

St Matthew Passion

1. Chorus

Come, ye daughters, share my mourning; See Him! Whom? The Bridegroom Christ.

See Him! How? A spotless Lamb.

See it! What? His patient love.

Look! Look where? On our offence. Look on Him. For love of us, He Himself His cross is bearing.

Ripieno Chorus

O Lamb of God most holy, who on the Cross didst languish; O Saviour, meek and lowly, who suffered bitter anguish; the sins of man Thou bearest, our every grief Thou sharest. Have mercy on us, O Jesu! O Jesu!

2. Recit: Evangelist and Christ

When Jesus had finished all these sayings, He said unto His disciples. Ye know that after two days is the Passover and the Son of Man shall be delivered over to be crucified.

3. Chorale

O blessed Jesu, how hast Thou offended, that now on Thee such judgement has descended?

Of what misdeed hast Thou to make confession? Of what transgression?

4a. Recit: Evangelist

Then assembled the chief priests and the scribes together and the elders of the people unto the palace of the high priest who was called Caiaphas and they consulted that they might take Jesus by subtlety and kill Him. But they said,

4b. Chorus

Not upon the Feast, lest haply there be an uproar among the people.

4c. Recit: Evangelist

Now when Jesus was in Bethany, in the house of Simon the leper, there came unto Him a woman having an alabaster box of very

precious ointment and poured it on His head as he sat at meat. But when His disciples saw it, they had indignation and said,

4d. Chorus

To what purpose is this waste? For this ointment might have been sold for much and given to the poor.

4e. Recit: Evangelist and Christ

When Jesus understood it, He said unto them:

Why trouble ye the woman? For she hath wrought a good work upon Me. For ye have the poor always with you, but Me ye have not always. For in that she hath poured this ointment on My Body, she did it to prepare me for my burial. Verily I say unto you, wheresoever this Gospel shall be preached throughout the whole world, there shall also this, that this woman hath done, be told of her for a memorial.

5. Recit: Alto

My Master and My Lord, in vain do Thy disciples chide Thee because this pitying woman, with ointment sweet, Thy flesh for burial maketh ready. O grant to me, beloved Lord, the tears wherewith my heart o'erfloweth an unction on Thy head may pour.

6. Aria: Alto

Grief for sin rends the guilty heart within. May my weeping and my mourning be a welcome sacrifice. Loving Saviour, hear in mercy!

7. Recit: Evangelist and Judas Iscariot

Then went one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, to the chief priests and said: What will ye give me, and I will deliver him unto you? And they covenanted with him for thirty pieces of silver. And from that time he sought opportunity to betray Him

8. Aria: Soprano

Break in grief, thou loving heart; for a son whom thou hast nourished, yea a friend whom thou has cherished, gathers cruel foes

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around Thee, and will like a serpent wound Thee.

9a. Recit: Evangelist

Now the first day of the feast of unleavened bread, the disciples came to Jesus, saying unto Him:

9b. Chorus

Where wilt Thou that we prepare for Thee to eat the Passover?

9c. Recit: Evangelist and Christ

And He said, Go ye into the city to such a man, and say unto him: The Master saith, My time is at hand, I will keep the Passover at thy house with My disciples.

And the disciples did, as Jesus had appointed them, and they made ready the Passover. Now when even was come he was sitting at meat with the twelve, And as they did eat, He said: Verily, I say to you that one of you shall betray Me.

9d. Evangelista

And they were exceeding sorrowful, and began, every one of them to say unto Him:

9e. Chorus

Lord is it I?

10. Chorale

Tis I, whose sin now binds Thee, with anguish deep surrounds Thee, and nails Thee to the tree; The torture Thou art feeling, Thy patient love revealing, 'tis I should bear it, I alone.

11. Recit: Evangelist, Christ and Judas

And He answered and said: He that dippeth his hand with Me in the dish, the same shall betray Me. The Son of Man truly goeth as it is written of Him: but woe unto that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed: It had been good for that man if he had never been born. Then answered Judas which did betray Him and said: Master, is it I? He said unto him:

Thou hast said. And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said: Take, eat, This is My Body. And he took the cup, and gave thanks and gave it to them saying, Drink ye all of it; this is My Blood of the New Testament which is shed for many for the remission of sins. I say to you, I will not drink from henceforth of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink new it with you in my Father's Kingdom.

12. Recit: Soprano

Although our eyes with tears o'erflow, since Jesus now must from us go, His gracious promise doth the soul uplift. His flesh and blood, O precious gift! He leaves us for our souls' refreshment. As He while in the world did love His own, so now, with love unchanging, He loves them still unto the end.

13. Aria: Soprano

Jesus Saviour I am Thine, come and dwell my heart within. All things else I count but loss, glory only in Thy cross. Dearer than the world beside is the Saviour who hath died.

14. Recit: Evangelist and Christ

And when they had sung an hymn, they went out unto the mount of Olives. Then saith Jesus to them: All ye shall be offended because of Me this night, for it is written, I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock shall be scattered abroad. But after I am risen again, I will go before you into Galilee.

15. Chorale

Receive me, My Redeemer, My Shepherd, make me Thine;
Of every good the fountain, Thou art the spring of mine.
How oft thy words have fed me on earth with angels food.
How oft Thy grace hath led me to highest, Heavenly good.

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16. Recit: Evangelist, Peter and Christ

Peter answered and said unto him: Though all men shall be offended because of Thee, yet will I never be offended. Jesus said to him: Verily I say unto thee, that this same night before the cock shall crow, shalt thou deny me thrice. Peter said unto Him: Yea, though I should die with Thee, yet will I not deny Thee. Likewise also said all the disciples.

17. Chorale

Here would I stand beside Thee; Lord, bid me not depart!
From Thee I will not sever, though breaks Thy loving heart.
When bitter pain shall hold Thee in agony opprest,
Then, then will I enfold Thee within my loving breast.

18. Recit: Evangelist and Christ

Then cometh Jesus with them unto a place called Gethsemane and saith to His disciples: Sit ye here while I go yonder and pray. And He took with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee and began to be sorrowful and very heavy. Then saith Jesus to them: My soul is exceeding sorrowful even unto death; tarry ye here and watch with Me

19. Tenor and Chorus

O grief! That bows the Saviour's troubled heart! His spirit faints, His sorrow veils His face. He to the judgement hall is brought, there is no help nor comfort near. The powers of darkness now assail Him, His chosen friends will yet forsake Him. Ah! if my love Thy stay could be, if I could weigh Thy grief and share it, Could make it less, or help to bear it, how gladly would I watch with Thee!

Chorus

My Saviour, why must all this ill befall Thee?
My sin, alas! From highest heaven did call Thee. God took the debt from me, who should have paid it; on Thee He laid it.

20. Aria: Tenor and Chorus

I would beside my Lord be watching. By His cross I am saved from sin and loss; His sorrows win my soul its ransom.

Chorus

And so our sin will fall asleep. The griefs that He for us endureth how bitter, yet how sweet, are they.

21. Recit: Evangelist and Christ

And He went a little farther, and fell on His face and prayed, saying, O My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from Me: yet not as I will but as Thou wilt.

22. Recit: Bass

The Saviour, low before His Father bending, to gain for man by His oblation a full salvation, the love of God toward man commendeth. He now will drink the Cup unto its last and bitterest dregs, which with the sin of men is filled and overflows. He will not shrink, but suffer all that God hath willed.

23. Aria Bass

Gladly would I take upon me Cross and Cup, and all His burden, could I follow Christ my Lord.

24. Recit: Evangelist and Christ

And He cometh to the disciples, and findeth them asleep and saith unto Peter: What, could ye not watch with me one hour? Watch and pray that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit is willing but the flesh is weak. He went away again the second time, and prayed, and said, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from Me except I drink it, Thy will be done.

25. Chorale

O Father, let Thy will be done, for all things well Thou doest, In time of need refusest none, But helpst e'en the lowest.
In deep distress Thou still dost bless,

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In wrath rememb'rst mercy; Who trusts in
Thee shall ever be In perfect peace and safety.

26. Recit: Evangelist, Christ and Judas

And He came and found them asleep again,
for their eyes were very heavy. And He left
them, and went away again, and prayed the
third time saying again the same words. Then
cometh He to His disciples and said unto
them: Sleep on now and take your rest,
behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of
Man shall be betrayed into the hands of
sinners. Arise, let us be going: behold, he is at
hand that doth betray Me.

And while He yet spake, Lo, Judas, one of the
twelve came, and with him a great multitude
with swords and with staves from the chief
priests and elders of the people. Now he that
betrayed Him had given unto them a sign,
saying: Whomsoever I shall kiss, that is He;
hold him fast. And forthwith he came to Jesus,
and said: Hail Master, and kissed Him.

Jesus said unto him; Friend, friend, wherefore
art thou come? Then drew they near and laid
hands on Jesus and took Him.

27a. Duet: Soprano and Alto and Chorus

Behold my Saviour now is taken; Moon and
stars have for grief the night forsaken, since
my Saviour now is taken. They lead Him
hence; with cords they bind Him! Chorus:
Loose Him! Leave Him! Bind him not!

27b. Chorus

Have lightnings and thunders their fury
forgotten? Then open, O fathomless pit, all
thy terrors! Destroy them, o'erwhelm them,
devour them, consume them with tumult of
rage, the treach'rous betrayer, the merciless
throng.

28. Recit: Evangelist and Christ

And behold, one of them which were with
Jesus, stretched out his hand, and drew his
sword and struck a servant of the high
priest's, and smote off his ear. Then said Jesus

unto him: Put up again thy sword into its
place; for all that take the sword shall perish
with the sword. Or thinkest thou that I cannot
now pray to My Father, and He shall presently
give Me more than twelve legions of angels?
But how then shall the scripture be fulfilled,
that thus it must be? In that same hour said
Jesus to the multitudes Are ye come out as
against a thief with swords and staves for to
take Me? I sat daily amongst you teaching in
the temple, and ye laid no hold on Me. But all
this was done, that the scriptures of the
prophets might be fulfilled. Then all the
disciples forsook Him and fled.

29. Chorus and Ripieno Chorus

O man thy grievous sin bemoan, for which
Christ left His Father's throne, from highest
heaven descending. Of Virgin pure and
undefiled, He here was born our Saviour mild,
for sin to make atonement. The dead He
raised to life again, the sick He freed from
grief and pain, until the time appointed, that
He for us should give His Blood, should bear
our sins' o'erwhelming load, the shameful
Cross enduring.

30. Aria: Alto and Chorus

Ah! Now is my Saviour gone!

Chorus: Whither is thy beloved gone, O thou
fairest among women? Whither went He? I
would follow. Chorus: Whither has thy friend
gone aside? Ah! my Lamb, the slayers hold
Thee. Where now is my Saviour gone?

Chorus: For we would go with thee to seek
Him. Ah!

How shall I find an answer to assure my
anxious soul?

31. Recit: Evangelist

And they that had laid hold on Jesus, led Him
away to the house of Caiaphas, the high
priest, where the scribes and the elders were
gathered together. But Peter followed Him
afar off, unto the court of the high priest, and
went in and sat with the servants to see the

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end. Now the chief priests and the elders and all the council, sought false witness against Jesus to put Him to death, but found none.

32. Chorale

How falsely doth the world accuse!
How ready justice to refuse!
How eager to condemn me!
In danger's hour, Lord, show Thy pow'r, From every ill defend me.

33. Recit: Evangelist and two false witnesses

Yea, though many false witnesses came, yet found they none. At the last there came two false witnesses and said: This fellow said, I am able to destroy this temple of God, and to build it in three days. And the high priest arose, and said unto Him: Answerest Thou nothing? What is it which these witness against Thee? But Jesus held His peace.

34. Recit: Tenor

He holds His peace though men accuse Him falsely, that thereby He may show us how deep compassion works within Him to bear our sorrows in His heart. So we, when call'd to suffer wrong, should try to be like Him, and in affliction hold our peace.

35. Aria: Tenor

Endure, endure! Even lying tongues and taunting endure. Suffer thou in faith secure, scourge and rod, wait till justice of our God smite their hearts with sword avenging.

36a. Recit: Evangelist, High Priest and Jesus

And the high priest answered and said unto Him, I adjure Thee by the name of the living God that Thou tell us, whether Thou be the Christ the Son of God. Jesus said unto him: Thou hast said: nevertheless I say unto you, hereafter shall ye see the Son of Man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of Heaven. Then the high priest rent his garments and said: He hath spoken blasphemy: what further need have we of

witnesses? Behold, now ye have heard His blasphemy yourselves, what think ye?

They answered and said:

36b. Chorus

He is worthy of death.

36c. Recit: Evangelist and Chorus

Then did they spit in His face and buffeted Him, and others smote Him with the palms of their hands, and said:

36d. Chorus

Now tell us Thou Christ, who is he that smote Thee?

37. Chorale

O Lord, who dares to smite Thee, and falsely to indict Thee, deride and mock Thee so? Thou canst not need confession? Who knowest not transgression as we and all our children know.

38a. Recit: Evangelist, 1st & 2nd Maid, Peter

Now Peter was sitting without in the court and there came to him a damsel and said: Thou also wast with Jesus of Galilee. But he denied before them all and said: I know not what thou sayest. And when he was gone out into the porch, another maid saw him and said unto them that were there: This man also was with Jesus of Nazareth; And again he denied with an oath, I do not know the man, And after a little while came to him they that stood by, and said unto Peter:

38b. Chorus

Surely thou also art one of them, for thy speech betrayeth thee.

38c. Recit: Evangelist and Peter

Then began he to curse and to swear, I know not the man. And immediately the cock crew. And Peter remembered the word of Jesus, which said unto him: Before the cock crow

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thou shalt deny me thrice. And he went out and wept bitterly.

39. Aria: Alto

Have mercy Lord on me, regard my bitter weeping. Look on me, heart and eyes both weep to Thee bitterly.

40. Chorale

Lamb of God I fall before Thee, humbly trusting in Thy Cross. That alone be all my glory, all things else I count but loss. Jesu all my hope and joy flow from Thee, Thou sovereign good. Hope and love and faith and patience, all were purchased by Thy Blood.

41a. Recit: Evangelist and Judas

Now when the morning was come, all the chief priests and elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put Him to death. And when they had bound Him, they led Him away, and delivered Him unto Pontius Pilate the governor. Then Judas, which had betrayed Him, when he saw that He was condemned, repented himself and brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders and said: I have sinned, in that I have betrayed the innocent blood. And they said:

41b. Chorus

But what is that to us? See thou to that.

41c. Recit: Evangelist, 1st and 2nd Priest

And he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and he departed and went and hanged himself. And the chief priests took the silver pieces, and said It is not lawful for to put them into the treasury because it is the price of blood

42. Aria: Bass

Give, O give me back my Lord. See the silver, price of blood, at your feet in horror poured by the lost betrayer.

43. Recit: Evangelist, Pilate and Christ

Jesus stood before the governor and the governor asked of Him and said: Art Thou the King of the Jews? Jesus said unto Him, Thou sayest. And when He was accused of the chief priests and elders He answered nothing. Then Pilate saith unto Him: Hearest Thou not how many things they witness against Thee? And He answered him to never a word: insomuch that the governor marveled greatly.

44. Chorale

Commit thy way to Jesus, thy burdens and thy cares; He from them all releases, He all thy sorrow shares. He gives the winds their courses and bounds the ocean's shore. He suffers not temptation to rise beyond thy power.

4a. Recit and Chorus: Evangelist, Pilate, Pilate's wife and crowd

Now at that feast the governor was wont to release unto the people a prisoner, whom they would. And they had at that time a notable prisoner called Barabbas. Therefore when they were gathered together, Pilate said unto them: Whom will ye that I release unto you? Barabbas or Jesus, which is called Christ? For he knew well that for envy they had delivered Him up. And while he was sitting on the judgement seat his wife sent unto him, saying: Have thou nothing to do with that just man; for I have suffered many things this day in a dream, because of him. But the chief priests and the elders persuaded the multitude that they should ask Barabbas, and destroy Jesus. The governor answered and said unto them: Whether of the twain will ye that I release unto you? They said Barabbas.

Pilate said unto them: What shall I do then unto Jesus which is called Christ? They all say:

45b. Chorus

Let Him be Crucified.

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46. Chorale

O wondrous love that suffers this correction!
The Shepherd dying for His flocks protection,
the Master pays the debt His servants owe
Him, and they betray Him.

47. Recit: Evangelist and Pilate

And the governor said, Why, what evil hath
He done?

48. Recit: Soprano

To all men Jesus good hath done. The blind
man hath He given sight, the lame man made
to walk. He told us of His Father's word, He
cast the devils forth, the mourners hath He
comforted, in Him a friend the sinner Save
good, my Jesus nought hath done.

49. Aria: Soprano

For love my Saviour now is dying; Of sin and
guilt He knoweth naught. So eternal
desolation and the sinner's righteous doom
shall not rest upon my spirit.

50a. Recit: Evangelist, Pilate and Chorus

But they cried out the more and said:

50b. Chorus

Let Him be crucified.

50c. Evangelist and Pilate

When Pilate therefore saw that he prevailed
nothing, but that rather a tumult was made,
he took water, and washed his hands before
the multitude and said: I am innocent of the
blood of this just person: ye see to it. Then
answered all the people and said:

50d. Chorus

His blood be on us and on our children.

50e. Evangelist

Then released he Barabbas unto them and
when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered
Him to be crucified.

51. Recit: Alto

O gracious God. Behold the Saviour standeth
bound. They scourge Him now, and smite and
wound Him! Tormentors stay your hands! Are
not your hearts with pity moved to see such
anguish meekly borne? Ah, no! your hearts
are hard, and must be like the rock itself, nay,
more unyielding still. Have pity! Stay your
hands!

52. Aria: Alto

If my tears be unavailing, take the very heart
of me.

53a. Recit: Evangelist and soldiers

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus
into the common hall and gathered to Him
the whole band of soldiers. And they stripped
Him, and put on Him a scarlet robe. And they
plaited a crown of thorns, and put it on His
Head and a reed in His right Hand: and bowed
the knee before Him, and mocked Him and
said

53b. Chorus

Hail, King of the Jews.

53c. Evangelist

And they spit upon Him, and took the reed,
and smote Him on the head.

54. Chorale

O sacred Head, surrounded, by crown of
piercing thorn! O bleeding Head, so wounded,
reviled and put to scorn!

Death's pallid hue comes o'er Thee, the glow
of life decays, yet angel hosts adore Thee and
tremble as they gaze.

All In this Thy bitter Passion, good Shepherd,
think of me. With Thy most sweet
compassion, unworthy though I be: Beneath
Thy Cross abiding for ever would I rest,
In Thy dear love confiding and with Thy
presence blest.

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55. Recit: Evangelist

And after they had mocked Him, they took off from Him the robe and put His own raiment on Him and led Him away to crucify Him. And as they came out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name: him they compelled to bear His cross.

56. Recit: Bass

In truth, to bear the Cross our flesh and blood
Are loth to be constrained, For that which
works our chiefest good, Most hardly is
attained,

57. Aria: Bass

Come, healing Cross, O joy to share it! My
Saviour, lay on me its weight. Come, healing
Cross, for me prepare it, my Saviour, lay on
me its weight; And if the burden grow too
great, Then help Thou me, O Lord, to bear it.

58a. Recit: Evangelist

And when they were come unto a place called
Golgotha, that is to say, a place of a skull, they
gave him vinegar to drink, mingled with gall:
and when He had tasted thereof, He would
not drink. And when they had crucified Him,
they parted his garments and cast lots upon
them, that it might be fulfilled which was
spoken by the Prophet, They parted my
garments among them, and upon my vesture
did they cast lots. And sitting down, they
watched Him there: and set up over His head
His accusation, written. This is Jesus the King
of the Jews. Then were there two thieves
crucified with Him: one on the right hand and
one on the left. And they that passed by
reviled Him, wagging their heads and saying:

58b. Chorus

Thou that destroyest the temple of God and
buildest it in three days, save Thyself. If Thou
be the Son of God come down from the Cross.

58c. Evangelist

Likewise also the chief priests mocking Him,
with the scribes and the elders, said

58d. Chorus

He saved others, Himself He cannot save. If
He be King of Israel, let Him now come down
from the Cross, and we will believe Him. He
trusted in God, let Him deliver Him now if He
will have Him. For He hath said: I am the Son
of God.

58e. Recit: Evangelist

The thieves also which were crucified with
Him, cast the same in His teeth.

59. Recit: Alto

Ah! Golgotha! Unhappy Golgotha! The Lord of
glory here 'mid shame and scorn must perish:
the blessed Saviour of the world upon the
accursed tree now hangs; the Lord who
heaven and earth created, of life and light is
now bereft. The sinless here as sinner dieth.
Ah, how this grief doth pierce my soul! Ah
Golgotha! Unhappy Golgotha!

60. Aria: Alto and Chorus

See ye the Saviour's outstretched hands! He
would draw us to himself. Come!

Chorus: Come where?

In Jesu's bosom seek redemption, seek ye
mercy.

Seek them!

Chorus: Where?

In Jesu's bosom. Live ye, die ye, rest ye here,
ye whom sin and guilt oppress. Rest ye!

Chorus: Where? In Jesu's bosom.

61a. Recit: Evangelist and Christ

Now from the sixth hour there was darkness
over all the land unto the ninth hour. And
about the ninth hour, Jesus cried with a loud
voice and said, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani. That
is to say: My God, My God, Why hast Thou
forsaken me? Some of them that stood there
heard that and said,

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61b. Chorus

He calleth for Elias.

61c. Evangelist

And straight away one of them ran, and took a sponge, and filled it full of vinegar and put it on a reed, and gave Him to drink. And others said,

61d. Chorus

Wait, wait, let us see whether Elias will come to save Him.

61e. Evangelist

Jesus, when He had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost.

62. Chorale

Be near me, Lord, when dying,
O part not Thou from me! And to my succour
flying, come, Lord, and set me free!
And when my heart must languish in death's
last awful throe, release me from mine
anguish by Thine own pain and woe.

63a. Recit: Evangelist

And behold the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top unto the bottom, and the earth did quake and the rocks were rent. And the graves were opened and there arose many bodies of the saints which had slept, and coming forth from the graves after His resurrection, they went into the holy city and appeared unto many. Now when the centurion and they that were with him, watching Jesus, saw the earth quake and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying,

63b. Chorus

Truly this was the Son of God.

63c. Evangelist

When the even was come, there came a rich man of Arimathea named Joseph, who also himself was Jesus' disciple. He went to Pilate

and begged the body of Jesus: Then Pilate commanded the body to be delivered.

64. Recit: Bass

At evening, hour of calm and peace was Adam
I s fall made manifest; at evening too the
Lord's redeeming love; at evening homeward
turned the dove and bore the olive leaf as
token. O beauteous time! O evening hour!
Our lasting peace is now with God made sure,
For Jesus hath His Cross endured. His body
sinks to rest. Go, loving servant, ask thou it;
go, be it thine, the lifeless Saviour's body.

O wondrous gift! O precious, holy burden!

65. Aria: Bass

Make thee clean my heart from sin. Unto
Jesus give thou welcome. So within my
cleansed breast shall He rest, Dwelling
evermore within me. World depart, let Jesus
in!

66a. Recit: Evangelist, Chief Priest and Pharisees

And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, and laid it in his own new tomb which he had hewn out in the rock: and he roll'd a great stone to the door of the sepulchre and went his way.

And Mary Magdalene was there, and the other Mary, sitting over against the sepulchre. Now the next day that followed, the day of the preparation, the chief priests and Pharisees came together unto Pilate and said;

66b. Chorus

Sir we remember that that deceiver said while he was yet alive, After three days I will rise again. Therefore command the grave to be made sure until the third day, lest his disciples come by night and steal Him away, and say unto the people, He is risen from the dead. So the last error shall be worse than the first.

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66c. Evangelist and Pilate

Pilate said unto them, Ye have a watch, go your way, make it as sure as ye can. So they went and made the sepulchre secure, sealing the stone and setting a watch.

67. Recit:

Bass: And now the Lord to rest is laid,

Tenor: His task is o'er, for all our sin He hath atoned.

Alto: O blest and holy body, see, with repentant tears we would bedew it, which our offence to such a death has brought.

Soprano: While life shall last, O let thy sufferings claim our love, since Thou for man salvation sure hast wrought.

Chorus: Lord Jesu, fare Thee well.

68. Chorus

In tears of grief, dear Lord, we leave Thee.
Hearts cry to Thee, O Saviour dear. Lie Thou softly, softly here. Rest Thy worn and bruised body. At Thy grave, O Jesu blest, May the sinner, worn with weeping, Comfort find in Thy dear keeping, And the weary soul find rest. Sleep in peace, sleep Thou in the Father's breast