

St Matthew Passion

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8 Be - hold then! One of His dis-ci - ples which were there with

3 8 Je - sus, draw-ing his sword forth, he struck the high priest's ser-vent, and smote off his

5 8 ear. Then said Je - sus to him: In that same hour Je-sus said to the

9 8 peo-ple: And then all the di - ci-ples for-sook Him, and fled.

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8 And they that had so laid hold on Je-sus led Him away un-to the high priest, Ca - i-phas; and

4 8 with him were the scribes and the el-ders as-sem-bled all to - ge-ther. Pe-ter al - so followed after Him a -

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8 far off, un-to the court of the high priest's pa-lace; and went there-in, and

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8 sat with the guards and ser-vents, that he might see how all would be end-ed. Then did the

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8 priests con-spire with the el-ders, and all of the coun-cil how that they might false

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8 wit-ness bring on Je-sus, that He might be put to death. But found they none.

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8 Yea, though many a false and lying wit-ness came, they could find them none. At last two there

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8 came who false-ly wit-nessed, in this wise: The high priest then did a-rise and say to

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Him: Yet was Je - sus still si - lent.

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And then the high priest gave Him an answer thus, and said: Jesus saith to him:

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There upon the high priest tore his robes asunder, and said: They answered to him and said:

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Then mocked they at Him, and they spat on Him, and struck Him with their fists. Oth - ers a -

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mong them smote and slapped Him in His face. and shou - ted:

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Peter sat outside in the palace court; and a damsel came unto him and said: But Peter de -

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8 nied it before them all, and said: And again at the palace door way he was seen by anoth-er

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8 maid, who said to them that stood there with him: He denied it a second time; and swore an

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8 oath: And in a lit-tle while came others who had been standing beside him, and said to Peter:

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8 But still did he de-ny with curs-ing and with swear-ing: Im -

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8 me-diate crew the cock. Then Pe-ter brought to mind the words of Je-sus, which

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8 said un-to him: Ere yet the cock crow - eth, wilt thou have thrice de-nied Me. And

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he went out, and we - pt bit - ter-ly.

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Now when the morn - ing came, all the chief priests gath - ered with the

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el - ders of the peop - ple to plot ag - ainst Je - sus, that they might kill Him.

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And when they had bound Him, they led Him a - way, and de - liv - ered Him to the court of the

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gov - er - nor, Pon - tious Pi - late. When, there - fore, Ju - das the same who had be -

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trayed Him saw Je - sus condemned to death he repented of him - self, and brought once again the thir - ty

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sil-ver pie-ces to the high priests and the eld-ers, and said: They said:

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Then he cast the sil-ver pie-ces in the temple, and turned a-way, and went out; and he

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hanged him-self. And when the priests had gathered all of the sil-ver pieces, they said

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Je-sus therefore stood before the governor; and the gov-er-nor asked Him, and said:

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Je-sus answered un-to him: But when He was accused when the priests and elders ac-

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cused Him He an-swered noth-ing. Then Pi-late said un-to Him: And He

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8 answered him to nev-er a word, not one in-somuch that the gov-er nor marvelled greatly.

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8 Now up-on that feast the gov-er-nor was accustomed to release there on one prisoner un-to

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8 them, whom-ev - er they want-ed. Now at that time, and a-mong the oth-er prison-ers, was a

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8 most no - tor - i-ous man, whose name was Ba-ra-bas. And when they were gath - ered to -

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8 ge - ther, Pi-late said un-to them. For he knew full

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8 well that it was for en-vy that He had been de - livered. And while he sat on the judgements seat, then did his

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8 wife send him a mes-sage, say-ing: Still did the high priests ar-gue,

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and the elders, falsely to inflame the people, that thereby Barabas be released, and that Je-sus be cru-cified.

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And the governor again returned to the people, and asked them: They shouted:

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Then Pi-late said un-to them: A-gain they shout-ed:

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The gov-ernor answered:

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But cry-ing out all the more, they shout-ed: When

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Pi-late, there-fore, had seen he pre-vail-ed noth-ing, but that rath-er a-rose a

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tomult, he took water, and washed his hands before them all and said: Then to-

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gether all the people answered, and said: And Pi-late then set Ba-rabbas free, but

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Je-sus he had scourged; and then he de-li-vered Him, that they might cru - ci-fy Him.

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The guards of the gov - er-nor came, and they took Je - sus to the com - mon

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hall, and ga - thered a-round him all the sol - dier band And then they did

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strip Him, and brought a scarlet robe and put it on Him; and platted Him a crown of thorns, and put it upon His

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head, and a reed in His right Hand; and bowed the knee be - fore Him low, and mocked at him and

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8 said: And they spat up-on His face and took the reed, and smote Him up-on His head.

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8 And af - ter they had mocked Him thus, they took off from Him the scar - let

3 robe, and clothed Him a - gain in His own rai - ment, and led Him a - way that He be

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8 cru - ci - fied.

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8 Now from the sixth hour there was dark - ness o - ver all the land, un -

4 til the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour Je - sus cried a - loud, and said:

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That is: My God, My God, Ah, why why has Thou for-

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saken Me? Some of them who stood and watched Him, when they had heard Him, turned and said:

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And straight-way one of them did run, and took a sponge; and fill-ing the sponge with vinegar, he

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put it up-on a reed, and gave Him to drink. The oth-ers spoke a-mong them:

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And a - gain did Je - sus cry a - loud, and was gone.

And then be-hold! The veil of the tem - ple was rend-ed in twain

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8 all from the top un-to the ground. And there came a great

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8 earth - - quake, and the rocks burst a -

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8 sun - der, and the

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8 graves were o - pened a - gain, and there rose ma - ny saints and the

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8 ho - ly ones that were slee - - - ping; and came from

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8 out the graves after Je-sus' re-sur - rec-tion, and went in-to the Ho - ly Ci - ty, and appeared to ma - ny.

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lin-en, and laid It in his own new tomb, which he had hewn from out of the so-lid rock. And

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when he had rolled a mi-ghty stone to the door of the tomb, he went a-way.

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There were al-so in that place Ma-ry Mag-da-le-na and the oth-er Ma-ry, sit-ting

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o-ver against Jesus' grave. Now on the morrow, which followed the day of preparation, straightway there

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came the priests and the Pharisees to-gether un-to Pilate, and said: And Pilate said to them:

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So they went out, and they guarded the grave with watchmen, and they sealed up the stone.