al - oes, a - bout a hun - dred pounds' weight. They took the bod - y
of Je - sus, and bound it in lin - en cloths with the spic - es, as is the bur - i - al
cus - tom of the Jews. Now in the place where he was cru - ci - fied
there was a gar - den, and in the gar - den a new tomb where no one had ev - er been laid.
So be - cause of the Jew - ish day of Pre - pa - ra - tion,
as the tomb was close at hand, they laid Je - sus there.