

# The Good Friday Passion (Part One)

John 18 (King James Version)

Music by Daniel Soper  
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Evangelist  1

The Pas-sion of our Lord Je-sus Christ ac-cor-ding to John. At that time: Je-sus went forth with his

E.  8

dis-ci-ples o-ver the brook Ce-dron, where was a gar-den, in-to the which he en-tered, and his dis-ci ples.

E.  8

And Ju-das al-so, which be-trayed him, knew the place: for Je-sus oft-times re-sor-ted thi-ther with his dis-ci-ples.

E.  8

Ju-das then, ha-ving re-ceived a band of men and of-fi-cers from the chief priests and Pha-ri-sees,

E.  8

co-meth thi-ther with lan-terns and tor-ches and wea-pons.

E.  8

Je-sus there-fore, know-ing all things that should come up-on him, went forth, and said un-to \_\_\_\_\_

E.  8

them, They an-swered him, *mf* Je-sus saith un-to \_\_\_\_\_ them,

S.  8

A.  8

T.  8

B.  8

Whom seek ye? I am he.

E.  8

And Ju-das al-so, which be-trayed him, stood with them. As soon then as he had said un-to them, I am he,

Note: My setting of the St John Passion was originally written for Rochester Cathedral Choir, and only included Chapter 19. Chapter 18 has now been set, and leads into the original setting of Chapter 19. This first section—the 'prequel'—has a few extra solos, which can be sung by members of the choir.

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E. they went back-ward, and fell to the ground. Then asked he them a - gain, And they said,

T. B. Whom seek ye?

8

E. Je - sus an - swered,

S. A. Je - sus of Na - za-reth.

T. B. I have told you that

T. B. I am he: if there-fore ye seek me, let these go their way:

9

E. That the say-ing might be ful-filled, which he spake, legato

S. A. *mf* Of them which thou ga-vest me have I lost none.

T. B.

10

E. Then Si-mon Pe-ter ha ving a sword drew it, and smote the high priest's ser-vant, and cut off his right ear.

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E. The ser-vant's name was Mal-chus. Thensaid Je-sus un-to Pe-ter, *mf*

T. B. Put up thy sword in-to the sheath: the

T. B. cup which my Fa - ther hath gi - ven me, *mp* shall I not drink it?

12

E. Then the band and the cap-tain and of - fi - cers of the Jews took Je - sus, and bound him,

13  
E.

20

E. and of his doc-trine. Je-sus an - swered him,

T. *mf* I spake o-pen-ly to the world; I ev-er taught in the

B. *mp* sy-na-gogue, and in the tem-ple, whi-ther the Jews al-ways re-sort; and in se-cret have I said no-thing.

21 Unison

S. *mf* Why ask-est thou me? ask them which heard me, what I have said un-to them: be-hold, they know what I said.

A. *mf*

T. *mf*

B. *mf*

22

E. And when he had thus spo - ken, one of the of - fi - cers which stood by struck Je - sus

23

E. with the palm of his hand, say - ing, Officer Je - sus an - swered

T. An-swer-est thou the high priest so?

B. him,

E. *mf*

T. *mf*

B. *mf*

24

E. If I have spo-ken e - vil, bear wit-ness of the e - vil: but if well, why smi-test thou me?

25

E. Now An-nas had sent him bound un-to Cai-a-phas the high priest. And Si-mon Pe-ter stood and warmed him-self.

E. They said there-fore un-to him, Bystander He de-nied it, and said,


T. Art not thou al-so one of his dis-ci - ples? I am not.

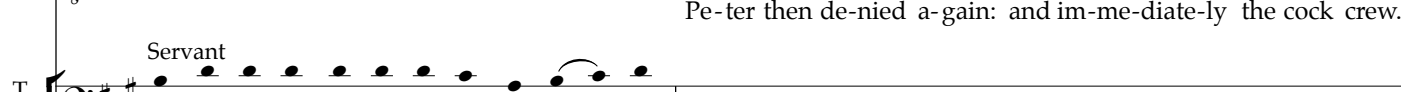
B. *mf*

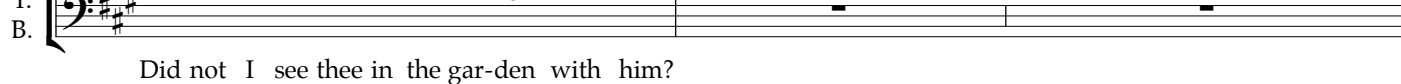
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E. One of the ser-vants of the high priest, be - ing his kins-man whose ear Pe - ter cut off, saith,


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E.  Pe-ter then de-nied a-gain: and im-me-diate-ly the cock crew.

T.  Did not I see thee in the gar-den with him?


B. 

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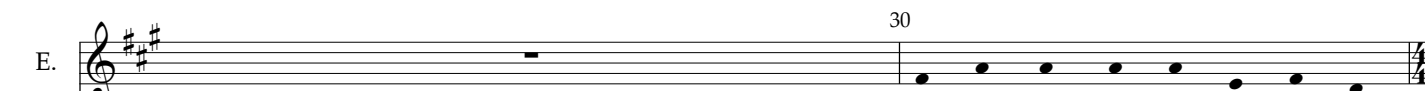
E.  Then led they Je - sus from Cai - a - phas un - to the hall of judge-ment: and it was ear - ly;


E.  and they them-selves went not in - to the judge-ment hall, lest they should be de - filed;

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E.  but that they might eat the pass - o - ver. Pi - late then went out un - to them, and said,

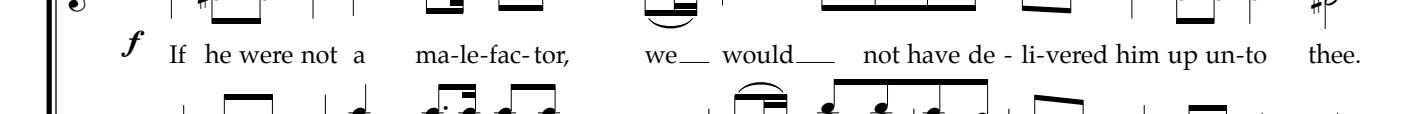
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E.  They an-swered and said un - to him,

Pilate  What ac - cu - sa - tion bring ye a - gainst this\_\_\_ man?

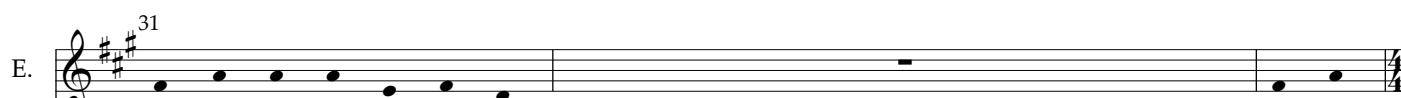
♩ = 90


S.  *f* If he were not a ma-le-fac-tor, we\_\_\_ would\_\_\_ not have de - li-vered him up un-to thee.

T.  we\_\_\_ would not have de -

B. 

31

E.  Then said Pi - late un - to them, The Jews

P.  Take ye him, and judge him ac - cord - ing to your law.

E.  $\text{♩} = 84$   
there-fore said un-to him,

S. *mp*  
It is not law - ful *mf* for us to put a - ny man to death:—

T. *mp*  
It is not law - ful *mf* for us to put a - ny man to death:

B.

E. 32  
That the say-ing of Je - sus might be ful-filled, which he spake, sig - ni - fy - ing what death he should die.

E. 33  
Then Pi - late en - tered in - to the judge - ment hall a - gain,

E. 34  
and called Je - sus, and said un - to him, Je - sus an - swered

P. Art thou the King of the Jews?

E.  $\text{♩} = 72$   
him, Pi-late an-swered,

T. *mf*  
Say-est thou this thing of thy - self, or did o-thers tell it thee of me?

B.

P. Am I a Jew? Thine own na-tion and the chief priests have de-li-vered thee un-to me: what hast thou done?

E. 36  
Je-sus an - swered,

S. Unison  
*mf* if my king-dom were of this

T. *mf*  
My king-dom is not of this world: if my king-dom were of this

B.

S. *mp*  
A. world, then would my ser-vants fight, that I should not be de - li - vered to the Jews: but now is my  
T. *mp*  
B. world, then would my ser-vants fight, that I should not be de-li-vered to the

E. 37 Pi-late there-fore said un-to him, Je-sus an - swered,  
P. Art thou a king then?


S. *p*  
A. king-dom not from hence. (Hum)  
T. *mf*  
B. Thou

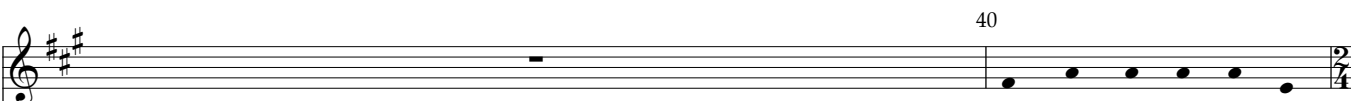
S. *mf*  
A. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I in - to the  
T. *mf*  
B. say est that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I in - to the


S. *3*  
A. world, that I should bear wit-ness un-to the truth. Ev-ery one that is of the truth hear-eth my voice.  
T. *3*  
B. world, that I should bear


E. 38 Pi - late saith un - to him, And when he had said this,  
P. What is truth?

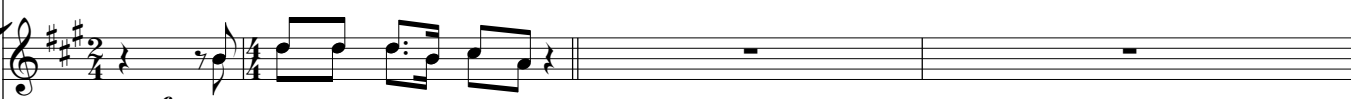
E. 39 he went out a gain un-to the Jews, and saith un-to them,  
P. I find in him no fault at all. But ye have a cus-tom,

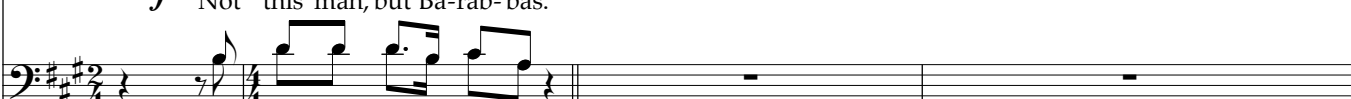


P.   
 that I should re - lease un - to you one at the pas - so - ver:

E.   
 Then cried they all a - gain,

P.   
 will ye there-fore that I re-lease un - to you the King of the\_\_\_ Jews?

E.   
 say - ing, Now Ba-rab-bas was a rob-ber. Then Pi-late there-fore took Je - sus,...

S.   
*f* Not this man, but Ba-rab-bas.

A.   
 T.   
 B. 



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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.   
Hail, King of the Jews!

A.   
Hail, King of the Jews!

T.   
Hail, King of the Jews!

B.   
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. *mp* *mf*

E. <sup>8</sup> 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. *mp*

B. *mp*

E. <sup>9</sup> 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 (Hum) *mf* ex - cept it were giv-en thee from a-

T. *mf* Thou could-est have no power at all against me,

B. 3

S. 3 3 bove: there-fore he that de-li-vered me un-to thee hath the grea-ter sin.

T. 3 3

B. 3 3

12  $\text{♩} = 90$

E. And from thence-forth Pi-late sought to re-lease him: but the Jews cried out, say-ing,

S. 3 *f* If thou let this man go,

T. 3

B. 3

S. 3 3 3 3 thou art not Cae-sar's friend: who-so - e - ver mak-eth him - self a king speak-eth a-gainst Cae-sar.

T. 3 3 3 3

B. 3 3 3 3 who-so - e-ver mak-eth him -

13

E. 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.

14

E. And it was the pre-pa-ra-tion of the pas-so-ver, and a-bout the sixth hour: and he saith un-to the Jews,

15

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?

16

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

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

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.   
ves-ture they did cast lots.

B.   
ves-ture they did cast lots.

E.   
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—

E.   
mo-ther, Then saith he to the dis-ci-ple,

S.   
*p* Unison *mf* be-hold thy son! *mf* Be

A.   
(Hum) *mf* be-hold thy son! *mf* Be

T.   
Wo-man, *mf* be-hold thy son! *mf* Be

B.   
Wo-man, *mf* be-hold thy son! *mf* Be

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

S.   
hold thy mo-ther!

A.   
hold thy mo-ther! *p*

T.   
hold thy mo-ther! *p*

B.   
hold thy mo-ther! *p*

E.   
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.

30

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. A. *pp* (Hum)

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. *p* A

T. B.

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

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

T. B.

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

T. B.