



THE WAY, THE TRUTH, THE LIFE

An Easter Celebration

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FOREWORD

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me" (John 14:6).

Dennis and Nan Allen have taken these poignant words of Jesus and crafted a meaningful choral experience around them in celebration of Easter. From the triumphal, "Prepare the Way," reminding us of Jesus' path into Jerusalem, to the concluding worship song, "You Are My King (Amazing Love)," listeners will be reminded of God's great sacrifice for us and His plan for us to have life abundant and eternal.

Throughout the preparation of this musical, our desire is that you will experience the days leading up to Easter as truly a Holy Week. May the lives of those touched by this work be drawn to the Father, through Jesus—the Way, the Truth, and the Life.



Dennis and Nan Allen

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Prepare the Way

From Scripture

DENNIS and NAN ALLEN

Majestically ♩ = 86

(1/37) D(no3)

A
D

G²
D

f

4 D(no3)

A
D

7 MEN (opt. male solo) *f*

Pre-prepare the way, pre-prepare the

G²
D

D(no3)

10 (all Men join)

way; make straight the way of the Lord. Pre-prepare the

A
D

G²
D

D(no3)

13 *f*

Pre - pare the way, pre - pare the way; make
 way, pre - pare the way; make

D(no3) A
D

15 (2/38)

straight the way of the Lord.
 straight the way of the Lord.

G²
D D(no3)

17 Hear the voice in the wil-der-ness call-ing, "Make way for the King to come."
 E C G B F C G B D A

19

Hear the voice in the wil-der-ness call-ing, "Make way for the King to come."

F/C G/B F/C G/B, D/A

21

Let ev-'ry val-ley be lift-ed up, let ev-'ry moun-tain be
Lift-ed up,

G² A sus G²/B

24

made_low.

Pre-prepare the way, pre-prepare the way; make

A sus C# D (no3) A/D

27

Pre-
pare the way,
straight the way of the Lord.
Pre-
pare the way,
pre-
prepare the
way;
make straight the way of the Lord.
way;
make straight the way of the Lord.
Hear the voice in the wil- der- ness call - ing,
"Make way for the King to come."

30

4/40

33

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Hear the voice in the wil - der - ness call - ing,
"Make way for the King to come."

F C G B F C G B D A

Let ev - 'ry val - ley be lift - ed up,
Lift - ed up

G² A sus

let ev - 'ry moun-tain be made_ low. Our eyes have been

G² B A sus C[#] B^b
mf

42

o - pened, for we see it now.

C² Dsus D D/C

The One we seek is a - mong us.

B[♭] C²

be - hold the Lamb of God!

B[♭]/D C/E D(no3)

6/42

50

Pre - pare the

A
D

G²
D

D(no3)

way,
pre - pare the way;
make straight
the way of the

A
D

G²
D

53

56

Pre - pare the way,
pre - pare the way; make

Lord.
D(no3)

A
D

55

59

straight the way of the Lord.

$\frac{G}{D}^2$

D(no3)

61

Pre - pare the way!

$\frac{F}{C}$

$\frac{G}{B}$

$\frac{F}{C}$

$\frac{G}{B}$

63

Pre - pare the way of the Lord!

$\frac{E}{C}$

$\frac{G}{B}$

D(no3)

NARRATION 1

(paraphrased from John 14)

Narrator 1: "I am the way, the truth, the life."

Narrator 2: Those were Jesus' exact words.

Narrator 1: He had gathered His twelve disciples in an upper room for the Passover meal to tell them He was going to leave them soon, when Thomas asked, "Lord, where are You going, and how will we know the way?"

Narrator 2: And that's when Jesus said, "I am the Way. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

Narrator 1: But there were still so many questions. How would He do this?

Narrator 2: How could He, one Man, usher all mankind into the presence of God?

Narrator 1: It would be through a sacrifice...a blood sacrifice of Himself.

Narrator 2: The disciples would not understand it then, what Jesus was trying to tell them. But within the next few hours, the world would begin to see Him become...the Way.

(paraphrased from Matthew 26, Mark 14, Luke 22)

Narrator 1: He took the unleavened bread on the table, divided it, and gave each man a piece. "This is My body," He said, "that will be broken for you."

Narrator 2: Then He took the cup and passed it around for each to take a drink. He said, "This is My blood of the covenant, (music begins) which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins."

O the Blood of Jesus Medley

*includes O the Blood of Jesus, Nothing but the Blood,
and There Is a Fountain*

With feeling ♩ = 78

D(no3)

G
D

D(no3)

Arranged by Dennis Allen

† "O the Blood of Jesus"

CHOIR unis. (opt. solo)

mf

† "O the Blood of Jesus." Traditional.

(8/44)

wash - es white as snow.

E_m
D A⁷
D D(no3) G
D D(no3) G
D

(opt. cong. joins)

O the blood of Je sus,
mf

D D⁴ D G
D D⁴ D A⁷ A⁴ A⁷ G
A

Je sus, O the blood of Je sus That ,

D D⁴ D Dsus D D⁴ D G
D D⁴ D D D⁴ D F#

18 | (9/45)

wash - es white as snow.

E⁷
G D
A A⁷

D(no3) G
D D(no3)

G
D

† "Nothing but the Blood"
CHOIR

(cong. joins)

What can wash a - way my sin? Nothing but the blood of

D E^m¹¹ D
F#
Gmaj⁷ F#^m
A B^m⁷ Gmaj⁷

Je - sus; CHOIR

What can make me whole a - gain?

A sus A D Dsus D E^m¹¹ D
F#
Gmaj⁷ F#^m
A

† "Nothing but the Blood." Words and music by ROBERT LOWRY.

(10/46)

27 (cong. joins) *f* (opt. all sing unison)

Noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus. Oh! pre - cious

B m⁷ G maj⁷ A sus A D D sus D E m⁷

(no breath)

is the flow That makes me white as snow;

F# m⁷ B m⁷ E m⁷ E m A F# m A G 2 A

No oth - er fount I know, Noth - ing but the blood of

D E m⁷ F# m⁷ B m⁷ E m⁷ E m⁹

O the Blood of Jesus Medley - 4

11/47

36

Je sus.

A⁷sus A⁷ D(no3) G/D D(no3)

39 *mf*

O the blood of Je sus,

D D⁴ D G/D D D⁴ D A⁷ A⁴ A⁷ G/A

42

Je sus, O the blood of Je sus That

D D⁴ D Dsus D D⁴ D G/D D D⁴ D D/F#

(CHOIR and cong.)

12/48

wash - es white as snow.

There_

E_m⁷ **D** **A⁷** **D**(no3) **G**/**D** **C_m⁷** **F⁷_{sus}**

is a foun - tain filled with blood Drawn_ from Im - man - uel's-

B^{b2} **B^b** **F_m⁷** **B^{b7}** **E^{b2}** **E^b** **B^{b2}** **D_m⁷** **G_m⁷**

veins; And sin - ners, plunged be -neath that flood, Lose -

C_m⁷ **F⁷_{sus}** **B^{b2}** **F_m⁷** **B^{b7}** **E^{b2}** **B^b/**D****

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† "There Is a Fountain." Words by WILLIAM COWPER. Music Early American Melody.

13/49

54

all their guilt - y stains: Lose all their guilt - y

C⁹ Cm⁹/F Dm⁹/F B[♭] E[♭]₉/F B[♭] Fm⁷ B[♭]₇

57

stains, Lose all their guilt - y stains; And -

E[♭]² Cm⁷ Dm⁷ Gm⁷ Cm⁷ F^{7sus}

60

sin - ners, plunged be - neath that flood, Lose -

B[♭]² Fm⁷ B[♭]₇ E[♭]² B[♭]/D

(14/50)

62

all their guilt - y stains.

C⁹ C_F^m D_F^m B^b E_m⁷ G_A

O the blood of Je sus, O the blood of

D D² D G_D D² D A⁷ A² A⁷ G_A

Je sus, O the blood of

D D² D D sus D D² D G_D

70 , 15/51

Je - sus That wash - es white as snow.

D D ⁴ 2 D F# ⁷ Em/G A D ⁷ 2 A^b B^b

73 *f*
O the blood of Je - sus, O the blood of

E^b E^b ⁴ 2 E^b A^b E^b E^b ⁴ 2 E^b B^b ⁷ B^b ⁴ 2 B^b ⁷ A^b B^b

76 *f*
Je - sus, O the blood of

E^b E^b ⁴ 2 E^b E^b sus E^b E^b ⁴ 2 E^b A^b E^b

78

Je - sus That wash - es white as snow, that
 wash - es white as snow, that wash - es white as
 wash - es white as snow,

E♭ E♭⁴ E♭ G Fm⁷ A♭ E♭ B♭⁷ E♭ E♭ G

81

wash - es white as snow, that wash - es white as
 wash - es white as snow,

Fm⁷ A♭ E♭ B♭⁷ E♭ G Fm⁷ A♭ E♭ B♭⁷

84

snow.

E♭(no3) A♭ E♭ E♭(no3) A♭ E♭

NARRATION 2

(paraphrased from John 14)

Narrator 1: Jesus told His disciples, "I'm going away. For awhile you will grieve for Me, but I will send a Comforter to bring you the Spirit of Truth."

Narrator 2: They didn't understand at the time. But before another day had dawned, Jesus was arrested, tried, convicted, beaten, and then sentenced to death by crucifixion.

Narrator 1: Some of what He had said was starting to make sense.

Narrator 2: He was dying, and so they knew what He meant about going away.

(paraphrased from Luke 23)

Narrator 1: They were beginning to understand the grief...but the only comfort they seemed to find was in His loving words. "Father, forgive these who have done this to Me." (music begins)

Narrator 2: The Spirit of Truth would one day help them to understand what He was doing. It was God's love that made Him sacrifice His own Son.

What Wondrous Love

American Folk Hymn

DENNIS ALLEN

With motion

♩ = 88

(16/52)

LADIES unis. (1st time)

CHOIR Parts (2nd time)

4

mf

1. What won - drous love is this, O my
(2. When) I was sink - ing down, sink - ing

7

soul, down, O my soul! What won - drous love is this, When I was sink - ing

17/53 1st time 19/55 2nd time

CHOIR(both times)

O sink - my ing | O sink - my soul! What -
 this, down, O my soul, down, O my soul! When -
 sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing down,

A♭ B♭ C m B♭ A♭

won - drous love is this That caused the Lord of
 I was sink - ing down Be -neath God's righ - teous

E♭ G A♭ C m 7

bliss To bear the dread - ful curse for my
 frown, Christ laid a - side His crown for my
 F m 7 E♭ A♭ E♭ A♭ B♭ E♭

ALL unis. 1st time

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19

1 | (18/54)

soul.
soul.

E♭ A♭/E♭ E♭ A♭/E♭

1 E♭ A♭/E♭ E♭

CHOIR Parts (to meas. 5) 2 | (20/56)

2. When_ 3. To_

A♭/E♭ F B♭/F F B♭/F

25

God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will

F B♭/F F B♭ F C/F

f

28

sing;
To God and to the Lamb,
I will
sing;
I will sing.
To God and to the
Lamb
Who is the great "I AM";
While

B♭ F B♭ F C

D m 7 C B♭ F A

G m 7

(21/57)

31

34

37

mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.

I will sing.

F B^b
F F

B^b C
F F

A

40

To God and to the Lamb Who...

B^b F
A B^b

43 (22/58)

is the great "I AM"; While mil - lions join the...

D m 7 G m 7 F B^b
F F

46

theme, I will sing. While_

B^b
F

C
F

F

B^b
F

49

mil - lions join the theme, I will

F

B^b
F

F

B^b
C

51

sing!

F²

F

NARRATION 3

(paraphrased from Matthew 27, Mark 15, Luke 23, John 19)

Narrator 1: His lifeless body was taken down from the cross and laid in a borrowed tomb. A large stone was rolled over the entrance.

Narrator 2: Behind the stone lay the Man called Jesus, who had professed to be God's Son...

Narrator 1: who had claimed to take away sins...

Narrator 2: who had said He would tear down the temple and rebuild it in three days. These were the claims that had gotten Him executed. Blasphemy had been the charge.

(paraphrased from Matthew 28)

Narrator 1: Just before dawn on the third day, something unbelievable happened! The earth around the tomb started to shake!

Narrator 2: An earthquake! (music begins)

Narrator 1: The stone that had sealed the grave...rolled away!

Narrator 2: And then it became clear what He meant by His words, "I am the Life."

Narrator 1: For Jesus walked out...just as He had predicted—fully alive!

Alive!

NAN ALLEN

DENNIS ALLEN

With joy! ♩ = 69

(23/59) D^bmaj⁷ E^b F sus F R
mf E^b

5 A - f

D^bmaj⁷ E^b F sus F E^b
f

9 live! A - live! He is a - live! Christ is ris - en in -
D^bmaj⁷ E^b F A^b Gm⁷

12

deed. A - live! A - live! He is a - live!

F D^bmaj⁷ E^b F

Christ is ris - en, Christ is ris - en in - deed.

A^b E^b A^b E^b F

18

24/60	1st time
26/62	2nd time

E^b
F

21

Al - le - lu - ia, _____ al - le - lu - ia, _____

F²

Ped.

24

for death has no pow - er and death has no sting.
to God be the glo - ry, to God be the praise.

al - le - lu - ia, for to

Gm⁷ F A B^b C

27

Al - le - lu - ia, _____ al - le - lu - ia, _____

F²

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

Ped.

31

death has been swal-lowed, death has been swal-lowed in vic - to - ry!
Je - sus has ris - en, Je - sus has ris - en from the grave!

Gm⁷ F/A B[♭] F/C Csus

34

1 | (25/61) *f* (to meas. 9)

A -

C Csus C B[♭]/C (to meas. 9)

2 | (27/63) *f*

A - live! A - live!

2 Csus C B[♭]/C D[♭]maj⁷ E[♭]

40

He is a - live! Christ is ris - en in - deed. A -

F A[♭] Gm⁷ F

live! A - live! He is a - live! Christ is ris - en,

D[♭]maj⁷ E[♭] F A[♭] E[♭]

Christ is ris - en in - deed.

A[♭] E[♭] F

Alive – 5

† "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

49 | (28/64)

Christ the

E
F

C m⁷

F

52

Lord is ris'n to - day!

F
E

B^b
D

B^b
C

F
C

55

Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day, to -

G
D

C
D

D

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(29/65)

59 *f*

day! A -

G F G/F

63 live! A - live! He is a - live! Christ is ris - en in -

E^bmaj⁷ F G B^b A m⁷

66 deed. A - live! A - live! He is a - live!

G E^bmaj⁷ F G

69

Christ is ris - en,
Christ is ris - en in - deed.

B^b F B^b F G

72

Christ is ris - en!
Christ is ris - en!

B^b F B^b F

75

Christ is ris - en in - deed!
Christ is ris - en in - deed!

B^b F G

NARRATION 4

Narrator 1: Because sin has separated us, we cannot get to God on our own. We need the Way.

Narrator 2: Because our world does not offer us answers, we need the Truth.

Narrator 1: And because our own sin condemns us, we need Life.

Narrator 2: Jesus is the Way...

Narrator 1: the path to Almighty God Himself. (music begins)

Narrator 2: He is the Truth...

Narrator 1: unwavering, unchangeable Truth. The very Word of God in the flesh.

Narrator 2: He is the Life.

Narrator 1: Abundant life now...and in eternity.

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You Are My King (Amazing Love)

Words and Music by
BILLY JAMES FOOTE
Arranged by Dennis Allen

Worshipfully ♩ = 70

(30/66)

SOLO (opt. CHOIR unis.)

5

I'm for - giv - en be - cause You were for - sak - en.

I'm ac - cept - ed, — You were con - demned. —

9

I'm a - live_ and_ well, Your Spir - it is_ with-in_ me be -

D F# G² D A A D F#

11 (31/67)

cause You died_ and rose a - gain.

G A sus A D

CHOIR Parts (opt. cong. joins) *mf*

I'm for - giv - en be-cause You were_ for - sak - en.

D F# G D A A A/G

15

I'm ac - cept - ed,
You were con - demned.

D
F#
G
A
A
G

17

I'm a - live__ and__ well, Your Spir - it is__ with-in__ me be -

D
F#
G²
A
A
D
F#

19

(32/68)

cause You died__ and rose a - gain.

G
A sus
A
D
G
D

21 *f*

A - maz - ing love, — how can it be _____

D G²

23

that You, my King, should die for me?

D A sus A

25

A - maz - ing love, — I know it's true! _____

D G²

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(33/69)

27

It's my joy to hon - or You.

D A sus A

29

A - maz - ing love, — how can it be

D G²

31

that You, my King, should die for me?

D A sus A

33

A-maz-ing love,— I know it's true!

D G²

35

It's my joy to hon-or You. In all I

D A sus A D²
F#

37

do I hon-or You.

34/70

G² A sus D(no3) G/D D D sus

40 *mp*

You are my King! You are my

D E_m D D E_m D E_m D

mp

— King! Je - sus, You are_ my_ King! Je - sus,

D E_m D E_m D D E_m D

43 *mf* ————— *f*

— King! Je - sus, You are_ my_ King! Je - sus,

D E_m D E_m D D E_m D

46 (35/71) *g:*

You are my King!

D E_m D D

f

(congregation may join)

48

A - maz - ing love, — how can it be —

E♭ A♭²

50

that You, my King, should die for me?

E♭ B♭_{sus} B♭

52

A - maz - ing love, — I know it's true! —

E♭ A♭²

The musical score consists of three staves of music. The top staff is for treble clef, the middle for bass clef, and the bottom for bass clef. The key signature is one flat. Measure 48 starts with a dotted quarter note followed by eighth notes. Measure 50 starts with a dotted half note followed by eighth notes. Measure 52 starts with a dotted half note followed by eighth notes. The lyrics are in parentheses at the beginning, indicating they may be joined by the congregation. The score includes dynamic markings like p (piano) and measure numbers 48, 50, and 52.

54

It's my joy to hon - or You.

E♭ B♭sus B♭

56

A - maz - ing love, how can it be

E♭ A♭2

58

that You, my King, should die for me?

E♭ B♭sus B♭

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60

A - maz - ing love, — I know it's true!

E[♭] A^{♭2}

36/72

It's my joy to hon - or You. In all I

E[♭] B^{♭sus} B[♭] E^{♭2}
G

CHOIR only
mf

do I hon - or You. In all I

A^{♭2} B^{♭sus} E[♭] E^{♭2}
G

66

do I hon - or You.
In all ____ I

A♭² B♭sus E♭ E♭/G

68

do I hon - or

A♭² B♭sus

70

You!

E♭(no3) A♭/E♭ E♭ E♭sus E♭

rit.

PRODUCTION NOTES

The Way, the Truth, the Life can be performed in three ways:

1. Narration Option

Two (or more) narrators may read from the script. Or narrators may memorize the lines and deliver them to the audience, which makes the text “warmer” and more personal.

2. Monologue Option

The text is basically the same as the narration; however, it is told in the first person point of view. The characters are:

Thomas—the disciple

Servant—a woman

Soldier—Roman guard

Each character should dress in biblical costume.

3. Holy Week Option

- Use “Prepare the Way” as a Palm Sunday anthem.
- Use “O the Blood of Jesus Medley” as a Maundy Thursday (Lord’s Supper) anthem.
- Use “What Wondrous Love” as part of a Good Friday (Service of Shadows) anthem.
- Use “Alive!” on Easter Sunday morning.

MONOLOGUE OPTION

Song: “Prepare the Way”

Monologue 1

Thomas: “I am the way, the truth, the life.” Those were His exact words. He had gathered us, His twelve disciples, in an upper room for the Passover meal to tell us He was going to leave us soon, when I asked, “Lord, where are You going, and how will we know the way?” That’s when Jesus said to me, “Thomas, I am the Way. No one comes to the Father except through Me.”

We still had so many questions. How would He do this? How could He, one Man, usher all mankind into the presence of God?

It would be through a sacrifice...a blood sacrifice of Himself. Though we didn’t understand what Jesus was trying to say then, within the next few hours we would begin to see Him become...the Way.

He took the unleavened bread from the table, divided it, and gave each of us a piece. “This is My body,” He said, “that will be broken for you.”

Then He took the cup and passed it around for each of us to take a drink. He said, “This is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.”

Song: “O the Blood of Jesus Medley”

Monologue 2

Servant: After I had served them the Passover meal that night, I felt that Jesus wanted to be left alone with His disciples. So I obliged and went downstairs. But I couldn’t help overhearing Him talking in the upper room. He said, “I’m going away. For awhile you will grieve for Me, but I will send a Comforter to bring you the Spirit of Truth.”

I had no idea what He was talking about at the time. But before another day had dawned, Jesus was arrested, tried, convicted, beaten, and then sentenced to death by crucifixion.

Some of what He had said was starting to make sense. He was dying. I was beginning to understand the grief He spoke of...but the only comfort I could find was in His loving words: “Father, forgive these who have done this to Me.”

The Spirit of Truth would one day help me to understand what He was doing. It was God’s love that made Him sacrifice His own Son.

Song: “What Wondrous Love”

Monologue 3

Soldier: His lifeless body was taken down from the cross and laid in a borrowed tomb. A large stone was rolled over the entrance. I was instructed to guard it to make sure no one tampered with it...to see to it that His disciples didn't steal the body and claim that Jesus had risen from the dead.

Behind the stone lay the Man called Jesus, who had professed to be God's Son...who had claimed to take away sins...who had said He would tear down the temple and rebuild it in three days. These were the claims that had gotten Him executed. Blasphemy had been the charge.

Just before dawn on the third day, right before my watch was to end, something unbelievable happened! The earth around the tomb started to shake! “An earthquake!” I thought.

The stone that had sealed the grave...was starting to tremble. And then...I don't remember anything. I must have passed out. But the other guard told me what had happened. He told me that Jesus had walked out...just as He had predicted. He was fully alive!

Song: “Alive!”

Dialogue 4

Thomas: Because sin has separated us, we cannot get to God on our own. We need the Way.

Servant: Because our world does not offer us answers, we need the Truth.

Soldier: And because our own sin condemns us, we need Life.

Thomas: Jesus is the Way...the path to Almighty God Himself.

Servant: He is the Truth...unwavering, unchangeable Truth. The very Word of God in the flesh.

Soldier: He is the Life...abundant life now...and in eternity.

Song: “You Are My King (Amazing Love)”