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#### SOLOISTS

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Sarah Brailey, soprano

Andrew Padgett, bass

Jay Carter, alto

Benjamin Sheen, The Loening-Hancock Organ

DANIEL HYDE, conductor

SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE



J. S. Bach's seal of authenticity, as used on his music manuscripts.

# PROGRAM NOTES

Presentations of the Passion narrative have been the mainstay of Holy Week liturgies since the earliest recorded times of the Christian era. The intonation in Latin of passages from all four Gospels proved to be the first step in the musical dramatization of the crucifixion story. The obvious next step in this process was the sharing out of the main roles within the story to specific voice types. The narrator (Evangelist) was customarily sung by a tenor, contrasting with Jesus as a bass; all other bit-parts, including those words of the crowd (turbae), were taken by an alto. These initial distinctions of middle, low and high pitch inevitably developed further, and by the sixteenth century the parts of the crowd were increasingly given to a chorus of three, four or more parts, bringing polyphony into the dramatic structure of the Passion.

At its zenith, this dramatic realization of the Passion became widespread across Catholic Europe, and musical examples exist in England (Byrd), The Netherlands (Lassus) and Spain (Victoria). Most significantly, in Germany, Heinrich Schütz composed three settings between 1653 and 1666; these highly evocative works extend the exclusive setting of the biblical text to include opening and closing hymns. This was the earliest model for what was eventually to become the post-Reformation Lutheran Passion.

Toward the close of the seventeenth century, the inevitable influence of the new form of sacred oratorio saw a move away from the 'liturgical' Passions of Schütz and his contemporaries, and the new 'oratorio' Passion became widespread and popular. First, non-Gospel poetic texts, mostly specifically written, were introduced as solo arias; providing a commentary on the story itself, and sometimes with a moral topic, these 'freeze-frame' moments in the drama shifted the focus on to the individual listener. Second, the original reciting tones of the main characters were developed into composed recitatives that were to become indistinguishable from their operatic equivalents. Third, the inclusion of instruments during Lent had been entirely forbidden up to this point. The compositional development of these three structural innovations resulted in a form which was to be as expressive and responsive to the nuances of the text as anything heard in the theater. By the eighteenth century, Hamburg was to see the full evolution of the 'Passion oratorio' with composers including Telemann and Handel replacing biblical texts with completely free-form and large scale settings, often performed at court and in the concert hall, without any reference to a divine service.

Realising the full potential of this newly developed form, Bach's *St John Passion* was first performed towards the end of his first year in Leipzig, on Good Friday 1724. The text is drawn from St John 18-19, to which Bach adds two more layers; free verses set as arias, and Lutheran chorale tunes that would have been

well known to the congregation, but with newly composed harmonies. Without us noticing, Bach includes two short passages from St Matthew, illuminating further details of Peter's remorse and of the earthquake following Jesus' death.

Inevitably, Bach revisited the work numerous times during the twenty five years between its first performance and the composer's death. This constant search to improve, and to find his 'ideal' version, saw Bach undertake major revisions in 1739 and in his last performances in 1749-50. What most people do not realize is that what we have come to know today as Bach's 'St John Passion' is itself another 'ideal' version of the work, drawing on multiple sources, and presenting an amalgamation of the available material in a performing order which Bach never knew himself.

Choosing to perform this version of the work this evening, we are taking the search for the 'ideal' another stage further, and will be shrouding Bach's music in a liturgical reconstruction that incorporates some of what we know of the Good Friday liturgies from the 1720s. Each half of tonight's performance (liturgy) begins with an organ intonation for an audience (congregational) chorale; the sermon should be given in-between the two parts of Bach's Passion and this evening you can find much in the program to meditate upon during the interval; after Part Two of Bach's music, the re-enactment closes with a short collect and blessing before the final chorale 'Nun danket alle Gott'.

Knowing how Bach revisited his own works numerous times throughout his career, and by moving away from a modern fixed view of his *St John Passion* as a concert work in two halves, performed in concert halls and churches worldwide during Lent, I hope that this evening's experiment will do nothing more than prompt enquiring thought and meditation as to the original role of this monolith of Western musical culture, going well beyond mere entertainment and contributing in multi-faceted ways to the individual experiences of Saint Thomas concert goers during this season of Lent.

Daniel Hyde, February 2019

"On Good Friday of the year 1721, in the vesper service, the Passion was performed for the first time in concerted style. At a quarter to 2 o'clock all bells were rung, and when the ringing was finished, the hymn 'Da Jesus an dem Kreuze Stund' was sung from the choir gallery. Then the Musicirite Passion began immediately, half of which was performed before the sermon. This half was completed with the hymn verse 'O Lamm Gottes unschuldig', during which the priest ascended the pulpit. After he preached the pulpit, [the congregational hymn] 'Herr Jesu Christ, rich zu uns wend' was sung. After the sermon the other half of the music began, and when it was finished the motet 'Ecce quomodo moritur justus' was sung [by the choir]; then the Passion verse was intoned and prayer said; finally 'Nun danket alle Gott' was sung. In 1723 it was done the same way."

From the diary of Johann Christoph Rost, sexton at the Thomaskirche, Leipzig.

# **SOLOISTS**

# DANN COAKWELL - Evangelist

Dann Coakwell, tenor, is sought after as a performer of Bach, Handel, and their contemporaries, and he specializes in J.S. Bach's Evangelist and the tenor roles of Benjamin Britten. He can be heard as a soloist on the Grammy-winning *The Sacred Spirit of Russia* (Harmonia Mundi, 2014), as well as the Grammy-nominated *Considering Matthew Shepard* (Harmonia Mundi, 2016), and on *Mohammed Fairouz: Zabur* (Naxos, 2016), with the Indianapolis Symphony Choir and Orchestra. Coakwell has performed as a soloist internationally under such acclaimed conductors as Helmuth Rilling, Masaaki Suzuki, William Christie, Nicholas McGegan, Matthew Halls, and Craig Hella Johnson. He has performed multiple times in Carnegie Hall and Lincoln Center in New York, and he has appeared as a soloist with organizations such as Internationale Bachakademie Stuttgart in Germany, Bach Collegium Japan, Oregon Bach Festival, Conspirare, Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra in San Francisco, Portland and Indianapolis baroque orchestras, and the symphony orcestras of Nashville, Kansas City, Charlotte, Indianapolis, Orlando, and Quad Cities. www.danncoakwell.com

# SARAH BRAILEY - Soprano

ailed by *The New York Times* for her "radiant, liquid tone," and "exquisitely phrased" singing and by *Opera UK* for "a sound of remarkable purity," soprano Sarah Brailey enjoys a career that resists specialization. Highlights include Handel's Messiah with The Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra; performing with Kanye West and Roomful of Teeth at the Hollywood Bowl; the role of Verveine on the premiere recording of Le Dernier Sorcier by Pauline Viardot, also featuring mezzo-soprano Jamie Barton and bass-baritone Eric Owens; recording cello and vocal soundscapes for the 2018 *Fog x FLO* public art installation in Boston's Emerald Necklace; Barber's *Knoxville: Summer of 1915* with the Colorado Symphony; Mahler's 2<sup>nd</sup> Symphony with the Johnstown Symphony; Purcell's *The Fairy Queen* with The Handel and Haydn Society; various Webern works with Trinity Wall Street; John Zorn's *Madrigals* at the Louvre Museum; and the premiere recording of Ethel Smyth's *The Prison* with The Experiential Orchestra. Co-founder of Just Bach, a new monthly concert series in Madison, Wisconsin, Sarah is also the Artistic Director of the Handel Aria Competition. Learn more at www.sarahbrailey.com.

Sarah belongs to Beyond Artists, a coalition of artists that donates a percentage of their concert fee to organizations they care about. Tonight, she is donating to NRDC, an organization that works to ensure the rights of all people to clean air, clean water, and healthy communities.

# JAY CARTER - Alto

A merican countertenor Jay Carter has gained recognition as one of the nation's finest. A frequent collaborator with both period and modern ensembles, Carter is recognized as a leading interpreter of late Baroque repertoire and has been lauded for his luminous tone, stylish interpretations, and clarion delivery. Though recognized as a specialist in the Baroque, Carter also performs works from the modern countertenor repertoire and has premiered works by John Tavener, Augusta Read Thomas, Chester Alwes, and Anthony Maglione. The work of J.S. Bach figures prominently in his work, and he is prized as an interpreter of the cantata and passion repertoire.

Recent appearances include Bach's *St. Matthew Passion* with the American Bach Soloists and the Choir of St. Thomas Church, Bach's *Weinachtsoratorium* with Masaaki Suzuki and the Bach Collegium Japan, Handel's *Messiah* with the National Symphony and Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra, Vivaldi's *Gloria* and opera arias with Nicholas McGegan and the Saint Louis Symphony Orchestra, and the North American Premiere of John Tavener's *Lament for Jerusalem*. This season he makes return performances with the American Bach Soloists, Ars Lyrica, The Bach Collegium San Diego, The Portland Bach Festival, and the Choir of St. Thomas Church, among others.

Carter hold degrees from the Yale School of Music and Institute of Sacred Music where he was a pupil of Simon Carrington, Judith Malafronte, and James Taylor and the University of Missouri Kansas City Conservatory of Music and Dance. He received his undergraduate degree from William Jewell College and studied voice with Arnold Epley.

### MARK BLEEKE - Tenor

r. Bleeke is a 2016 Juno award recipient for his recording with L'Harmonie des Saison's *Las Ciudades de Oro* on ATMA Classique.

Mark recently sang the role of Monastatos in Mozart's *The Magic Flute* with Clarion in New York City, *Sun's Heat* of Stephen Albert with The 21st Century Consort in Washington, D.C., Kurt Weill's *The Seven Deadly Sins* with The Houston Symphony, Buffalo Philharmonic, The National Symphony, The BBC Symphony in London, and The Detroit, Toledo and El Paso Symphonies, Mozart's *Requiem* in Montreal, and with The Folger Consort he sang *Octoberfest: Early Music of Germany*.

This season Mr. Bleeke will join L'Harmonie des Saison in Montreal, and at the Regensburg Festival in Germany for *Las Ciudades de Oro*, and will sing Kurt Weill's *The Seven Deadly Sins* with The Oregon Symphony, and also in Shanghai, in addition to numerous cities on a tour of the Weill throughout Germany.

In addition Mark will sing Maurice Wright's *Cantata for Tenor, Percussion and Electronic Sounds* and Scott Wheeler's *Serenata* with the 21st Century Consort.

Among Mr. Bleeke's recordings are Dave Brubeck's *To Hope: A Celebration*, Telarc Records; Kurt Weill's *Die Sieben Todsunden* with The New York Philharmonic on Teldec, (Kurt Masur); and two recordings of the title role in Handel's *Acis and Galatea* with Les Boreades on Atma Classique (Eric Milnes); and Musica Angelica Baroque Orchestra, (Martin Haselboeck).

Mark is a member of Hudson Shad, with whom he will sing at Tanglewood this summer, and is currently a member of The Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys, Fifth Avenue.

#### ANDREW PADGETT - Bass

Praised for his "powerful baritone and impressive vocal range" (Boston Music Intelligencer), bass-baritone Andrew Padgett is an accomplished interpreter of vocal chamber music with a particular emphasis on music before 1750. He has collaborated with early music luminaries such as Masaaki Suzuki, Nicholas McGegan, and Benjamin Bagby, and has been featured as a soloist in concert venues worldwide, including the Kennedy Center, Lincoln Center, and the Esplanade Concert Hall in his hometown, Singapore.

Andrew holds a B.S. in physics and an M.M. in voice from U.C. Santa Barbara, and an M.M. in early music, oratorio, and chamber ensemble from Yale University's Institute of Sacred Music.

# BENJAMIN SHEEN - The Loening-Hancock Organ

Benjamin Sheen, Associate Organist at Saint Thomas Church in New York City, is one of Great Britain's brightest young organists. Hailed as a "brilliant organist" by the *New York Times*, he is the 2013 winner of the Pierre S. du Pont First Prize in the inaugural Longwood Gardens Organ Competition, and that same year received Second Prize and the Jon Laukvik prize at the St. Alban's International Organ Competition. He holds degrees from the University of Oxford and the Juilliard School, is a prize-winning Fellow of the Royal College of Organists, and the 2011 recipient of the Worshipful Company of Musicians' Silver Medal.

As a concert organist, Mr. Sheen has performed throughout Europe, the USA, Canada, Singapore, and South Africa. Engagements in 2019 include his concerto debut with the Auckland Philharmonia Orchestra and solo recitals in Christchurch and Wellington as well as throughout Australia. He has performed with notable orchestras including the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, the City of London Sinfonia in the UK and Orchestra of St. Luke's in New York City. He has made several appearances on BBC radio and television and New York's classical radio

station WQXR in a complete performance of J.S. Bach's *ClavierÜbung III*. Recent highlights have included performances and masterclasses in South Africa as well as being a featured artist at the 2018 AGO National Convention in Kansas City, MO.

Benjamin Sheen is represented in North America exclusively by Philip Truckenbrod Concert Artists, LLC.

### DANIEL HYDE - Conductor

aniel Hyde is Organist and Director of Music at Saint Thomas Church, Fifth Avenue, New York City, USA. Born in the UK, Daniel began his education as a chorister at Durham Cathedral, where he was later to return as organ scholar. Whilst at school he was made a Fellow of the Royal College of Organists at the age of 17, and won the organ scholarship to King's College, Cambridge. During his time at Cambridge University he served under Dr Stephen Cleobury, performing world-wide with the renowned King's College Choir; he studied the organ with Dame Gillian Weir and Nicolas Kynaston. Upon graduation with First Class Honours in Music, he was appointed as Director of Music at Jesus College, Cambridge, serving five years developing the College's music programme, and training a choir of men and boys and an undergraduate mixed-voiced choir. In 2009, he took up the post of Informator Choristarum at Magdalen College, Oxford, where he was also an Associate Professor in Oxford University's Faculty of Music. During his time there, Magdalen College Choir became known for its "particularly fine trebles" (The Observer); a distinctive sound described in The Times as "vibrant and appealing".

Hailed for his "attention to inner detail and clear sense of architecture" (Gramophone, June 2015), Daniel has been in increasing demand as a choral and orchestral conductor, and has worked with the BBC Singers, the London Bach Choir, the Britten Sinfonia, the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment, the Academy of St Martin in the Fields and the City of London Sinfonia. Since moving to New York in September 2016, he has directed the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys alongside the renowned Orchestra of St Luke's and New York Baroque Incorporated. Magdalen College Choir recorded exclusively with Opus Arte, the label of the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, and Daniel's broad-ranging discography can be found on the Opus Arte, Linn, Naxos and EMI and Priory labels.

As an organist, Daniel has performed across the UK and the world. Recital engagements have taken him to Vienna, Finland, Germany, Holland and also Australia, where he has performed at all the major venues including the Sydney Opera House and Adelaide Town Hall. In New York, he was recently a featured recitalist in Carnegie Hall's citywide festival, La Serenissima. He has been a con-

certo soloist with the BBC Philharmonic, and with the Britten Sinfonia he has performed the Poulenc Concerto a number of times, and has recorded the Hindemith Concerto to great critical acclaim. He was awarded Second Prize and the Audience Prize in the Royal College of Organists *Performer of the Year 2002* competition. A regular accompanist to the BBC Singers on BBC Radio Three, he has appeared at the BBC Proms on numerous occasions, and he made his solo debut there in 2010, performing Bach's *Canonic Variations* at the organ of the Royal Albert Hall. In the 2014/15 season, he performed the complete organ works of J S Bach on the Dobson organ in Merton College, Oxford. As an ensemble player he has appeared with Phantasm, the Britten Sinfonia, Aurora Orchestra, Gabrieli Consort and the Academy of St Martin in the Fields amongst others.

In October 2019 he will succeed Stephen Cleobury as Director of Music at King's College, Cambridge. He is represented exclusively by Hazard Chase. www.hazardchase.co.uk.

### THE SAINT THOMAS CHOIR OF MEN AND BOYS

The Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys is considered by many to be the leading ensemble of its kind in the Anglican choral tradition in the United States. The Choir performs regularly with Orchestra of St. Luke's as part of its own concert series. Its primary *raison d'être* is to provide music for five choral services each week. Live webcasts of all choral services and further information concerning recordings, tours and concerts given by the Choir may be found at www. SaintThomasChurch.org

Alongside its choral services and concert series spanning the past four decades, the Choir has toured throughout the U.S. and Europe with performances at Westminster Abbey and St. Paul's Cathedral in London, King's College, Cambridge, Windsor, Edinburgh, St. Albans, the Aldeburgh Festival and the Vatican. In February 2012, the Boys of the Choir traveled to Dresden to give the premiere of Lera Auerbach's *Dresden Requiem* with the Dresden Staatskapelle in the Frauenkirche and Semper Oper. Later in 2012, the Choir was invited to perform in the Thomaskirche at the Leipzig *BachFest*, a highlight of their June 2012 tour to Germany and Copenhagen. Domestically, the Choir most recently toured the Southeastern United States and was a featured performer at the National AGO Convention in Houston, Texas.

In addition to the annual performances of Handel's Messiah, concerts at Saint Thomas Church have included Requiems by Fauré, Brahms, Mozart, Duruflé, Victoria and Howells; J.S. Bach's two Passions, Mass in B Minor and Motets; the lesser-known St. John Passion of C.P.E. Bach; the U.S. premiere of John Tavener's Mass; the U.S. premiere of Nico Muhly's work My Days with viol consort Fretwork; Handel's Israel in Egypt; a program of Handel and Purcell's baroque masters conducted by John Scott and Richard Egarr along with Juilliard 415 and MacMillan's Seven Last Words from the Cross, conducted by David Hill. In 2014, the Boy Choristers performed in Bach's Saint Matthew Passion at the Park Avenue Armory as part of Lincoln Center's White Light Festival with the Berliner Philharmoniker under the direction of Peter Sellars and conductor Sir Simon Rattle. In September 2016, a special concert in memorial of John Scott was performed with Orchestra of St. Luke's under the direction of Sir Simon Rattle.

The Gentlemen of the Saint Thomas Choir are professional singers; the Boy Choristers attend the Saint Thomas Choir School. The Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys is represented by Karen McFarlane Artists, Inc. (www.concertorganists.com) and records exclusively for Resonus Classics (www.resonusclassics.com)

## THE SAINT THOMAS CHOIR SCHOOL

Counded in 1919, the Saint Thomas Choir School is the only boarding school solely for choristers in the United States, and one of only three schools of its type remaining in the world today. The Choir School offers a challenging prepreparatory curriculum, interscholastic sports and musical training for boys in grades three through eight. Following graduation, boys move on to highly competitive independent boarding and day schools across the country.

The Saint Thomas Choir School is committed to training and educating talented musicians without regard to religious, economic, or social background. Generous financial aid is available to all successful applicants. Inquiries from interested families are sought throughout the year.

Do you know a boy who loves to sing? We want to hear from you at admissions@choirschool.org. To learn more about the exceptional opportunity provided by a Choir School education, consult our website: www.choirschool.org.

# THE SAINT THOMAS CHOIR OF MEN AND BOYS

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Fernando Morel

Nathan Fletcher

William Lee

ALTO

Eric Brenner Jeffrey Freuler Padraic Costello Peter Gruett Corey-James Crawford Daniel Scarozza

**TENOR** 

Nathaniel Adams Joshua John Donald Meineke Servus Brandon Beachamp Oliver Mercer

BASS

Steven Hrycelak Daniel Moore Dominic Inferrera Petrus

Richard Lippold Charles Perry Sprawls **Pilatus** 

Christus

Christopher Trueblood

Christopher Ventura\*\*\*

**ACOLYTES** 

Darin Choi Eduardo Morel Noah Henthorn Elyot Segger Samuel Jin\* Isaac Shin

# NEW YORK BAROQUE INCORPORATED

ailed as "truly excellent" and "studded with stars in the making" (New York Times), New York Baroque Incorporated (NYBI) is a conductorless orchestra of period instruments in New York City, bringing vital, informed, and fresh performances of a wide range of 17th and 18th-century repertoire, as well as creating a vibrant landscape for collaborations between historical performance and living composers. NYBI has collaborated with renowned soloists including Richard Egarr, Vivica Genaux, Monica Huggett, and has performed at Carnegie Hall, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and Spoleto Festival USA. Striving to make period instruments a living art form, NYBI has premiered works by Nico Muhly, Hollis Taylor, and Huang Ruo. The orchestra also dedicates itself to bring to life unknown works of the Baroque, and has revived and presented modern-day premieres of Cavalli's Veremonda (1652), Aliotti's Santa Rosalia (1687) and Seckendorff's Proserpina (1777).

The 2018-19 season will see NYBI launching a new 4-part series at Trinity's St. Paul's Chapel. Named Alchemy, each program is based on a classical element: water, air, earth, and fire. The orchestra returns to Saint Thomas Church for 3 concerts: the annual holiday tradition of Handel's Messiah, as well Bach's St. John Passion and an instrumental-only program of Vivaldi's Spring, Handel's organ concerto in B flat, and Brandenburg Concerto No. 5. NYBI is also making two exciting debuts in its 7th season: at Carnegie as a part of Early Music in Weill Recital Hall with countertenor Jakub Józef Orliński, and at the beautiful Caramoor Center with soprano Vivica Genaux in early summer.

# WEN YANG - Artistic Director

Wen Yang plays double bass and viola da gamba, and has earned praise hoth for hor "angelies". **V** both for her "angelically played" solos (Charleston Today) and for "knocking people off their seats" (Sarasota Herald-Tribune). She enjoys being a freelance musician, and has performed with musicians including William Christie, Jordi Savall, Masaaki Suzuki, Monica Huggett, Ton Koopman, and Richard Egarr.

An alum of The Juilliard School and Yale School of Music, Wen studied viola da gamba with Sarah Cunningham, and double bass with Don Palma, Timothy Cobb and Robert Nairn. She can also be found cooking, and living in New York City with her husband, cellist Ezra Seltzer, and two tuxedo cats, Ollie and Mimi.

<sup>\*</sup>Recipient of the John G. Scott Memorial Choristership

<sup>\*\*</sup>Recipient of the Ogden Northrop Lewis, Jr. Choristership

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>Recipient of the Dr. James L. Tuohy Choristership

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BASSOON Isabelle Lee

Benjamin Matus Katie Hyun

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Benjamin Sheen Associate Organist, Saint Thomas Church

# J. S. BACH JOHANNES-PASSION

BWV 245, version of 1749

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#### ORGAN CHORALE PRELUDE

DA JESU AN DEM KREUZE STUND, BWV 621 Johann Sebastian Bach

#### CONGREGATIONAL CHORALE

## DA JESU AN DEM KREUZE STUND

*After the choir sings the first phrase, please join in singing the first and fourth verses.* The second and third verses are sung by the choir alone.



2. "Father, forgive these men," He spake, "For lo! they know not what they do; Nor of my sufferings vengeance take!" And when we sin in weakness, too, For us, dear Lord, this prayer renew!

3. He thought upon the thief, and said,--"Thou shalt behold my Paradise With me, ere yet this day be fled." Lord, see us too with pitying eyes, And raise us from our miseries.

### ORGAN PRELUDE

PRAELUDIUM IN f-SHARP

Dietrich Buxtehude (c. 1637-1707)

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#### NO. 1 CHORUS

Herr, unser Herrscher, dessen Ruhm In allen Landen herrlich ist! Zeig uns durch deine Passion, Daß du, der wahre Gottessohn, Zu aller Zeit, Auch in der größten Niedrigkeit, Verherrlicht worden bist!

Lord, our ruler, whose praise is glorious in all the lands! Show us through your Passion that you, the true Son of God, at all times. even in the greatest abasement, have been glorified!

#### NO. 2A RECITATIVE

EVANGELIST Jesus ging mit seinen Jüngern über den Bach Kidron, da war ein Garte, darein ging Jesus und seine Jünger. Judas aber, der ihn verriet, wußte den Ort auch, denn Jesus versammlete sich oft daselbst mit seinen Jüngern. Da nun Judas zu sich hatte genommen die Schar und der Hohenpriester und Pharisäer Diener, kommt er dahin mit Fackeln, Lampen und mit Waffen. Als nun Jesus wußte alles, was ihm begegnen sollte, ging er hinaus und sprach zu ihnen:

Judas, however, who betrayed him, also knew the spot, for Jesus often gathered in that very place with his disciples. Now when Judas had engaged the band [of Roman soldiers] and attendants of the chief priests and of the Pharisees, he comes to that place with torches, lanterns, and with weapons. Now since Jesus knew everything that was supposed to happen to him, he went out and exclaimed to them:

Jesus went with his disciples across the

which Jesus and his disciples entered.

brook Kidron, where there was a garden,

JESUS Wen suchet ihr?

**EVANGELIST** Sie antworteten ihm:

NO. 2B CHORUS Jesum von Nazareth.

NO. 2C RECITATIVE

**EVANGELIST** Jesus spricht zu ihnen:

IESUS Ich bin's.

EVANGELIST Judas aber, der ihn verriet, stund auch bei ihnen. Als nun Jesus zu ihnen sprach: Ich bin's, wichen sie zurücke und fielen zu Boden. Da fragete er sie abermal:

**IESUS** Wen suchet ihr?

**EVANGELIST** Sie aber sprachen:

NO. 2D CHORUS

Jesum von Nazareth.

Whom do you seek? They answered him:

Jesus of Nazareth.

Jesus exclaims to them:

I am the one.

Judas, however, who betrayed him, also stood with them. Now since Jesus exclaimed to them, "I am the one," they drew back and fell to the ground. He then asked them once more:

Whom do you seek? They again exclaimed:

Jesus of Nazareth.

#### NO. 2E RECITATIVE

**EVANGELIST** Jesus antwortete:

JESUS Ich hab's euch gesagt, daß ich's sei, suchet ihr denn mich, so lasset diese gehen!

Jesus answered:

torment!

and you have to suffer.

I have said to you that it is I; if you are in fact looking for me, then let these others

O great love, O love beyond all measure,

that [has] brought you on this path of

I lived with the world in delight and joy,

In order that the Word would be fulfilled,

which he said, "I have not lost one of those

whom you have given me." Then Simon Pe-

ter had a sword and drew it out and struck

at the high priest's servant and cut his right

ear off; and the servant's name was Mal-

chus. Then Jesus exclaimed to Peter:

#### NO. 3 CHORALE

O große Lieb, o Lieb ohn' alle Maße, Die dich gebracht auf diese Marterstraße! Ich lebte mit der Welt in Lust und Freuden, Und du mußt leiden.

NO. 4 RECITATIVE

**EVANGELIST** Auf daß das Wort erfüllet würde, welches er sagte: Ich habe der keine verloren, die du mir gegeben hast. Da hatte Simon Petrus ein Schwert und zog es aus und schlug nach des Hohenpriesters Knecht und hieb ihm sein recht Ohr ab; und der Knecht hieß Malchus. Da sprach Jesus zu Petro:

**IESUS** Stecke dein Schwert in die Scheide! Soll ich den Kelch nicht trinken, den mir mein Vater gegeben hat?

Put your sword in the scabbard! Shall I not drink the cup that my Father has given me.

#### NO. 5 CHORALE

Dein Will gescheh, Herr Gott, zugleich Auf Erden wie im Himmelreich. Gib uns Geduld in Leidenszeit, Gehorsam sein in Lieb und Leid; Wehr und steur allem Fleisch und Blut, Das wider deinen Willen tut!

NO. 6 RECITATIVE

**EVANGELIST** Die Schar aber und der Oberhauptmann und die Diener der Juden nahmen Jesum und bunden ihn und führeten ihn aufs erste zu Hannas, der war Kaiphas Schwäher, welcher des Jahres Hoherpriester war. Es war aber Kaiphas, der den Juden riet, es wäre gut, daß ein Mensch würde umbracht für das Volk.

Your will be done, Lord God, alike on earth as [it is] in the kingdom of heaven. Give us patience in time of suffering, to be obedient in love and woe; restrain and hold in check all flesh and blood that acts against your will!

The band, however, and the captain and the attendants of the Jews took Jesus and bound him and led him at first to Annas (the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the one who was high priest in that year). But it was Caiaphas who advised the Jews it would be good that one man would be put to death for [i.e., instead of] the people.

NO. 7 ARIA (ALTO)

Von den Stricken meiner Sünden Mich zu entbinden, Wird mein Heil gebunden. Mich von allen Lasterbeulen Völlig zu heilen,

Läßt er sich verwunden. (Da capo)

NO. 8 RECITATIVE

EVANGELIST Simon Petrus aber folgete Jesu nach und ein ander Jünger.

NO. 9 ARIA (SOPRANO)

Ich folge dir gleichfalls, mein Heiland, mit Freuden Und lasse dich nicht, Mein Leben, mein Licht. Beförde den Lauf und höre nicht auf, selbst an mir zu ziehen, zu schieben, zu

NO. 10 RECITATIVE

bitten. (Da capo)

EVANGELIST Derselbige Jünger war dem Hohenpriester bekannt und ging mit Jesu hinein in des Hohenpriesters Palast. Petrus aber stund draußen für der Tür. Da ging der andere Jünger, der dem Hohenpriester bekannt war, hinaus und redete mit der Türhüterin und führete Petrum hinein. Da sprach die Magd, die Türhüterin, zu Petro:

*MAID* Bist du nicht dieses Menschen Jünger einer?

**EVANGELIST** Er sprach:

PETER Ich bin's nicht.

EVANGELIST Es stunden aber die Knechte und Diener und hatten ein Kohlfeu'r gemacht (denn es war kalt) und wärmeten sich. Petrus aber stund bei ihnen und wärmete sich. Aber der Hohepriester fragte Jesum um seine Jünger und um seine Lehre. Jesus antwortete ihm:

From the ropes of my sins to unbind me, my Salvation is bound. From all my vice-boils fully to heal me, he lets himself be wounded. (Da capo)

Simon Peter, however, and another disciple followed Jesus.

I follow Thee also with joyful steps and will not forsake Thee, my Life and my Light. Show me the way, and cease not to pull me on, urge me, plead with me. (Da capo)

This same disciple was known by the high priest and went with Jesus into the high priest's palace. Peter, however, stood outside, in front of the door. Then the other disciple, who was known by the high priest, went out and spoke with the woman keeping the door and led Peter in. Then the maid, the doorkeeper, exclaimed to Peter:

*Are you not one of this man's disciples?* 

He exclaimed:

I am not.

But the servants and attendants stood around, having made a charcoal fire (for it was cold), and warmed themselves. But Peter stood among them and warmed himself. But the high priest asked Jesus about his disciples and about his teaching. Jesus answered him: JESUS Ich habe frei, öffentlich geredet für der Welt. Ich habe allezeit gelehret in der Schule und in dem Tempel, da alle Juden zusammenkommen, und habe nichts im Verborgnen geredt. Was fragest du mich darum? Frage die darum, die gehöret haben, was ich zu ihnen geredet habe! Siehe, dieselbigen wissen, was ich gesaget habe.

EVANGELIST Als er aber solches redete, gab der Diener einer, die dabeistunden, Jesu einen Backenstreich und sprach:

ATTENDANT Solltest du dem Hohenpriester also antworten?

**EVANGELIST** Jesus aber antwortete:

JESUS Hab ich übel geredt, so beweise es, daß es böse sei, hab ich aber recht geredt, was schlägest du mich?

NO. 11 CHORALE

Wer hat dich so geschlagen,

Mein Heil, und dich mit Plagen
So übel zugericht'?

Du bist ja nicht ein Sünder

Wie wir und unsre Kinder,

Von Missetaten weißt du nicht.

Ich, ich und meine Sünden, Die sich wie Körnlein finden Des Sandes an dem Meer, Die haben dir erreget Das Elend, das dich schläget, Und das betrübte Marterheer.

NO. 12A RECITATIVE

EVANGELIST Und Hannas sandte ihn gebunden zu dem Hohenpriester Kaiphas. Simon Petrus stund und wärmete sich, da sprachen sie zu ihm: I have spoken freely and openly before the world. I have always taught in the synagogue and in the Temple, where all Jews come together, and have spoken nothing in secret. Why do you ask me about this? About this, ask those who have hear what I have spoken to them! Behold, these same ones know what I have said.

But when he spoke such things, one of the attendants who stood nearby gave Jesus a blow to the face and exclaimed:

Should you so answer the high priest?

But Jesus answered:

If I have spoken wickedly, then demonstrate that it had been something evil; but if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?

Who has struck you so, my Salvation, and you with torments handled so roughly? Indeed, you are not a sinner, like we and our children; you know nothing of misdeeds.

I, I and my sins, which are as [numerous as] the grains of sand on the seashore, they have caused you the sorrow that strikes you and the grievous host of pain.

And Annas sent him, bound, to the high priest Caiaphas. Simon Peter stood and warmed himself, when they exclaimed to him:

NO. 12B CHORUS

Are you not one of his disciples? Bist du nicht seiner Jünger einer?

NO. 12C RECITATIVE

**EVANGELIST** Er leugnete aber und sprach:

He denied it again and exclaimed:

PETER Ich bin's nicht.

I am not.

**EVANGELIST** Spricht des Hohenpriesters Knecht' einer, ein Gefreundter des, dem Petrus das Ohr abgehauen hatte:

One of the high priest's servants, a kinsman of him whose ear Peter had cut off, exclaims:

ATTENDANT Sahe ich dich nicht im Garten bei ihm?

Did I not behold you in the garden with him?

**EVANGELIST** Da verleugnete Petrus abermal, und alsobald krähete der Hahn. Da gedachte Petrus an die Worte Jesu und ging hinaus und weinete bitterlich.

Then Peter denied it once more, and immediately the cock crowed. Then Peter remembered the words of Jesus and went out and wept bitterly.

#### NO. 13 ARIA (TENOR)

Ach, mein Sinn, Wo willt du endlich hin, Wo soll ich mich erquicken?

Bleib ich hier, Oder wünsch ich mir

Berg und Hügel auf den Rücken? Bei der Welt ist gar kein Rat,

Und im Herzen Stehn die Schmerzen Meiner Missetat,

O, my disposition,

where do you at last intend to go; where shall I restore myself?

Shall I stay here, or do I wish

mountains and hills [to fall] upon my back? *In the world there is no counsel whatsoever,* 

and in my heart remain the agonies of my misdeed:

Weil der Knecht den Herrn verleugnet hat. for the servant has disavowed the Lord.

#### NO. 14 CHORALE

Petrus, der nicht denkt zurück, Seinen Gott verneinet, Der doch auf ein' ernsten Blick Bitterlichen weinet. Jesu, blicke mich auch an, Wenn ich nicht will büßen; Wenn ich Böses hab getan,

Rühre mein Gewissen!

Peter, who does not think back, denies his God; he, however, at a penetrating glance, weeps bitterly. Jesus, glance on me as well, whenever I am unrepentant; whenever I have done something evil, stir my conscience!

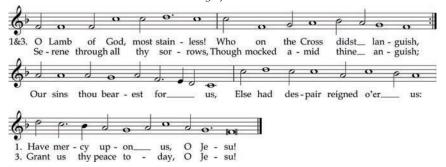
#### ORGAN CHORALE PRELUDE

# O LAMM GOTTES, UNSCHULDIG, BWV 618 Johann Sebastian Bach

#### CONGREGATIONAL CHORALE

### O LAMM GOTTES, UNSCHULDIG

After the choir sings the first phrase, please join in singing the first and third verses. Verse two is sung by the choir alone.



2. O Lamb of God, most stainless! Who on the Cross didst languish, Serene through all thy sorrows, Though mocked amid thine anguish; Our sins thou bearest for us, Else had despair reigned o'er us: Have mercy upon us, O Jesu!

# INTERMISSION (15 minutes)

ORGAN CHORALE PRELUDE

CHRISTUS, DER UNS SELIG MACHT, BWV 620 Johann Sebastian Bach

# PART TWO

#### NO. 15 CHORALE

Christus, der uns selig macht, Kein Bös' hat begangen, Der ward für uns in der Nacht Als ein Dieb gefangen, Geführt für gottlose Leut Und fälschlich verklaget, Verlacht, verhöhnt und verspeit, Wie denn die Schrift saget.

Christ, who makes us blessed, [who] has committed no evil, he was for us in the night seized like a thief, led before godless people and falsely accused, mocked, scorned, and spat upon, as then the Scripture says.

NO. 16A RECITATIVE	
EVANGELIST Da führeten sie Jesum von Kaiphas vor das Richthaus, und es war frühe. Und sie gingen nicht in das Rich- thaus, auf daß sie nicht unrein würden, sondern Ostern essen möchten. Da ging Pilatus zu ihnen heraus und sprach:	Then they led Jesus from Caiaphas before the hall of judgment, and it was early. And they did not go in the hall of judgment, lest they would be defiled, but that they might eat [the] Passover [meal]. Then Pilate went out to them and exclaimed:
PILATE Was bringet ihr für Klage wider diesen Menschen?	What charge do you bring against this man?
EVANGELIST Sie antworteten und sprachen zu ihm:	They answered and exclaimed to him:

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PILATE Was bringet ihr für Klage wider diesen Menschen?	What charge do you bring against this man?
EVANGELIST Sie antworteten und sprachen zu ihm:	They answered and exclaimed to him:
NO. 16B CHORUS Wäre dieser nicht ein Übeltäter, wir hätten	Were this one not an evildoer, we would
dir ihn nicht überantwortet.  NO. 16C RECITATIVE	not have given him over to you.
EVANGELIST Da sprach Pilatus zu ihnen:	Then Pilate exclaimed to them:
PILATE So nehmet ihr ihn hin und richtet ihn nach eurem Gesetze!	So take him away and judge him accord- ing to your own law!
EVANGELIST Da sprachen die Juden zu ihm:	Then the Jews exclaimed to him:

NO. 16E RECITATIVE
EVANGELIST Auf daß erfüllet würde das Wort Jesu, welches er sagte, da er deutete, welches Todes er sterben würde. Da ging Pilatus wieder hinein in das Richthaus und rief Jesu und sprach zu ihm:
PILATE Bist du der luden König?

NO. 16D CHORUS

Wir dürfen niemand töten.

which he said when he indicated what kind of death he would die. Pilate then went back into the hall of judgment and summoned Jesus and exclaimed to him:

Are you the King of the Jews? PILATE Bist du der Juden Konig

**EVANGELIST** Jesus antwortete: Jesus answered:

JESUS Redest du das von dir selbst, oder haben's dir andere von mir gesagt?

Do you speak of that on your own [initiative], or have others said it to you about me?

We are not permitted to put anyone to death.

So that the word of Jesus would be fulfilled,

#### **EVANGELIST** Pilatus antwortete:

PILATE Bin ich ein lude? Dein Volk und die Hohenpriester haben dich mir überantwortet; was hast du getan?

#### **EVANGELIST** Jesus antwortete:

IESUS Mein Reich ist nicht von dieser Welt; wäre mein Reich von dieser Welt, meine Diener würden darob kämpfen, daß ich den Juden nicht überantwortet würde; aber nun ist mein Reich nicht von dannen.

# Pilate answered:

Am I a Jew? Your people and the chief priests have given you over to me; what have you done?

#### Jesus answered:

fulness?

My kingdom is not of this world; were my kingdom of this world, my attendants would fight on that account, so that I would not be given over to the Jews; again, as it is, my kingdom is not from here.

O great king, great through all the ages,

how can I satisfactorily display this faith-

ceive of something [fit] to give you.

I cannot with my capacities reach anything

with which surely to compare your mercy.

How can I, then, to you your acts of love

#### NO. 17 CHORALE

Ach großer König, groß zu allen Zeiten, Wie kann ich gnugsam diese Treu ausbre-Keins Menschen Herze mag indes ausden- No human's heart could meanwhile conken. Was dir zu schenken.

Ich kann's mit meinen Sinnen nicht er-Womit doch dein Erbarmen zu verglei-

chen. Wie kann ich dir denn deine Liebestaten Im Werk erstatten?

**EVANGELIST** Da sprach Pilatus zu ihm:

NO. 18A RECITATIVE

Then Pilate exclaimed to him:

with my deeds repay?

So you are a king, then? PILATE So bist du dennoch ein König?

*lesus answered:* **EVANGELIST** Jesus antwortete:

JESUS Du sagst's, ich bin ein König. Ich bin dazu geboren und in die Welt kommen, daß ich die Wahrheit zeugen soll. Wer aus der Wahrheit ist, der höret meine Stimme.

**EVANGELIST** Spricht Pilatus zu ihm:

PILATE Was ist Wahrheit?

You say that I am a king. For this I am begotten and come into the world: that I

shall bear witness to the truth. Whoever is of the truth, he hears my voice.

Pilate exclaims to him:

What is truth?

wieder hinaus zu den Juden und spricht zu ihnen:

EVANGELIST Und da er das gesaget, ging er And when he [had] said this, he went back out to the Jews and exclaims to them:

PILATE Ich finde keine Schuld an ihm. Ihr habt aber eine Gewohnheit, daß ich euch einen losgebe; wollt ihr nun, daß ich euch der Juden König losgebe?

I find no quilt in him. But you have a custom that I release one to you. Now do you want me to release to you the King of the lews?

**EVANGELIST** Da schrieen sie wieder allesamt und sprachen:

Then they shouted out in return, all together, and exclaimed:

NO. 18B CHORUS

Nicht diesen, sondern Barrabam!

Not this one, but Barabbas!

NO. 18C RECITATIVE

**EVANGELIST** Barrabas aber war ein Mörder. Da nahm Pilatus Jesum und geißelte ihn.

But Barabbas was a murderer. Pilate then took Jesus and scourged him.

NO. 19 ARIOSO (BASS)

Betrachte, meine Seel, mit ängstlichem Vergnügen,

Mit bittrer Lust und halb beklemmtem Herzen

Dein höchstes Gut in Jesu Schmerzen, Wie dir auf Dornen, so ihn stechen, die Himmelsschüschlusselblumen blühn! Du kannst viel suße Frucht von siener Wermut brechen

thy highest good is Jesus' sorrow; For thee, from the thorns that pierce Him, What heavenly flowers spring. Thou canst the sweetest fruit from his wormwood gather; Then look on Him for evermore!

Consider, O my soul, with fearful joy,

In the bitter anger of thy heart's affliction,

NO. 20 ARIA (TENOR)

Erwäge, wie sein blutgefärbter Rükken In allen Stükken Dem Himmel gleiche geht; Daran, nachdem die Wasserwogen von unsrer Sündflut sich verzogen, der allerschönste Regenbogen, als Gottes Gnadenzeichen steht! (Da capo)

Drum sieh ohn Unterlaß auf ihn!

Look how his bloodstained back in every part; brings heaven before our eyes When the waterfloods Of our sin have receded; then appears the loveliest rainbow: as a sign of God's mercy. (Da capo)

NO. 21A RECITATIVE

**EVANGELIST** Und die Kriegsknechte flochten eine Krone von Dornen und satzten sie auf sein Haupt und legten ihm ein Purpurkleid an und sprachen:

And the soldiers plaited a crown of thorns and placed it upon his head and put on *him a purple robe and exclaimed:* 

NO. 21B CHORUS

Sei gegrüßet, lieber Juden könig!

Greetings, dear King of the Jews!

NO. 21C RECITATIVE

EVANGELIST Und gaben ihm Backenstreiche. And gave him blows to the face. Then Da ging Pilatus wieder heraus und sprach zu ihnen:

Pilate went back out and exclaimed to them:

PILATE Sehet, ich führe ihn heraus zu euch, daß ihr erkennet, daß ich keine Schuld an ihm finde.

Behold, I am leading him out to you, so that you will recognize that I find no quilt in him.

**EVANGELIST** Also ging Jesus heraus und trug eine Dornenkrone und Purpurkleid. Und er sprach zu ihnen:

Thus Jesus went out, wearing a crown of thorns and purple robe. And he [Pilate] exclaimed to them:

PILATE Sehet, welch ein Mensch!

Behold, what a man!

**EVANGELIST** Da ihn die Hohenpriester und die Diener sahen, schrieen sie und sprachen:

When the chief priests and the attendants beheld him, they shouted out and exclaimed:

NO. 21D CHORUS

Kreuzige, kreuzige!

Crucify, crucify!

NO. 21E RECITATIVE

**EVANGELIST** Pilatus sprach zu ihnen:

*Pilate exclaimed to them:* 

PILATE Nehmet ihr ihn hin und kreuziget ihn; denn ich finde keine Schuld an ihm! Take him away and crucify him; for I find no quilt in him!

**EVANGELIST** Die Juden antworteten ihm:

The lews answered him:

NO. 21F CHORUS

Wir haben ein Gesetz, und nach dem We have a law, and according to the law Gesetz soll er sterben; denn er hat sich selbst zu Gottes Sohn gemacht.

he ought to die: for he has made himself the Son of God.

NO. 21G RECITATIVE

EVANGELIST Da Pilatus das Wort hörete, fürchtet' er sich noch mehr und ging wieder hinein in das Richthaus und spricht zu lesu:

When Pilate heard those words, he was yet more afraid and went back into the hall of judgment and exclaims to Jesus:

PILATE Von wannen bist du? Where do you come from? **EVANGELIST** Aber Jesus gab ihm keine But Jesus gave him no answer. Then Pilate Antwort. Da sprach Pilatus zu ihm: exclaimed to him: PILATE Redest du nicht mit mir? Weißest Will you not speak with me? Don't you du nicht, daß ich Macht habe, dich zu know that I have power to crucify you, kreuzigen, und Macht habe, dich loszugeand have power to release you? ben? **EVANGELIST** Jesus antwortete: Jesus answered: JESUS Du hättest keine Macht über mich, You would have no power over me, if it were not handed down to you from on wenn sie dir nicht wäre von oben herab high; therefore, [the one] who has given gegeben; darum, der mich dir überantwortet hat, der hat's größ're Sünde. me over to you, he has the greater sin. **EVANGELIST** Von dem an trachtete Pilatus. From this, henceforth, Pilate sought wie er ihn losließe. how he might release him. NO. 22 CHORALE Through your imprisonment, Son of God, Durch dein Gefängnis, Gottes Sohn, freedom has come to us; Ist uns die Freiheit kommen; your dungeon is the throne of grace, Dein Kerker ist der Gnadenthron. the refuge of all the devout; Die Freistatt aller Frommen; for had you not entered into servitude, Denn gingst du nicht die Knechtschaft ein, our servitude would have had to be ever-Müßt unsre Knechtschaft ewig sein. lastina. NO. 23A RECITATIVE **EVANGELIST** Die Juden aber schrieen und But the Jews shouted out and exclaimed sprachen: NO. 23B CHORUS Lässest du diesen los, so bist du des Kai- If you release this one, then you are no sers Freund nicht; denn wer sich zum Kö- friend of the emperor's; for whoever makes himself a king is against the emperor. nige machet, der ist wider den Kaiser. NO. 23C RECITATIVE

EVANGELIST Da Pilatus das Wort hörete. führete er Jesum heraus, und satzte sich auf den Richtstuhl, an der Stätte, die da heißet: Hochpflaster, auf Ebräisch aber: Gabbatha. Es war aber der Rüsttag in

When Pilate heard those words, he led Jesus out and sat himself on the judgment seat, at the place that is called "High Pavement," but "Gabbatha" in Hebrew. It was, however, the preparation day in Passover, at the sixth

Ostern um die sechste Stunde, und er spricht zu den Juden:

hour, and he [Pilate] exclaims to the Jews:

PILATE Sehet, das ist euer König!

Behold, this is your king!

**EVANGELIST** Sie schrieen aber:

But they shouted out:

NO. 23D CHORUS

Weg, weg mit dem, kreuzige ihn!

Away, away with him, crucify him!

NO. 23E RECITATIVE

**EVANGELIST** Spricht Pilatus zu ihnen:

Pilate exclaims to them:

PILATE Soll ich euren König kreuzigen?

Shall I crucify your king?

**EVANGELIST** Die Hohenpriester antwor-

The chief priests answered:

teten:

NO. 23F CHORUS

Wir haben keinen König denn den Kaiser.

We have no king but the emperor.

NO. 23G RECITATIVE

EVANGELIST Da überantwortete er ihn, daß er gekreuziget würde. Sie nahmen aber Jesum und führeten ihn hin. Und er trug sein Kreuz und ging hinaus zur Stätte, die da heißet Schädelstätt, welche heißet auf Ebräisch: Golgatha.

Then he gave him over, that he would be crucified. They took Jesus again and led him away. And he carried his cross and went out to the place that is called "Place of Skulls," which is called in Hebrew, "Golgotha."

NO. 24 ARIA (BASS) WITH CHORUS

Eilt, ihr angefochtnen Seelen, Geht aus euren Marterhöhlen,, Eilt – Wohin? – nach Golgatha! Nehmet an des Glaubens Flügel, Flieht - Wohin? - zum Kreuzeshügel, Eure Wohlfahrt blüht allda! (Da capo)

Hurry, you besieged souls, leave your dens of torment *hurry* – *where?* – *to Golgotha!* Embrace faith's wings; *flee* – *where?* – *to the cross's hilltop;* your welfare blossoms there! (Da capo)

NO. 25A RECITATIVE

EVANGELIST Allda kreuzigten sie ihn, und mit ihm zween andere zu beiden Seiten, Iesum aber mitten inne. Pilatus aber schrieb eine Überschrift und satzte sie auf das Kreuz,

There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, but Jesus in the middle. But Pilate wrote a title and put it on the cross, and [it] was written, "Jesus of

und war geschrieben: "Jesus von Nazareth, der Juden König." Diese Überschrift lasen viel Juden, denn die Stätte war nahe bei der Stadt, da Jesus gekreuziget ist. Und es war geschrieben auf ebräische, griechische und lateinische Sprache. Da sprachen die Hohenpriester der Juden zu Pilato:

Nazareth, the King of the Jews." Many Jews read this title, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city. And it was written in the Hebrew, Greek, and Latin *languages. Then the chief priests of the Jews exclaimed to Pilate:* 

NO. 25B CHORUS

Schreibe nicht: der Juden König, sondern daß er gesaget habe: Ich bin der Juden König

Write not: "The King of the Jews"; rather, that "he said: 'I am the King of the Jews.'"

NO. 25C RECITATIVE

**EVANGELIST** Pilatus antwortet:

PILATE Was ich geschrieben habe, das habe ich geschrieben.

Pilate answers:

What I have written, I have written.

NO. 26 CHORALE

In meines Herzens Grunde, Dein Nam und Kreuz allein Funkelt all Zeit und Stunde, Drauf kann ich fröhlich sein. Erschein mir in dem Bilde Zu Trost in meiner Not, Wie du, Herr Christ, so milde Dich hast geblut' zu Tod!

*In the bottom of my heart,* vour name and cross alone shines forth every age and hour, for which I can be joyful. Appear before me in the image, as comfort in my distress: how you, Lord Christ, so abundantly did bleed to death!

NO. 27A RECITATIVE

EVANGELIST Die Kriegsknechte aber, da sie Jesum gekreuziget hatten, nahmen seine Kleider und machten vier Teile, einem jeglichen Kriegesknechte sein Teil, dazu auch den Rock. Der Rock aber war ungenähet, von oben an gewürket durch und durch. Da sprachen sie untereinander:

The soldiers, however, when they had crucified Jesus, took his clothes and made four parts, to each soldier his part; in addition [they took], indeed, the robe. But the robe was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom. Then they exclaimed among themselves:

NO. 27B CHORUS

Lasset uns den nicht zerteilen, sondern Let us not cut it up, but toss for it, [to darum losen, wes er sein soll.

see] whose it shall be.

NO. 27C RECITATIVE

EVANGELIST Auf daß erfüllet würde die Schrift, die da saget: "Sie haben meine Kleider unter sich geteilet und haben über meinen Rock das Los geworfen." Solches taten die Kriegesknechte. Es stund aber bei dem Kreuze Jesu seine Mutter und seiner Mutter Schwester, Maria, Kleophas Weib, und Maria Magdalena. Da nun Jesus seine Mutter sahe und den Jünger dabei stehen, den er lieb hatte, spricht er zu seiner Mutter:

So that the scripture would be fulfilled, which says: "They have parted my clothing among themselves and have cast lots for my robe." Such a thing the soldiers did. But there stood by the cross of Jesus his mother and his mother's sister, Mary, Cleophas's wife, and Mary Magdalene. Now when *Jesus beheld his mother and the disciple* whom he loved standing nearby, he exclaims to his mother:

JESUS Weib, siehe, das ist dein Sohn!

**EVANGELIST** Darnach spricht er zu dem Jünger:

Woman, behold, this is your son!

After that he exclaims to the disciple:

**IESUS** Siehe, das ist deine Mutter!

Behold, this is your mother!

NO. 28 CHORALE

Er nahm alles wohl in acht In der letzten Stunde. Seine Mutter noch bedacht, Setzt ihr ein' Vormunde. O Mensch, mache Richtigkeit, Gott und Menschen liebe, Stirb darauf ohn alles Leid, Und dich nicht betrübe!

He thought of everything in the final hour; his mother still [being] considered, [he] assigns her a quardian. O humankind, set everything in order, love God and humankind, die afterwards without any woe, and be untroubled!

NO. 29 RECITATIVE

**EVANGELIST** Und von Stund an nahm sie der Jünger zu sich. Darnach, als Jesus wußte, daß schon alles vollbracht war, daß die Schrift erfüllet würde, spricht er: And from that hour forth the disciple took her to his own. After this, since Jesus knew that everything had already been accomplished, so that the Scripture would *be fulfilled, he exclaims:* 

**IESUS** Mich dürstet!

EVANGELIST Da stund ein Gefäße voll Essigs. Sie fülleten aber einen Schwamm mit Essig und legten ihn um einen Isopen, und hielten es ihm dar zum Munde. Da nun Jesus den Essig genommen hatte, sprach er:

I thirst!

There stood a vessel filled with vinegar. But they filled a sponge with vinegar, set it upon a hyssop branch, and held it up to his mouth. Now when Jesus had taken the vinegar, he exclaimed:

JESUS Es ist vollbracht!

NO. 30 ARIA (ALTO)
Es ist vollbracht!
O Trost vor die gekränkten Seelen!
Die Trauernacht
Läßt nun die letzte Stunde zählen.
Der Held aus Juda siegt mit Macht
Und schließt den Kampf.
Es ist vollbracht!

NO. 31 RECITATIVE

EVANGELIST Und neiget das Haupt und verschied.

NO. 32 ARIA (BASS) AND CHORALE Mein teurer Heiland, laß dich fragen, Jesu, der du warest tot, Da du nunmehr ans Kreuz geschlagen Und selbst gesaget: Es ist vollbracht, Lebest nun ohn Ende, Bin ich vom Sterben frei gemacht? In der letzten Todesnot, Nirgend mich hinwende Kann ich durch deine Pein und Sterben Das Himmelreich ererben? Ist aller Welt Erlösung da? Als zu dir, der mich versühnt, O du lieber Herre! Du kannst vor Schmerzen zwar, nichts sagen; Gib mir nur, was du verdient, Doch neigest du das Haupt Und sprichst stillschweigend: ja.

NO. 33 RECITATIVE

Mehr ich nicht begehre!

EVANGELIST Und siehe da, der Vorhang im Tempel zerriß in zwei Stück von oben an bis unten aus. Und die Erde erbebete, und die Felsen zerrissen, und die Gräber täten sich auf, und stunden auf viele Leiber der Heiligen.

It is accomplished!

It is accomplished!
The night of mourning
O comfort for the afflicted souls!
now counts the final hour.
The hero from Judah triumphs with power
and closes the battle.
It is accomplished!

And bowed his head and expired.

My precious Saviour, let me ask you: Jesus, you who were dead, since you by this time [are] nailed to the cross and [have] yourself said, "It is accomplished," [but who] now live[s] without end, have I been made free from death? in the final throes of death, [I] turn myself nowhere Can I through your pain and death inherit the kingdom of heaven? *Is redemption of all the world here?* but to you, who made propitiation for me, O vou dear Lord! You can, in agony, it is true say nothing; Give me only what you [have] merited; but you bow your head and exclaim in silence, "Yes." more I do not desire!

And behold then, the veil in the Temple rent in two pieces from top to bottom. And the earth quaked, and the rocks rent, and the graves opened, and there arose the bodies of many saints. NO. 34 ARIOSO (TENOR)

Mein Herz, indem die ganze Welt Bei Jesu Leiden gleichfalls leidet, Die Sonne sich in Trauer kleidet, Der Vorhang reißt, der Fels zerfällt, Die Erde bebt, die Gräber spalten, Weil sie den Schöpfer sehn erkalten, Was willst du deines Ortes tun?

NO. 35 ARIA (SOPRANO)

Zerfließe, mein Herze, in Fluten der Zähren Dem Höchsten zu Ehren! Erzähle der Welt und dem Himmel Dein Jesus ist tot! (Da capo)

NO. 36 RECITATIVE

**EVANGELIST** Die Juden aber, dieweil es der Rüsttag war, daß nicht die Leichname am Kreuze blieben den Sabbat über (denn desselbigen Sabbats Tag war sehr groß), baten sie Pilatum, daß ihre Beine gebrochen und sie abgenommen würden. Da kamen die Kriegsknechte und brachen dem ersten die Beine und dem andern, der mit ihm gekreuziget war. Als sie aber zu Jesu kamen, da sie sahen, daß er schon gestorben war, brachen sie ihm die Beine nicht; sondern der Kriegsknechte einer eröffnete seine Seite mit einem Speer, und alsobald ging Blut und Wasser heraus. Und der das gesehen hat, der hat es bezeuget, und sein Zeugnis ist wahr, und derselbige weiß, daß er die Wahrheit saget, auf daß ihr gläubet. Denn solches ist geschehen, auf daß die Schrift erfüllet würde: "Ihr sollet ihm kein Bein zerbrechen." Und abermal spricht eine andere Schrift: "Sie werden sehen, in welchen sie gestochen haben."

NO. 37 CHORALE

O hilf, Christe, Gottes Sohn, Durch dein bitter Leiden, Daß wir dir stets untertan My heart, — while the entire world with Jesus' suffering likewise suffers, the sun clothes itself in mourning, the veil tears, the rock crumbles, the earth quakes, the graves split open, because they behold the creator growing cold — what do you for your part want to do?

Dissolve, my heart, in floods of tears to honor the Most High! Declare to the world and to heaven die Not: the distress: your Jesus is dead! (Da capo)

But the Jews, because it was the preparation day, that the corpses might not remain on the cross during the sabbath (for that particular sabbath was a very great day), asked Pilate that their legs would be broken and that they would be taken down. Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who had been crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus, because they beheld that he was already dead, they did not break his legs; rather, one of the soldiers opened his side with a spear, and immediately blood and water went out. And he who has beheld this has borne witness to it, and his witness is true, and this same one knows that he says the truth, so that you may believe. For such a thing has happened so that the scripture would be fulfilled: "You shall break none of its bones." And another scripture exclaims once more: "They will behold whom they have pierced."

O help, Christ, Son of God, through your bitter suffering, that we, ever to you submissive,

All Untugend meiden, Deinen Tod und sein Ursach Fruchtbarlich bedenken, Dafür, wiewohl arm und schwach, Dir Dankopfer schenken!

NO. 38 RECITATIVE

**EVANGELIST** Darnach bat Pilatum Joseph von Arimathia, der ein Jünger Jesu war (doch heimlich, aus Furcht vor den Juden). daß er möchte abnehmen den Leichnam. Jesu. Und Pilatus erlaubete es. Derowegen kam er und nahm den Leichnam Jesu herab. Es kam aber auch Nikodemus, der vormals bei der Nacht zu Jesu kommen war, und brachte Myrrhen und Aloen untereinander, bei hundert Pfunden. Da nahmen sie den Leichnam Jesu und bunden ihn in leinen Tücher mit Spezereien, wie die Juden pflegen zu begraben. Es war aber an der Stätte, da er gekreuziget ward, ein Garte, und im Garten ein neu Grab, in welches niemand je geleget war. Daselbst hin legten sie Jesum, um des Rüsttags willen der Juden, dieweil das Grab nahe war.

#### NO. 39 CHORUS

Ruht wohl, ihr heiligen Gebeine,
Die ich nun weiter nicht beweine,
Ruht wohl und bringt auch michzur Ruh!
Das Grab, so euch bestimmet ist
Und ferner keine Not umschließt,
Macht mir den Himmel auf und schließt
die Hölle zu. (Da capo)

#### NO. 40 CHORALE

Ach Herr, laß dein lieb Engelein Am letzten End die Seele mein In Abrahams Schoß tragen, Den Leib in seim Schlafkämmerlein Gar sanft, ohn einge Qual und Pein Ruhn bis am jüngsten Tage! may shun all [spiritual and moral] failing, [and] your death and the reason for it fruitfully consider

— for which, though poor and weak, [we] give you a thanksoffering!

After that, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus (but secretly, for fear of the Jews), asked Pilate that he might take down Jesus' corpse. And Pilate allowed it. Consequently he came and took down Jesus' corpse. But there came also Nicodemus, who formerly had come to Jesus by night, and brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pounds. Then they took Jesus' corpse and bound it in linen cloths with spices, the way the Jews are accustomed to burying. But there was by the place where he was crucified a garden, and in the garden a new grave, in which nobody had ever been laid. Right there they laid Jesus, for the sake of the preparation day of the Jews, because the arave was near.

Be fully at peace, you holy bones, which I will no longer bewail; be fully at peace and bring also me to this peace!
The grave, so to you predestined and henceforth no distress will enclose, opens to me the [gates of] heaven and closes the [gates of] hell. (Da capo)

O Lord, let your dear angel at the very end carry my soul to Abraham's bosom; [let] my body in its little sleeping chamber, completely in peace, without any tribulation and pain, rest until the Last Day! Alsdenn vom Tod erwecke mich, Daß meine Augen sehen dich In aller Freud, o Gottes Sohn, Mein Heiland und Genadenthron! Herr Jesu Christ, erhöre mich, Ich will dich preisen ewiglich! Then from death awaken me, so that my eyes will behold you in all joy, O Son of God, my Saviour and Throne of Grace! Lord Jesus Christ, grant me this; I want to praise you for ever!

#### MOTET

# **ECCE QUOMODO MORITUR**

Ecce quomodo moritur justus et nemo percipit corde.
Viri justi tolluntur et nemo considerat.
A facie iniquitatis sublatus est justus et erit in pace memoria eius:
In pace factus est locus ejus et in Sion habitatio ejus.
Et erit in pace memoria ejus.

# Jacobus (Gallus) Handl (1550-1591)

Behold how the righteous man dies
And no one understands.
Righteous men are taken away
And no one considers:
The righteous man has been taken away
from present iniquity
And his memory shall be in peace.
In peace is his place
And in Sion is his homestead.
And his memory shall be in peace.

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# GOTT SEI UNS GNÄDIG

Gott sei uns gnädig und barmherzig Und geb uns seinen göttlichen Segen.

Er lasse uns sein Antlitz leuchten, Daß wir auf Erden erkennen seine Wege.

Es segne uns Gott, unser Gott,
Es segne uns Gott und geb uns seinen
Frieden. Amen.

# Johann Hermann Schein (1586-1630)

May God be merciful and compassionate for us and give us his divine blessing.

May he let his face shine upon us so that on earth we may know his way.

May God bless us, our God, May God bless us and give us his peace. Amen.

# NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT, BWV 657

Johann Sebastian Bach

#### CONGREGATIONAL CHORALE

#### NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

After the choir sings the first phrase, please join in singing the first and third verses. Verse two is sung by the choir alone.



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