

for Scott Farrell and Rochester Cathedral Choir

# The Good Friday Passion

John 19: 1–37 (King James Version)

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with plainsong from Liber Usualis  
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Evangelist  1  
The Pas-sion of our Lord Je-sus Christ ac-cor-ding to John. At that time: Pi-late there-fore took Je- sus,

E.  2  
and scourged him. And the sol-diers plat-ted a crown of thorns, and put it on his head, and they put on him a

E.  3  
pur-ple robe, And said, Hail,— King of the Jews! and they smote him with their hands.

S.   
A.   
T.   
B.   
*mf* Hail, King of the Jews!  
Hail,— King of the Jews!  
Hail, King of the Jews!

E.  4  
Pi - late there-fore went forth a - gain, and saith un - to them,

Pilate   
Be - hold, I bring him forth to you,

E.  5  
Then came Je - sus forth, wear-ing the crown of thorns,

P.   
that ye may know that I find no fault in him.

E.   
and the pur - ple robe. And Pi - late saith un - to them,

P.   
Be - hold the man!

E.  6  
When the chief priests there - fore and of - fi - cers saw him, they

Notes:

1. The plainsong sections printed without rhythm may be sung freely, with as much flexibility as the performers wish.
2. The three-part choir representing Jesus may be sung with full Sopranos/ Altos in unison on the top line, or just Sopranos or Altos; it may also be sung as a semichorus, or a trio.
3. In the final section (v.31 onwards), the plainsong doesn't need to fit the chorus bars exactly, but should be kept roughly in line.
4. Metronome marks are only an indication.
5. Though both solo parts are written for Tenors, the Evangelist may be sung by a Baritone or Bass.

E. *cried out, sa-ying,* Cru - ci - fy him, cru-ci - fy him.

S. *f* Cru - ci - fy him, cru - ci - fy him.

A. *f* Cru - ci - fy him, cru - ci - fy him.

T. *f* Cru - ci - fy him, cru - ci - fy him.

B. Cru - ci - fy him, cru - ci - fy him.

E. Pi - late saith un - to them,

P. Take ye him, and cru - ci - fy him: for I find no fault in him.

E. <sup>7</sup> The Jews an-swered him, *mp* *mf*

S. We have a law, and by our law he ought to die, be-

A. *mp* *mf*

T. We have a law, and by our law he ought to die, be-

B. <sup>8</sup>

E. When Pi-late there-fore heard that say-ing, he was the more a-fraid;

S. *mp*

A. cause he made him-self the Son of God.

T. <sup>9</sup>

B. And went a-gain in-to the judge-ment hall, and saith un-to Je-sus, But Je sus gave him no an-swer.

P. Whence art thou?

E. <sup>10</sup> Then saith Pi - late un - to him,

P. Speak - est thou not un - to me?

P. know-est thou not that I have power to cru - ci - fy thee, and have power to re - lease thee?

11  $\text{♩} = 72$

E. Je-sus ans - wered,

S. *p* Unison

A. *mf* 3

(Hum) ex - cept it were giv-en thee from a-

T. *mf* 3

B. Thou could-est have no power at all against me, 3

S.  
A.

bove: there-fore he that de-li-ved me un-to thee hath the grea-ter sin.

T.  
B.

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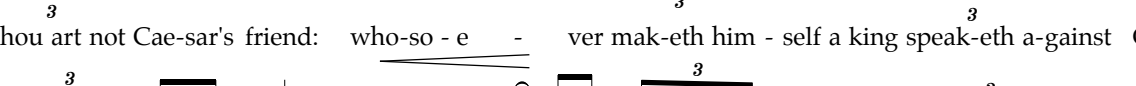
E.  $\text{♩} = 90$


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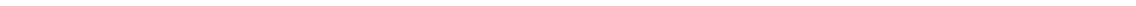
S. A. *f* If thou let this man go,

T. B.

S. A.  thou art not Cae-sar's friend: who-so - e - ver mak-eth him - self a king speak-eth a-against Cae-sar.

T. B.  who-so - e-ver mak-eth him -

E.  13  
When Pi - late there - fore heard that say - ing, he brought Je - sus forth,

E.  and sat down in the judge-ment seat in a place that is called the Pave-ment, but in the He-brew, Gab-ba-tha.

E.

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E. But they cried out,

P. Be-hold your— King!

S. *ff* A - way with him, a - way with him, cru - ci - fy him.

A. *ff* A - way with him, cru - ci - fy him.  
A - way with him, a - way with him, cru - ci - fy him.

T. *ff* A - way with him, cru - ci - fy him.

B. A - way with him, cru - ci - fy him.

E. Pi - late saith un - to them, The

P. Shall I cru - ci - fy your— King?

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E. chief priests an-swered, Then de - li-vered he him there-fore un - to them

S. *ff* We have no king but Cae-sar.

A. *ff* We have no king but Cae-sar.

T. *ff* We have no king but Cae-sar.

B. *ff* We have no king but Cae-sar.

E. to be cru - ci - fied. And they took— Je - sus, and led him a - way.

17

E. And he bear - ing his cross went forth in - to a place called the place of a skull,

18

E. which is called in the He - brew Gol - go - tha: Where they cru - ci - fied him,

19

E. and two o - ther with him, on ei - ther side one, and Je - sus in the midst. And Pi - late wrote a ti - tle,

E. and put it on the cross. And the writing was Je - sus of Na - zar - eth the King of the Jews.

P. Je - sus of Na - zar - eth the King of the Jews.

E. <sup>20</sup> This ti - tle then read ma - ny of the Jews: for the place where Je - sus was cru - ci - fied was nigh to the ci - ty:

E. <sup>21</sup> and it was writ - ten in He - brew, and Greek, and La - tin. Then said the chief priests of the

E. <sup>♩ = 84</sup> Jews to Pi - late,

S. Write not, The King of the Jews; — but that he said, I am King of the Jews.

A. *mf* Write not, The King of the Jews; — but that he said, I am King of the Jews.

T. Write not, The King of the Jews; — but that he said, I am King of the Jews.

E. <sup>22</sup> Pi - late an - swered, <sup>23</sup> Then the sol - diers, when they had cru - ci - fied Je - sus,

P. What I have writ - ten I have writ - ten.

E. took his gar - ments, and made four parts, to ev - ery sol - dier a part; and al - so his coat:

E. <sup>24</sup> now the coat was with - out seam, wo - ven from the top through - out. They said there - fore a -

E. mong them - selves, Let us not rend it, not rend it, not rend it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall

S. Let us not rend it, not rend it, *mf* but cast lots for whose it shall

A. *mp cresc.* Let us not rend it, not rend it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall

T. Let us not rend it, not rend it, not rend it, but cast lots for whose it shall

E. that the scrip-ture might be ful - filled, which saith,

S. be: *mf* They par-ted my rai-ment a - mong them, and for my

T. be:

B. be:

E. These things there-fore the sol-diers did. Now there stood by the cross of Je-sus

S. ves-ture they did cast lots.

T. his mo-ther, and his mo-ther's sis - ter, Ma - ry the wife of Cle - o - phas, and Ma - ry Mag-da-lene.

B. his mo-ther, and his mo-ther's sis - ter, Ma - ry the wife of Cle - o - phas, and Ma - ry Mag-da-lene.

E. When Je-sus there-fore saw his mo-ther, and the dis-ci-ple stan-ding by, whom he loved, he saith un-to his

S. mo-ther, *p* Unison *mf* Then saith he to the dis - ci-ple,

T. be - hold thy son! *mf* Be

B. Wo - man,

E. And from that hour that dis-ci-ple took her un-to his own home.

S. hold thy mo - ther! *p*

T. Af-ter this, Je-sus kno-wing that all things were now ac-com-plished, that the scrip-ture might be ful - filled, -

B. Af-ter this, Je-sus kno-wing that all things were now ac-com-plished, that the scrip-ture might be ful - filled, -

29

E. saith, Now there was set a ves-sel full of vi-ne-gar:

S. *p* I thirst.

T. B.

E. and they filled a sponge with vi-ne-gar, and put it up-on hys-sop, and put it to his mouth.

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E. When Je-sus there-fore had re-ceived the vi-ne-gar, he said

S. *p* It is fin-ished:

T. B.

31

E. and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost. The Jews there-fore, be-cause it was the pre-pa-ra-tion,

$\text{♩} = 60$

E. that the bo-dies should not re-main up-on the cross on the sab-bath day, (for that sab-bath day was an

S. *pp*

A. (Hum)

32

E. high day,) be-sought Pi-late that their legs might be bro-ken, and that they might be ta-ken a-way. Then came the sol-

S. A.

33

E. diers, and brake the legs of the first, and of the o-ther which was cru-ci-fied with him. But when they came to

S. A.

E. Je - sus, and saw that he was dead al - rea - dy, they brake not his legs:

S. *pp* (Hum)

A. T. B.

E. <sup>34</sup> But one of the sol-diers with a spear pierced his side, and forth-with came there out blood and

S. A. T. B.

E. <sup>35</sup> wa-ter. And he that saw it bare re-cord, and his re-cord is true: and he know-eth that he saith true,

S. A. T. B.

E. <sup>36</sup> that ye might be-lieve. For these things were done, that the scrip-ture should be ful-filled,

S. A. T. B. *p* A

E. <sup>37</sup> And a-gain a - no-ther scrip - ture saith,

S. A. T. B. bone of him shall not be bro - ken.

S. A. *mp* They shall look on him whom they *rall.* pierced.

T. B.