HOSANNA INTRADA

Tune: ST. THEODULPH by MELCHIOR TESCHNER (1584-1635) Arranged by LLOYD LARSON



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- Narrator 1: The shouts of "Hosanna!" and "Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!" seemed to echo in the streets of Jerusalem for days as people prepared for the Passover Feast. It was now the first day of the Feast and Jesus' disciples asked Him, "Where do you want us to go and make preparation to eat the Passover meal?"
- Narrator 2: Jesus said to them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him. Say to the owner of the house he enters, 'The Teacher asks: Where is the guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' He will show you a large upper room, furnished and ready. Make preparation for us there."
- Narrator 1: The disciples left, went into the city, and found everything just as Jesus had told them. So, they prepared for the feast of the Passover Lamb.
- **Narrator 2:** As evening came, Jesus arrived with the Twelve and they shared a feast of love.
- Narrator 1: While they were eating, Jesus took bread, gave thanks, and broke it. Giving it to His disciples, He said, "Take it; this is my body broken for you."
- Narrator 2: Then He took the cup, gave thanks, and offered it to them. "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many."

 (music begins)

FEAST OF LOVE

Words by LLOYD LARSON based on Matthew 26:17-29,

Music by LLOYD LARSON



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Programming option 1: If you wish to include The Lord's Supper for the congregation in this presentation, it could be done here after the singing of "Feast of Love."

- **Narrator 2:** Following the meal, Jesus and His disciples sang a hymn and then went out to the Mount of Olives.
- Narrator 1: Having already told them that one of the Twelve would betray Him, Jesus now told them that they would all fall away. "For it is written," He said, "I will strike the shepherd and the sheep will be scattered."
- Narrator 2: The prophecies of Jesus were to soon become a reality as Judas, the betrayer, and a crowd armed with swords and clubs sent from the chief priests, the teachers of the law, and elders surrounded Him. They seized and arrested Jesus.
- Narrator 1: They took Him to a place where the religious leaders were gathered. Several of them made false accusations against Jesus. They condemned Him, saying He was worthy of death. (music begins)
- Narrator 2: The religious leaders eventually reached consensus. They bound Jesus, led Him away, and handed Him over to Pilate, the local Roman governor. As was customary at the Feast, the people were demanding the release of an imprisoned criminal named Barabbas.
- Narrator 1: Pilate asked the enraged crowd, "What shall I do, then, with the one you call King of the Jews?" "Crucify Him!" they shouted. "Crucify Him!"
- Narrator 2: So, Pilate had Jesus flogged, and handed Him over to be crucified. In those few hours, the words of the prophet Isaiah were fulfilled.
- Narrator 1: He was despised and rejected; a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. He took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows. He was oppressed and afflicted; He was led like a lamb to the slaughter.

SONG OF GOLGOTHA

(The Sacrificial Lamb)

Words by LLOYD LARSON based on Isaiah 53:3-7 Incorporating "Ah, Holy Jesus" Music by
LLOYD LARSON
Incorporating tunes
PASSION CHORALE
and HERZLIEBSTER JESU



^{*} Tune: PASSION CHORALE, Hans Leo Hassler, 1564-1612

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^{*} Tune: HERZLIEBSTER JESU, Johann Crüger, 1598-1662 Words: Johann Heermann, 1585-1647; tr. Robert Bridges, 1844-1930





(music begins)

- **Narrator 1:** Jesus was led away. Roman soldiers put a purple robe on Him and then twisted together a crown of thorns which they placed upon His head. In mockery they called out to Him, "Hail, King of the Jews!"
- Narrator 2: They struck Jesus on the head with a staff, spat upon Him, and continued to mock Him by falling on their knees in fake homage to the holy Lamb of God.
- Narrator 1: Then they put His own clothes back on Him and led Jesus out to the place called Golgotha (which means The Place of the Skull). There He was crucified.
- Narrator 2: Those who passed by hurled insults at Jesus. Even those crucified with Him heaped insults on Him.
- **Narrator 1:** After several agonizing hours on the cross, with a loud cry, Jesus breathed His last. The Roman centurion, who stood there in front of Jesus, heard His cry, and saw how He died. In awe and wonder he said, "Surely this man was the Son of God!"

BEHOLD THE LAMB!

Words by

LLOYD LARSON

based on John 1:29

Incorporating

"What Wondrous Love Is This"

Music by
LLOYD LARSON
Incorporating tunes
NEAR THE CROSS
and WONDROUS LOVE



* Tune: NEAR THE CROSS, W. Howard Doane, 1832-1915

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^{*} Tune: WONDROUS LOVE, American Folk Melody Words: William Walker's Southern Harmony, 1835











Programming option 2: If you wish to conclude with the crucifixion (perhaps as part of a Palm-Passion or Maundy Thursday or Good Friday service), you may end following "Behold the Lamb!" The final song, "Resurrection Canticle," may be presented as either conclusion to this work or sung on Easter Sunday as a grand culmination to the story of Christ's death and resurrection.

- **Narrator 2:** Very early on the first day of the week following the Sabbath, just after sunrise, the women were on their way to the tomb. They asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?"
- Narrator 1: But as they looked up, they saw that the large stone had already been rolled away. They entered the tomb, and there they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side. They were very alarmed.
- Narrator 2: But he said to them, "Do not be afraid! You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He is not here. He has risen! See the place where they laid Him. Now go and tell His disciples! Jesus is risen!"
- **Narrator 1:** Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, worthy is the Lamb!
- **Narrator 2:** He is worthy to receive power and wealth, wisdom and strength. He is worthy to receive honor and glory and praise!
- Narrator 1: Worthy is the living Lamb of God!

 (music begins)

RESURRECTION CANTICLE

Words by LLOYD LARSON

Based on Revelation 5:12
Incorporating

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

Music by
LLOYD LARSON
Incorporating tune
DIADEMATA



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* Tune: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey, 1816-1893 Words: Matthew Bridges, 1800-1894





^{*} Part for Congregation is on page 46.

^{**} Words: Godfrey Thring, 1823-1903





RESURRECTION CANTICLE

Words: GODFREY THRING (1823-1903)

Tune: **DIADEMATA GEORGE J. ELVEY** (1816-1893)

Arranged by

LLOYD LARSON



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