

PART ONE

Prologue

#1 CHORUS Lord, our ruler, whose glory is honored in all the lands

The Betrayal and Arrest in the Garden

#2 RECIT Jesus went forth with his disciples over the brook Cedron, where was a garden, into the which he entered, and his disciples. And Judas also, who betrayed him, knew the place: for Jesus often rested there with his disciples. Judas then, having received a band of men and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees, came there with lanterns and torches and weapons. Jesus, knowing all things that should come upon him, went forth, and said unto them, Whom seek ye?

#3 CHORUS They answered him, Jesus of Nazareth.

#4 RECIT Jesus saith unto them, I am he. And Judas also, which betrayed him, stood with them. As soon then as he had said unto them, I am he, they went backward, and fell to the ground. Then asked he them again, Whom seek ye?

#5 CHORUS And they said, Jesus of Nazareth.

#6 RECIT Jesus answered, I have told you that I am he: if therefore ye seek me, let these go their way.

#7 CHORAL Oh great love

#8 RECIT That the saying might be fulfilled, which he spake, Of them which thou gavest me have I lost none. Then Simon Peter having a sword drew it, and smote the high priest's servant, and cut off his right ear. The servant's name was Malchus. Then said Jesus unto Peter, Put up thy sword into the sheath: the cup which my Father hath given me, shall I not drink it?

#9 CHORAL Thy will be done, Lord God

#10 RECIT Then the band and the captain and officers of the Jews took Jesus, and bound him, And led him away to Annas first; for he was father in law to Caiaphas, which was the high priest that same year. Now Caiaphas was he, which gave counsel to the Jews, that it was expedient that one man should die for the people.

#11 ARIA From the ropes of my sings

#12 RECIT And Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did another disciple:

#13 ARIA I will follow thee presently

#14 RECIT That disciple was known unto the high priest, and went in with Jesus into the palace of the high priest. But Peter stood at the door without. Then went out that other disciple, which was known unto the high priest, and spake unto her that kept the door, and brought in Peter. Then saith the damsel that kept the door unto Peter, Art not thou also one of this man's disciples? He saith, I am not. And the servants and officers stood there, who had made a fire of coals; for it was cold: and they warmed themselves: and Peter stood with them, and warmed himself. The high priest then asked Jesus

of his disciples, and of his doctrine. Jesus answered him, I spake openly to the world; I ever taught in the synagogue, and in the temple, whither the Jews always resort; and in secret have I said nothing. Why askest thou me? ask them which heard me, what I have said unto them: behold, they know what I said. And when he had thus spoken, one of the officers which stood by struck Jesus with the palm of his hand, saying, Answerest thou the high priest so? Jesus answered him, If I have spoken evil, bear witness of the evil: but if well, why smitest thou me?

#15 CHORAL Who has beaten thee so?

#16 RECIT Now Annas had sent him bound unto Caiaphas the high priest. And Simon Peter stood and warmed himself. They said therefore unto him,

#17 CHORUS Art not thou also one of his disciples?

#18 RECIT He denied it, and said, I am not. One of the servants of the high priest, being his kinsman whose ear Peter cut off, saith, Did not I see thee in the garden with him? Peter then denied again: and immediately the cock crew.

#19 ARIA Ah, my mind, where are you taking me?

#20 CHORAL Peter failed to remember

Intermission

PART TWO

Prologue

#21 CHORAL Christ, who has blessed us

The Interrogation by Pilate and Scourging

#22 RECIT Then led they Jesus from Caiaphas unto the hall of judgment: and it was early; and they themselves went not into the judgment hall, lest they should be defiled; but that they might eat the passover. Pilate then went out unto them, and said, What accusation bring ye against this man?

#23 CHORUS They answered and said unto him, If he were not a malefactor, we would not have delivered him up unto thee.

#24 RECIT Then said Pilate unto them, Take ye him, and judge him according to your law. The Jews therefore said unto him, It is not lawful for us to put any man to death:

#25 CHORUS We are not allowed to kill anyone

#26 RECIT That the saying of Jesus might be fulfilled, which he spake, signifying what death he should die. Then Pilate entered into the judgment hall again, and called Jesus, and said unto him, Art thou the King of the Jews? Jesus answered him, Sayest thou this thing of thyself, or did others tell it thee of me? Pilate answered, Am I a Jew? Thine own nation and the chief priests have delivered thee

unto me: what hast thou done? Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence.

#27 CHORAL Ah, great king

#28 RECIT Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice. Pilate saith unto him, What is truth? And when he had said this, he went out again unto the Jews, and saith unto them, I find in him no fault at all. But ye have a custom, that I should release unto you one at the passover: will ye therefore that I release unto you the King of the Jews?

#29 CHORUS Then cried they all again, saying, Not this man, but Barabbas.

#30 RECIT Now Barabbas was a murderer. Then Pilate therefore took Jesus, and scourged him.

#31 ARIA Reflect, oh my soul

#32 ARIA Consider how his blood-spattered back

The Condemnation of Jesus

#33 RECIT And the soldiers platted a crown of thorns, and put it on his head, and they put on him a purple robe, And said,

#34 CHORUS Hail, King of the Jews!

#35 RECIT And they smote him with their hands. Pilate therefore went forth again, and saith unto them, Behold, I bring him forth to you, that ye may know that I find no fault in him. Then came Jesus forth, wearing the crown of thorns, and the purple robe. And Pilate saith unto them, Behold the man! When the chief priests therefore and officers saw him, they cried out, saying,

#36 CHORUS Crucify him, crucify him.

#37 RECIT Pilate saith unto them, Take ye him, and crucify him: for I find no fault in him.

#38 CHORUS The Jews answered him, We have a law, and by our law he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of God.

#39 RECIT When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he was the more afraid; And went again into the judgment hall, and saith unto Jesus, Whence art thou? But Jesus gave him no answer. Then saith Pilate unto him, Speakest thou not unto me? knowest thou not that I have power to crucify thee, and have power to release thee? Jesus answered, Thou couldest have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above: therefore he that delivered me unto thee hath the greater sin. And from thenceforth Pilate sought to release him:

#40 CHORAL By your imprisonment, Son of God

#41 RECIT But the Jews cried out, saying,

#42 CHORUS If thou let this man go, thou art not Caesar's friend: whosoever maketh himself a king speaketh against Caesar.

#43 RECIT When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he brought Jesus forth, and sat down in the judgment seat in a place that is called the Pavement, but in the Hebrew, Gabbatha. And it was the preparation of the passover, and about the sixth hour: and he saith unto the Jews, Behold your King!

#44 CHORUS But they cried out, Away with him, away with him, crucify him.

#45 RECIT Pilate saith unto them, Shall I crucify your King?

#46 CHORUS The chief priests answered, We have no king but Caesar. Then delivered he him therefore unto them to be crucified.

#47 RECIT And they took Jesus, and led him away. And he bearing his cross went forth into a place called the place of a skull, which is called in the Hebrew Golgotha:

#48 ARIA Hurry, hurry all you troubled souls

The Crucifixion and Death of Jesus

#49 RECIT Where they crucified him, and two others with him, on either side one, and Jesus in the midst. And Pilate wrote a title, and put it on the cross. And the writing was, JESUS OF NAZARETH THE KING OF THE JEWS. This title then read many of the Jews: for the place where Jesus was crucified was nigh to the city: and it was written in Hebrew, and Greek, and Latin. Then said the chief priests of the Jews to Pilate,

#50 CHORUS Write not, The King of the Jews; but that he said, I am King of the Jews.

#51 RECIT Pilate answered, What I have written I have written.

#52 CHORAL In the depths of my heart

#53 RECIT Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took his garments, and made four parts, to every soldier a part; and also his coat: now the coat was without seam, woven from the top throughout.

#54 CHORUS They said therefore among themselves, Let us not rend it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be:

#55 RECIT That the scripture might be fulfilled, which saith, They parted my raiment among them, and for my vesture they did cast lots. These things therefore the soldiers did. Now there stood by the cross of Jesus his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son! Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy mother!

#56 CHORAL He considered everything in his last hours

#57 RECIT And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home. After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, saith, I thirst.

Now there was set a vessel full of vinegar: and they filled a sponge with vinegar, and put it upon hyssop, and put it to his mouth. When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished.

#58 ARIA It is finished

#59 RECIT And he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.

#60 ARIA My dearest savior, ask yourself if the cross has been fulfilled

The Veil of the Temple

#61 RECIT Behold, the temple's curtain has split in two, the earth quakes and graves open up and many of the saints rise up.

#62 ARIOSO My heart, the whole world suffers with Jesus

#63 ARIA Dissolve, my heart, into rivers of tears

The Burial of Jesus

#64 RECIT The Jews therefore, because it was the preparation, that the bodies should not remain upon the cross on the sabbath day, (for that sabbath day was a high day,) besought Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away. Then came the soldiers, and brake the legs of the first, and of the other which was crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus, and saw that he was dead already, they brake not his legs: But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water. And he that saw it bare record, and his record is true: and he knoweth that he saith true, that ye might believe. For these things were done, that the scripture should be fulfilled, A bone of him shall not be broken. And again another scripture saith, They shall look on him whom they pierced.

#65 CHORAL Help us, Christ Son of God, by thy bitter suffering

#66 RECIT And after this Joseph of Arimathaea, being a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, besought Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus: and Pilate gave him leave. He came therefore, and took the body of Jesus. And there came also Nicodemus, which at the first came to Jesus by night, and brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pound weight. Then took they the body of Jesus, and wound it in linen clothes with the spices, as the manner of the Jews is to bury. Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden; and in the garden a new sepulcher, wherein was never man yet laid. There laid they Jesus therefore because of the Jews' preparation day; for the sepulcher was nigh at hand.

Epilogue

#67 CHORUS Rest well, sacred bones for which I no longer weep, rest well and allow me rest, too. The grave, to which we are head, no longer holds any care for me, for it opens heaven and closes hell.

#68 CHORAL Oh Lord, let thy dearest angel carry me to Abraham's bosom. I will praise you for all eternity.