

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ



The Pas - sion of our Lord Je - sus Christ ac - cor - ding to John.



At that time Je - sus went out with his di - sci - ples a - cross the brook Kid - ron



where there was a gar - den, which he and his di - sci - ples en - tered.



Now Ju - das who bet - rayed him al - so knew the place. For Je - sus of - ten met there



with His di - sci - ples. So Ju - das, ha - ving pro - cured a band of sol - diers,



and some of - fi - cers from the chief priests and the Pha - ri - sees,



went there with lan - terns and torch - es and wea - pons. Then Je - sus,



know - ing all that would hap - pen to him, came for - ward and said to them,



'Whom do you seek?' They an - swered him, "Je - sus of Na - za - reth." Je - sus said to them,



"I am he." Ju - das who be - trayed him, was stan - ding with them.



When Je - sus said to them 'I am he', they drew back and fell to the ground.



So he asked them a - gain, 'Whom do you seek?' And they said, "Je - sus of Na - za - reth."



Je - sus answered, "I told you that I am he; So if you seek me, let these men go."



This was to ful - fil the word which he had spo - ken, 'Of those whom you gave me,



I have lost not one.' Then Si - mon Pe - ter, ha - ving a sword, drew it



and struck the high priest's ser vant, and cut off his right ear. The ser-vant's name



was Mal-chus. So Je-sus said to Pe - ter, "Put your sword in - to it's sheath;



Shall I not drink the cha - lice that the Fa - ther has gi - ven me?"



So the band of sol-diers and their cap-tain, and the of - fi - cers of the Jews



ar - res - ted Je - sus and bound him. First they sent him to An - nas;



For he was the fa - ther - in - law of Cai-phas, who was high priest that year.



It was Cai-phas who had ad - vised the Jews, that it would be ex-pe-di-ent,



that one man should die for the peo - ple. Si-mon Pe-ter fol-lowed Je-sus,



And so did a - no - ther di - sci - ple. Since that di - sci - ple was known to the high priest



He en - tered with Je - sus in - to the court-yard of the high priest, But Pe - ter



stood out-side at the door. So the o - ther di - sci - ple who was known to the high priest



went out and spoke to the ser-vant girl, who kept watch at the door,

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and brought Pe - ter in. The ser - vant girl ⁵⁰ at the door said to Pe - ter,

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'You al - so are not one of this man's di - sci - ples, are you?"

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He said, "I am not." Now these - vants and of - fi - cers had made a char - coal fire,

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be - cause it was cold, and they were stan - ding and warm - ing them - selves.

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Pe - ter al - so was with them, stan - ding and warm - ing him - self. The high priest



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

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Je - sus an - swered him, "I have spo - ken o - pen - ly to the world, I have al - ways

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taught in sy - na - gogues and in the tem - ple, where all Jews come to - ge - ther.

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I have said no thing in se - cret, Why do you ask me? Ask those



who have heard me what I said to them; They know what I said."

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When he had said these things, one of the of - fi - cers stan - ding by

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struck Je - sus with his hand, say - ing "Is that how you an - swer the high priest?"

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Je - sus an - swered them, "If what I said is wrong, bear wit - ness a - bout the wrong,

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But if what I said is right, why do you strike me?" An - nas then sent him bound

77 to Cai-phas the high priest. Now Si - mon Pe - ter was stand - ing and warm - ing him - self.

82 So they said to him, "You al - so are not one of his di - sci - ples, are you?"

85 He de - nied it and said, "I ___ am not." One of the ser - vants of the high priest,

86 a re - la - tive of the man whose ear Pe - ter had cut off, asked,

88 "Did I not see you in the gar - den with him?" Pe - ter a - gain de - nied it.

90 And at once a cock crowed. Then they led Je - sus from the house of Cai - phas

95 to the Go - ver - nor's head - quar - ters. It was ear - ly mor - ning, they them - selves

97 did not en - ter the Go - ver - nor's head - quar - ters, So that they would not be de - filed,

103 but could eat the Pass - o - ver So Pi - late went out - side to them and said,

105 "What ac - cu - sa - tion do you bring a - gainst this man?" They an - swered him

111 If this man were not do - ing e - vil, we would have not de - li - vered him o - ver to you.

The Jews said to him, "It is not law - ful for us to out a - ny one to death."

This was to ful - fil the word which Je - sus had spo - ken, to show by what kind of death

114 he was going to die So Pi-late entered his head-quar-ters a-gain

117 And called Je-sus and said to him "Are you the King of the Jews?" Je-sus answered.

119 "Do you say this of your own ac cord, Or did o thers say it to you_ a-bout me?"

122 Pi-late an-swered, "Am I a Jew? Your own na-tion and the chief priests

125 have de-li-vered you o-ver to me; What have you done?" Je-sus an-swered,

129 "My king-dom is not of this world; If my king-dom were of this world, my ser-vants

132 would have been fight-ing, that I might not be de-li-vered o-ver to the Jews,

135 But my king-dom is not from this world." Pi-late said to him, "So, you are a King?"

137 Je-sus an-swered, "You say that I am a king; For this pur-pose I was born

139 and for this pur-pose I have come in-to the world, to bear wit-ness to the truth;

142 Eve-ry-one who is of the truth lis-tens to_ my voice.' Pi-late said to him,

145 "What_ is_ truth?" Af-ter he had said this, he went back out-side to the Jews

148 and told them, "I find no guilt in him, But you have a cus-tom: That I should re-lease

151 one man for you, at the Pass-o-ver; So, do you want me to re-lease to you

the King of the Jews?" They cried out a - gain, "Not this man but Ba - rab - bas."

151 Now Ba - rab - bas was a rob - ber. Then Pi - late took Je - sus and flogged him.

153 And the sol - diers twist - ed a crown of thorns, and put it on his head,

155 and ar - rayed him in a pur - ple robe; they came up to him say - ing,

157 "Hail King of the Jews, Hail King of the Jews!" and struck him with their hands.

162 Pi - late went out a - gain and said to them "See, I am bring - ing him out to you,

164 that you may know that I find no guilt in him." So Je - sus came out

wear - ing the crown of thorns, and the pur - ple robe. Pi - late said to them,

168 "Be - hold the man!" When the chief priests and the of - fi - cers saw him

they cried out, "Cru - ci - fy him, cru - ci - fy him!" Pi - late said to them,

173 "Take him your - selves and cru - ci - fy him, for I find no guilt in him."

175 The Jews an - swered him, "we have a law and ac - cor - ding to that

179 law he ought to die be - cause he has made him - self the Son of God."

184 when Pi - late heard this state - ment, he was e - ven more a - fraid.

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186 He en - tered his head-quar - ters a - gain and said to Je - sus

187 "Where are you from?" But Je - sus gave him no an - swer. So Pi - late said to him,

190 "You will not speak to me? Do you not know that I have au - tho - ri - ty

193 to re - lease you, and au - tho - ri - ty to cru - ci - fy you?"

196 Je - sus an - swered him, "You would have no au - tho - ri - ty o - ver me at all,

un - less it had been gi - ven you from a - bove; there - fore he who

de - li - vered me o - ver to you has the grea - ter sin.'

198 From then on Pi - late sought to re - lease him, but the Jews cried out,

200 ⁱ "If you re - lease this man, you are not Cae - sar's friend, Ev - 'ry - one who

205 makes him - self a king op - po - ses Cae - sar, op - po - ses Cae - sar."

210 So when Pi - late heard these words, he brought Je - sus out,

211 and sat down on the judge - ment seat, at a place called The Stone Pave - ment,

213 and in A - ra - maic Gab - ba - tha. Now it was the day of Pre - pa - ra - tion

of the Pas - so - ver; it was a - bout the sixth hour. He said to the Jews,

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"Be-hold your King!" They cried out, "A - way with him, a - way with him.

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Cru - ci - fy him, cru - ci - fy him." Pi - late said to them,

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"Shall I cru - ci - fy your King?" The chief priests an-swered, "We have no

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king but Cae-sar!" So he de-livered him o-ver to them to be cru - ci-fied.

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So they took Je - sus, and he went out, bea - ring his own cross,

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to the place called the Place of the Skull, which in A - ra - maic is called

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Gol - go - tha. There they cru - ci - fied him and with him two o - thers

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one on ei - ther side, and Je - sus be-tween them. Pi-late al-so wrote an in-scrip-tion

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and put it on the cross; It read 'Je-sus of Na-za-reth, the King of the Jews.'

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Ma-ny of the Jews read this in-scrip-tion, for the place where Je-sus was cru - ci-fied

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was near the ci-ty, and it was writ - ten in A - ra-maic, in La - tin and in Greek.

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

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Jews but this man said 'I am King of the Jews.' Pi - late an-swered,

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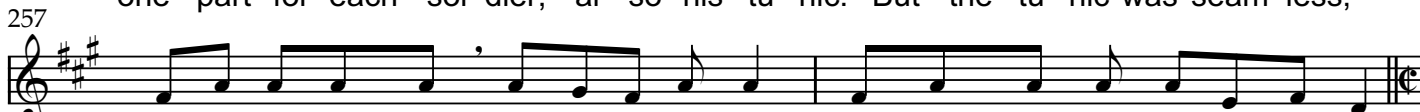
"What I have writ-ten, I have writ-ten."When the sol - diers had cru - ci - fied Je - sus,



They took his gar-ments, and di - vi - ded them in - to four parts,



one part for each sol-dier; al - so his tu-nic. But the tu-nic was seam-less,



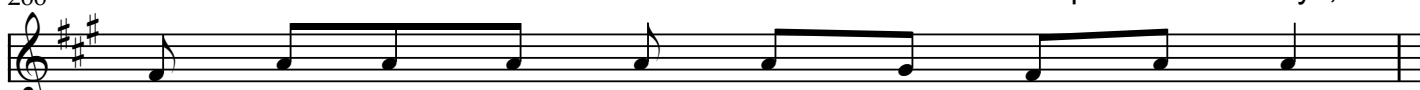
wo-ven in one piece from top to bot-tom, So they said to one a - no-ther,



"Let us not tear it, but let us cast lots for us to



see whose it shall be." this was to ful - fil the Scrip-ture which says,



'They di - vi - ded my gar - ments a - mong them,



and for my clo-thing they cast lots.' So the sol-diers did these things,



but stan-ding at the cross of Je - sus was his mo - ther,



and his mo-ther's sis - ter, Ma - ry the wife of Clo-pas, and Ma - ry Mag-da-lene.



When Je-sus saw his mo-ther, and the dis-sci-ple whom he loved stan-ding near-by,



he said to his mo - ther, "Wo - man be - hold___ your son!"



Then he said to the di - sci - ple, "Be - hold your mo - ther."



And from that hour, the di - sci - ple took her to his own home.



Af - ter this, Je - sus, know - ing that all was now fi - nished,



283 said to ful - fil the scrip - ture, "I__ thirst." A jar full of sour wine stood there;



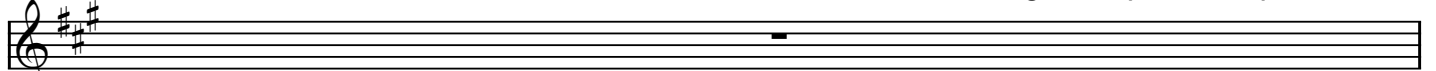
284 So they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hys - sop branch,



286 and held it to his mouth. When Je - sus had re - ceived the sour wine he said,



289 "It__ is fi - nished"; And he bowed his head, and gave up his spi - rit.



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Since it was the day of Pre - pa - ra - tion, and so that the bo - dies would not re - main



on the cross on the Sab - bath, (for that Sab - bath was a high day), the Jews asked Pi - late



that their legs might be bro - ken, and that they might be ta - ken a - way.



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so the sol - diers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the o - ther,



who had been cru - ci - fied with him; But when they came to Je - sus,



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and saw that he was al - rea - dy dead, they did__ not__ break his legs.

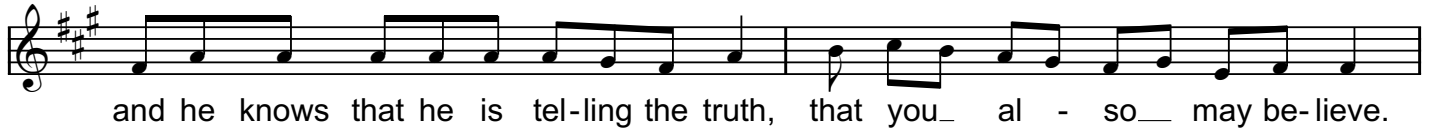


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But one of the sol - diers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out



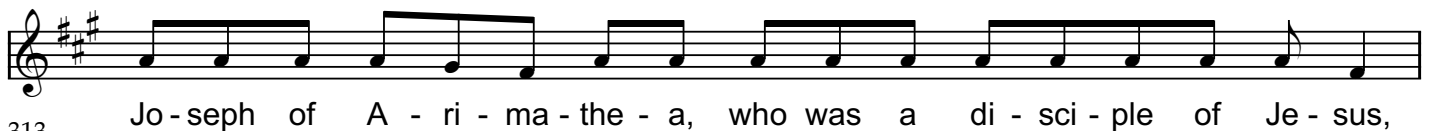
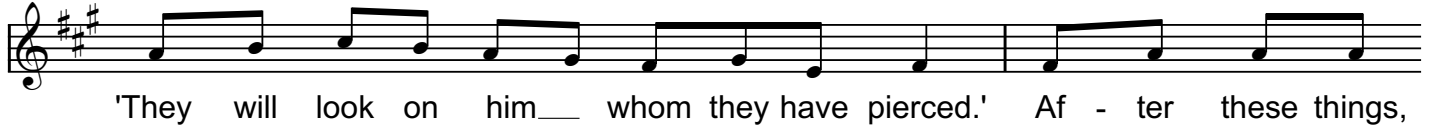
blood and wa - ter. He who saw it has borne wit - ness, his tes - ti - mo - ny is true,



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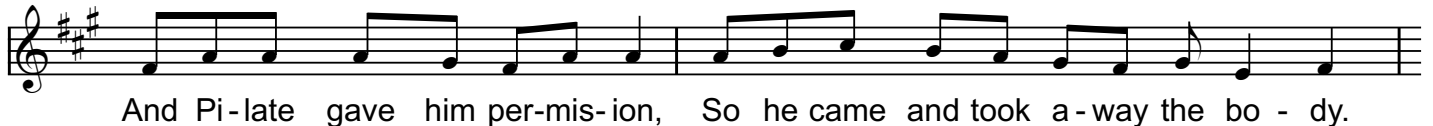
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