# The Story of Christ's Passion

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#### Preservice Music

#### **Opening Solo: My Song is Love**

My song is love unknown,
My Savior's love to me,
Love to the loveless shown
That they might lovely be.
Oh, who am I
That for my sake
My Lord should take
Frail flesh and die?

He came from His blest throne
Salvation to bestow;
But men made strange, and none
The longed-for Christ would know.
But, oh, my friend,
My friend indeed,
Who at my need
His life did spend!

#### I. THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Feast of Unleavened Bread, also called the Passover, drew near. Jesus sent Peter and John into the city, saying,

Micah: "Go and prepare the Passover, that we may eat it. When you have entered the city, watch for a man bearing a pitcher of water. When he meets you, follow him into the house where he enters. You shall say to the man who lives there, 'The Master says to you, "My time is at hand; I will keep the Passover at your house. Where is room for me to eat the Passover with my disciples?" He will show you a large upper room, furnished and prepared."

The disciples did as Jesus had directed them. They came into the city and found it as he had told them.

When the hour came, Jesus sat down with the disciples. As they were eating, he said,

Naomi: "I have longed to eat this Passover with you before I suffer, for I say to you I shall not eat of it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God."

As they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying,

Micah: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me." In the same way also he took the cup after supper, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the New Testament in my blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

There was a disagreement among them as to which of them should be accounted the greatest. He said to them,

Naomi: "The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and they that exercise authority over them are called 'benefactors.' It shall not be so among you. He who is greatest among you, let him be as the younger; and he that is chief, as he that serves. For who is greater, he that sits at the table or he that serves? Is it not he that sits at the table? But I am among you as a servant."

#### Congregation sings: 617 O Lord, We Praise Thee, vs. 1, 2



Jesus bore witness and said,

Rachel: "Truly, truly, I say to you that one of you will betray me."

The disciples looked at one another dumbfounded. One of his disciples, whom Jesus loved, was leaning on Jesus' bosom. Simon Peter said to him,

Kristiana: "Ask who it is of whom he is speaking."

That disciple who was reclining on Jesus' chest said to him,

Robert: "Lord, who is it?"

Jesus then answered,

Rachel: "It is the one to whom I shall give the piece of bread after I have dipped it." He dipped the piece of bread he had in his hand and gave it to Judas, son of Simon Iscariot. After the piece of bread had been dipped, Satan entered into that one. Jesus said to him,

Rachel: "What you are doing, do quickly."

No one at the table knew what the purpose was of what Jesus had said to him. Because Judas kept the money bag, some thought Jesus had told him to buy what was needed for the feast or to give something to the poor. When that man had received the piece of bread, he went out immediately, and it was night.

#### Children sing 434 Lamb of God, Pure and Holy

Lamb of God, pure and holy,
 Who on the cross didst suffer,
 Ever patient and lowly,
 Thyself to scorn didst offer.
 All sins Thou borest for us,
 Else had despair reigned o'er us:
 Have mercy on us, O Jesus! O Jesus!

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 Who on the cross didst suffer,
 Ever patient and lowly,
 Thyself to scorn didst offer.
 All sins Thou borest for us,
 Else had despair reigned o'er us:
 Have mercy on us, O Jesus! O Jesus!

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Who on the cross didst suffer,
Ever patient and lowly,
Thyself to scorn didst offer.
All sins Thou borest for us,
Else had despair reigned o'er us:
Thy peace be with us, O Jesus! O Jesus!

#### II. GETHSEMANE

When they had sung a hymn, Jesus went out, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives, with the disciples. Then Jesus said to them,

Jacob: "You will all be offended because of me this night. For it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.' But after I am risen again, I will go before you into Galilee."

Peter answered and said to him,

Kristiana: "Even if all the others deny you, I will never deny you."

Jesus said to him,

Jacob: "Truly, I say to you that this night, before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times."

But Peter said more vehemently,

Kristiana: "If I have to die with you, I will never deny you."

And all the others said likewise.

They went over the brook Kidron and came to a place which was called Gethsemane. There was a garden there, and he went into it with his disciples. He said to the disciples,

Jacob: "Sit down here, while I go on ahead and pray. Pray that you do not enter into temptation."

He took with him Peter, James and John and began to be full of sorrow and turmoil. Then he said to them,

Jacob: "My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death. Wait here, and watch with me."

He went on a little from them, fell on his face, and prayed,

Jacob: "Abba, Father, all things are possible to you. Take this cup from me; nevertheless, not what I will, but what you will."

His sweat fell on the ground like great drops of blood.

When he got up from prayer, he came to his disciples and found them sleeping. He said to Peter,

Jacob: "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not watch with me one hour? Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

He went away again the second time and prayed,

Jacob: "O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, your will be done."

When he returned, he found them asleep again; for their eyes were heavy, and they did not know what to answer him. He left them, and went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words.

#### Families sing: Over Kedron Jesus Treadeth vs. 1, 3, 4, 8

- Over Kedron Jesus treadeth
   To His passion for us all;

   Ev'ry human eye be weeping,
   Tears of bitter grief let fall!

   Round His spirit flock the foes,
   Place their shafts and bend their bows,
   Aiming at the Savior solely,
   While the world forsakes Him wholly.
- 3. Enter now the restful garden
  As a peaceful quiet space,
  Sorrow soon begins to darken,
  Follow Thee in ev'ry place!
  Come now, Adam, come and see
  Enter blest Gethsemane!
  See the Lord of heaven shaking
  Hellish anguish for us taking.
- 4. See how, anguish-struck, He falleth Prostrate, and with struggling breath, Three times on His God he calleth, Praying that the bitter death And the cup of doom may go, Still He cries in all His woe:

  "Not my will, but Thine, O Father!"
  And the angels 'round Him gather.
- 8. Daily I am gladly yearning
  E'er to go to Kedron's stream
  And from earthly pleasure turning
  In a penitential theme!
  Daily in Gethsemane
  With my spirit I shall see
  Jesus' bleeding and His sighing
  For my soul is all His dying.



When Jesus returned to his disciples the final time, he said to them,

Solveig: "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? It is enough; the hour is come; behold, the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners."

Even while he was saying this, Judas, one of the Twelve, came with a detachment and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees. They came to the place with lanterns and torches and weapons. Judas had given them a sign, saying,

Edith: "The one whom I shall kiss, that is he."

He went straight up to Jesus and said,

Edith: "Hail, Master,"

and kissed him. Jesus said to him,

Solveig: "Judas, do you betray the Son of Man with a kiss?"

They arrested Jesus. When those who were with Jesus saw what was happening, they said to him,

Rachel: "Lord, shall we strike with the sword?"

Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant and cut off his right ear.

Jesus answered.

Solveig: "No more of that."

He touched his ear and healed him. Then Jesus said to Peter,

Solveig: "Put your sword into its sheath. All they that take the sword shall perish with the sword. Do you imagine that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he will send me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then shall the Scriptures be fulfilled that it must be so? The cup which my Father has given me, shall I not drink of it?"

Then all the disciples forsook him and fled.

#### Families sing: Day of Wrath

- Day of wrath, O day of mourning!
   See fulfilled the prophet's warning:
   Heaven and earth in ashes burning.
   Wondrous sound the trumpet flingeth,
   Through earth's sepulchers it ringeth,
   All before the throne it bringeth.
   O what fear man's bosom rendeth
   When from heav'n the Judge descendeth
   On whose sentence all dependeth.
- Death is struck and nature quaking;
   All creation is awaking,
   To its judge an answer making.
   Lo, the book, exactly worded,
   Wherein all hath been recorded;
   Thence shall judgment be awarded.
   When the Judge His seat attaineth,
   And each hidden deed arraigneth,
   Nothing unavenged remaineth.

#### III. THE PALACE OF THE HIGH PRIEST

Those who had arrested Jesus brought him to the high priest's house. The scribes and elders were assembled there. Peter followed him afar off, and so did another disciple. That disciple was known to the high priest and went in with Jesus into the palace of the high priest. Peter stood warming himself at the fire they had kindled in the middle of the courtyard.

The chief priests and the whole council were seeking evidence that might make the case for a death sentence, but they could not find any. Many bore false witness against him, but their statements did not agree. Two stepped forward and said,

Micah: "We heard him say, 'I shall destroy this temple made with hands and after three days I shall build another, not made with hands."

But even on this point their evidence did not agree.

Then the High Priest stood up and put this question to Jesus,

Micah: "Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?"

Jesus said,

Naomi: "I am. You will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of God's power and coming with the clouds of heaven."

The High Priest tore his garments and said,

Micah: "Do we still need any witnesses? You have heard this blasphemy. What is your opinion?"

They all agreed that he was deserving of death.

Then some of them began to spit on him; they blindfolded him, struck him, and said to him,

Micah: "Prophesy to us, O Christ, who is it that struck you?"

The guards beat him as they took him away.

Meanwhile Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. One of the maidservants of the High Priest came and saw Peter warming himself. She looked at him closely as he sat in the light of the fire, and said,

Edith: "You also were along with the man from Nazareth, that Jesus."

Peter denied it and said,

Rachel: "I do not know what you mean."

He went out to the forecourt. Another saw him there and said to those who were standing around,

Edith: "This man was with Jesus of Nazareth."

Peter denied it again with an oath,

Rachel: "I do not know the man."

A little later those standing around said to Peter,

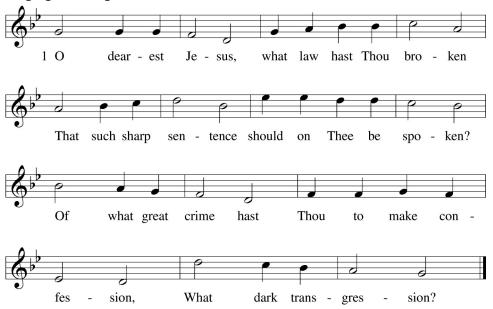
Edith: "Surely you are one of them. You are a Galilean. Your accent gives you away." Peter started calling down curses on himself and swore,

Rachel: "I do not know the man."

Immediately, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed a second time, and the Lord turned and looked on Peter. Peter remembered what Jesus had said to him. He broke down, went out, and wept bitterly.

As soon as it was morning the chief priests with the elders and the scribes agreed to turn him over to Pilate.

#### Congregation sings: O Dearest Jesus vs. 1



## IV. THE PRAETORIUM

It as early when they brought Jesus to Pilate. Pilate went out to them, and said,

Naomi: "What charge do you bring against this man?"

They said,

Solveig: "If he were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you." Then Pilate said to them,

Naomi: "Take him, then, and judge him according to your law."

The Jews said to him,

Solveig: "It is not lawful for us to put any man to death."

The charges they brought against him were: "We found this fellow perverting the nation, and forbidding us to pay taxes to Caesar, and saying that he himself is Christ, a king."

Then Pilate entered into the judgment hall and said to Jesus,

Naomi: "Are you the King of the Jews?"

Jesus answered him,

Edith: "My kingdom is not of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, then my

servants would have fought that I should not be given over to the Jews; but now my kingdom is not of this world."

Pilate therefore said to him,

Naomi: "Are you a king then?"

Jesus answered,

Edith: "You say rightly that I am a king. I was born and I came into the world that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone that is of the truth hears my voice."

Pilate said to him,

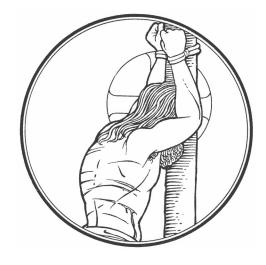
Naomi: "What is truth?"

After he had said this, he went out again to the Jews and said to them,

Naomi: "I find no fault in this man."

Pilate eventually found out that Jesus was a Galilean and therefore was under the jurisdiction of Herod. He sent him on to Herod, who was also in Jerusalem for those days.

When Herod saw Jesus, he was delighted, for he had long wished to see him because of what he had heard of him. He hoped to see him do a miracle. He questioned Jesus repeatedly, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and scribes stood there and vehemently accused him. Herod and his soldiers mocked him. They put a splendid robe on him and sent him back to Pilate. Herod and Pilate became friends with each other that same day, for before this they had been at enmity with each other.



#### Families sing: A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth

- 1. A Lamb goes uncomplaining forth, The guilt of sinners bearing And, laden with the sins of earth, None else the burden sharing; Goes patient on, grows weak and faint, To slaughter led without complaint, That spotless life to offer, He bears the stripes, the wounds, the lies, The mockery, and yet replies, "All this I gladly suffer."
- 3. "Yes, Father, yes, most willingly I'll bear what You command Me. My will conforms to Your decree, I'll do what You have asked Me." O wondrous Love, what have You done! The Father offers up His Son, Desiring our salvation. O Love, how strong You are to save! You lay the One into the grave Who built the earth's foundation.
- 2. This Lamb is Christ, the soul's great friend, 4. Lord, when your glory I shall see The Lamb of God, our Savior, Whom God the Father chose to send To gain for us His favor. "Go forth, My Son," the Father said, "And free My children from their dread Of guilt and condemnation. The wrath and stripes are hard to bear, But by Your passion they will share

The fruit of Your salvation."

And taste Your kingdom's pleasure, Your blood my royal robe shall be, My joy beyond all measure! When I appear before Your throne, Your righteousness shall be my crown; With these I need not hide me. And there, in garments richly wrought, As Your own bride shall we be brought To stand in joy beside You.

At the Passover feast it was the governor's custom to release to the crowd any one prisoner whom they asked for. They had a notorious prisoner named Barabbas. Pilate knew that it was out of envy that the chief priests handed over Jesus. Therefore he said to them,

Naomi: "Do you want me to release for you Barabbas or Jesus who is called Christ?" The chief priests and elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. They cried out all together, saying,

"Away with this man, and release for us Barabbas." Pilate said,

Naomi: "What shall I do then with Jesus who is called Christ? What shall I do with him whom you call the King of the Jews?"

They all cried out,

"Crucify him!"

Pilate said to them,

Naomi: "Why, what evil has he done?"

They cried out all the louder,

"Crucify him! Crucify him!"

Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. The band of soldiers stripped him and put a purple robe on him. They wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand. Then they knelt before him and mocked him, saying,

"Hail, King of the Jews!"

They spat on him and took the reed and struck him on the head.

Jesus was presented before the crowd wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them,

Naomi: "Behold the man!"

When the chief priests and officers saw him, they cried,

"Crucify him! Crucify him!"

When Pilate saw that he was getting nowhere, but rather a riot was under way, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying,

Naomi: "I am innocent of the blood of this man; see to it yourselves."

Then all the people responded,

"His blood be on us and on our children."

Then Pilate released Barabbas. He had Jesus flogged and sent him away to be crucified. The soldiers mocked him, stripped him of the purple robe, put his own clothes on him, and led him out to crucify him.

#### **Duet: O Dearest Jesus (Carolyn Jennings setting)**

- They crown Thy head with thorns, they smite, they scourge Thee;
   With cruel mockings to the cross they urge Thee;
   They give Thee gall to drink, they still decry Thee;
   They crucify Thee.
- 3. Whence come these sorrows, whence this mortal anguish? It is my sins for which Thou, Lord, must languish; Yea, all the wrath, the woe, Thou dost inherit, This I do merit.
- 4. What punishment so strange is suffered yonder!
  The Shepherd dies for sheep that loved to wander;
  The Master pays the debt His servants owe Him,
  Who would not know Him.

#### V. CALVARY

It was the third hour when they crucified him. Jesus said,

Robert: "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

There were two criminals whom they also crucified—one on his right, the other on his left. Jesus was in the middle.

Over his head was put the charge against him. Pilate wrote the notice to be put on the cross. It read, JESUS OF NAZARETH, KING OF THE JEWS. This title was read by many of the Jews, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near to the city, and it was written in Hebrew, Greek, and Latin. The chief priests of the Jews then said to Pilate,

Jacob: "You should not write 'The King of the Jews,' but 'This man said, I am the King of the Jews."

Pilate answered.

Naomi: "What I have written, I have written."

#### Children sing verse 1

On His Cross has Pilate written
Splendid title: "King of Jews!"
Envy angry hearts has bitten
All who heritage misuse.
They insist on vengeance grim,
Tearing Jesus limb from limb,
Though they make Him bloody, gory,
Yet He is the King of Glory!

## Congregation sings verse 2 On my heart imprint Thine image









People stood by, watching. Those who passed by derided him. They wagged their heads and said,

Jacob: "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself. If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross."

So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying,

Micah: "He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the King of Israel, now come down from the cross that we may see and believe. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants him, for he said, 'I am the Son of God."

The soldiers also mocked him. They said,

Kristiana: "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself."

The thieves who were crucified with him also reviled him. One of the criminals who hung there with him railed at him:

Solveig: "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us."

But the other rebuked him, saying,

Edith: "Do you not fear God since you are under the same condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are getting what we deserve for what we have done; but this man has done nothing wrong."

Then he said.

Edith: "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

Jesus said to him,

Rachel: "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise."

#### Children sing: 610 Lord Jesus think on me

- Lord Jesus, think on me
   And purge away my sin;

   From worldly passions set me free
   And make me pure within.
- Lord Jesus, think on me,
   By anxious thoughts oppressed;
   Let me Your loving servant be
   And taste Your promised rest.
- 3. Lord Jesus, think on me Amid the battle's strife; In all my pain and misery, O be my health and life!
- Lord Jesus, think on me
   Nor let me go astray;
   Through darkness and perplexity
   Point out Your chosen way.

5. Lord Jesus, think on meThat, when this life is past,I may the eternal brightness seeAnd share Your joy at last.

Near to the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing near, he said to his mother,

Micah: "Woman, behold your son!"

Then he said to the disciple,

Micah: "Behold your mother!"

From that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

About the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice,

Micah: "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?"

which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of them that were standing there heard it, they said,

Kristiana: "He is calling for Elijah."

After this, Jesus knew that all things were accomplished. Fulfilling the Scripture he said,

Micah: "I thirst."

There was a jar of wine standing there. One of them ran immediately to get a sponge. He filled it with wine, put it on a reed, held it up to his mouth, and gave it to him to drink. Others said,

Kristiana: "Wait and see if Elijah will come and save him."

When Jesus had received the wine, he cried with a loud voice,

Micah: "It is finished!"

Then he said,

Micah: "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit."

Having said this, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook and the rocks split. The tombs broke open and the bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life. After Jesus' resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many people. When the centurion who stood facing him saw

#### how he died, he said,

Kristiana: "Truly, this man was the Son of God."

# Congregation sings: Christ, the Life of All the Living



- 5. Thou hast suffered men to bruise Thee,
   That from pain I might be free;
  Falsely did Thy foes accuse Thee:
   Thence I gain security;
  Comfortless Thy soul did languish
  Me to comfort in my anguish.
   Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
   Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.
- 6. Thou hast suffered great affliction And hast borne it patiently, Even death by crucifixion, Fully to atone for me; Thou didst choose to be tormented That my doom should be prevented. Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.
- 7. Then, for all that wrought my pardon,
  For Thy sorrows deep and sore,
  For Thine anguish in the Garden,
  I will thank Thee evermore,
  Thank Thee for Thy groaning, sighing,
  For Thy bleeding and Thy dying,
  For that last triumphant cry,
  And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.

# **Families Participating**

Pr. Herbert & Kristen Mueller (St. Peter, Westgate & Grace, Fayette)

Naomi (15)

Micah (13)

Rachel (7)

Pr. Andrew & Leah Preus (Trinity, Guttenberg & St. Paul, McGregor)

Jacob (10)

Solveig (8)

Kristiana (6)

Robert (4)

Marian (2)

Baby Preus (0)

Pr. Michael & Jana Holmen (Peace, Oelwein & Our Redeemer, Independence) Edith (8)

Thank you to Kathy Hoeck, for leading us with the organ.

# Thank you for coming! He has attained the victory over the devil by his holy, precious blood, and by his innocent suffering and death. "Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, dearest Jesus unto Thee!"