

# THE PASSION ACCORDING TO ST. JOHN

CHORAL MOTET FOR SATB CHOIR, SOLOISTS (STTB), AND optional ASSEMBLY

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ST. JOHN 18-20, *alt.*

## PART THE FIRST : JESUS' CAPTURE IN GESTHEMENE

Simply  $\text{♩} = \text{c. } 56$

SOLOIST

PROLOGUE : What Wondrous Love is This?  
*mp* \*may be omitted : cut to measure 20

SOPRANO  
ALTO

TENOR  
BASS

ASSEMBLY

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S.  
A.

T.  
B.

oh my soul; — what won-drous Love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to

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S.  
A.

T.  
B.

bear the dread ful curse for my soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?

## Chanted, in textual rhythm

20 NARRATOR (tenor)

The Gos - pel of our Lord, Je - sus\_\_\_ Christ, ac - cor - ding to John:

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Je - sus\_\_\_ went out with his dis - ci - ples ac - ross the Kin - dron valley, to where there was a gar - den

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in - to which he and his dis - ci - ples entered. Now Ju - das, his\_\_\_ be - tray - er, al - so knew the place;

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because Je - - sus\_\_\_ had of - ten met there with his dis - ci - ples.

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So, Ju - das got\_\_\_ a band of sol - diers and guards

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from the Chief\_\_\_ Priests and Pha - ri - sees, and went there with lanterns and torches and wea - pons.

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Je - sus\_\_\_ know ing all that was go - ing to hap - pen to him, went out\_ and\_ said\_ to them,

32 JESUS (bass)

NARRATOR

Whom do you seek? and they answered him,

S.  
A.

CHOIR

Je - sus the Na - zo - re - an.

T.  
B.

35 NARRATOR

JESUS

He said to them, I AM,

37 NARRATOR

and Ju - das al - so, his be - tray - er, was with them. When He said to them, "I AM,"

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JESUS

they turned a - way and fell to the ground. So, he asked them a - gain, Whom do you seek?

42 NARRATOR

and they said, Je - sus answered,

S.  
A.

CHOIR

Je - sus the Na - zo - re - an.

T.  
B.

45 JESUS



I told you that I AM, So if you are look-ing for me, let these men go.

47 NARRATOR



This was to ful - fil what He had said,

48 NARRATOR



JESUS

I have not lost an - y of those you gave me. Then Si-mon Peter, who had a sword, drew\_ it

NARRATOR CONT.



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and struck the High\_ Priest's slave, and cut off his right\_ ear. The slave's\_ name was Mal-chus.

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JESUS



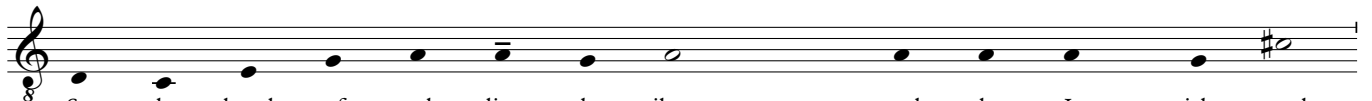
Je - sus\_ said to Peter, Put up your sword in - to its scabbard;

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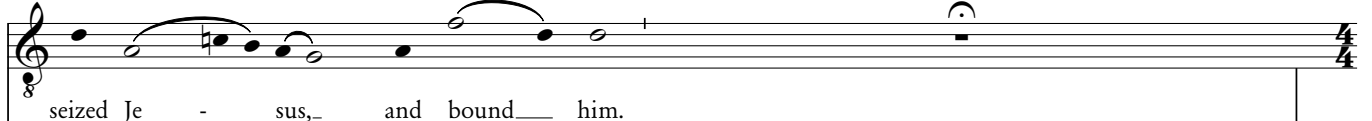
Shall\_ I not drink the cup the Fa - ther\_ gave me?

56 NARRATOR



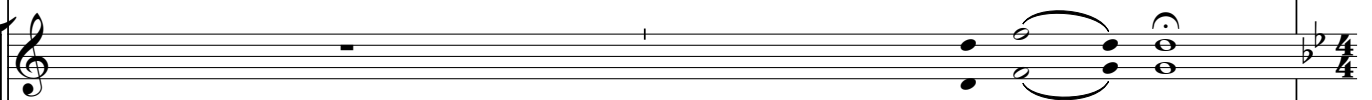
So the band of sol - diers, the tribune, and the Jew - ish guards

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seized Je - sus, and bound\_ him.

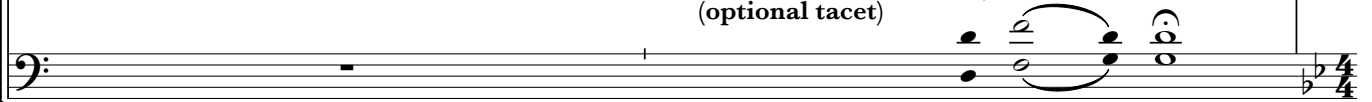
S.  
A.



CHOIR  
(optional tacet)

They bound\_ him.

T.  
B.



## PART THE SECOND : PETER'S DENIAL

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Solemn ♩ = c. 92

MEDITATION I : Ah, Holy Jesus

*\*may be omitted : cut to measure 74*

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S. A. Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed,

T. B.

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S. A. that man to judge thee \_\_\_\_\_ hath in hate pre - tend - ed?

T. B. that man to judge thee \_\_\_\_\_ hath in hate pre - tend - ed?

67

S. A. By foes de - rid - ed, by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.

T. B. By foes de - rid - ed, by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.

## 74 NARRATOR

8 They brought him to An - nas first; he \_\_\_\_\_ was fa - ther - in - law of Cai - a - phas;

76 who was High \_\_\_\_\_ Priest \_\_\_\_\_ that year, It was Cai - a - phas who had coun-selled the Jews,

78 that \_\_\_\_\_ it was bet - ter that one man should die ra - ther than the peo - ple.

80 Si-mon Peter with an-o-ther dis-ci - ple fol-lowed Je - sus. Now the o-ther dis-ci - ple was known to the High \_\_\_\_\_ Priest,

## 82 (NARR)

and he en-tered the court-yard of the High Priest with Je - sus, but Pe-ter stood at the gate out- side.

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Then that o-ther dis - ci - ple, the acquaintance of the High Priest went out and spoke to the gate - keep-er,

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and brought Pe - ter in, then the maid who was the gate - keep - er said to Peter,

## 89 MAID (soprano)

You are not one of this man's dis - ci - ples, are you? and he said,

## NARRATOR

## 91 SIMON PETER (tenor II)

I am not! Now the slaves and the guards were

## NARRATOR

93

stand-ing a-round a char-coal fire that they had made, because it was cold; and were warm - ing themselves.

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Pe - ter was stand-ing there, keep - ing warm.

S.  
A.CHOIR  
(optional tacet)T.  
B.

Keep - ing warm.

Keep - ing warm.

## 100 NARRATOR

The High Priest ques - tioned Je - sus a-bout his dis - ci - ples and a-bout his doc-trine;

102

Je - sus an - swered him, I have spo - ken pub - lic - ly to the world,

104

I have al-ways taught in a Syn - a-gogue or in the Tem-ple area where the Jews ga - ther,

162 **PILATE (tenor II)** **NARRATOR**

What charge do you bring a-against this man? They\_ an swered him,\_

**CHOIR** If he were not a cri-mi-nal,

S. A. T. B.

165

At this, Pi - late said\_ to them.

we would not have hand-ed him ov - er to you.

S. A. T. B.

167 **PILATE** **NARRATOR**

Take him your-selves, and judge him ac - cord - ing to your law. At this, the Jews re - plied,

S. A. T. B.

169 **NARRATOR**

In or - der\_ that the word

**CHOIR**

We do not have the right to ex - e - cute a - ny one!

S. A. T. B.

Deliberately ♩ = c. 72

## MEDITATION III : O Sacred Head Sore Wounded

*\*may be omitted : cut to measure 231*

S. A.

O sa - cred head, sore wound - ed, de - filed and put to scorn;

T. B.

216

S. A.

O king - ly head, sur - round - ed with mock - ing crown of thorn:

T. B.

221

S. A.

what sor - row mars thy gran - deur? Can death thy bloom de - flow'r?

T. B.

226


S. A.

O coun - te - nance whose splen - dour the hosts of heav'n a - dore!

T. B.




## 231 NARRATOR



Then Pi - late took Je - sus\_ and had him scourged; and the sol-diers wove\_ a crown of\_\_ thorns,

233




and placed it on his head, and clothed him in a pur-ple cloak; they came to him and said,

T.  
B.

## CHOIR (men)

All Hail, King of the Jews!


## 236 NARRATOR



and they struck him re - peat - ed - ly. Pi - late once more went out, and said\_\_ to them,


## 239 PILATE

## NARRATOR



Look, I am bring-ing him out to you, so that you may know I find no guilt in him. So Je - sus\_ came out,

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wear-ing a crown of\_\_ thorns and the pur - ple cloak, and Pi - late said\_\_ to them,

## 245 PILATE

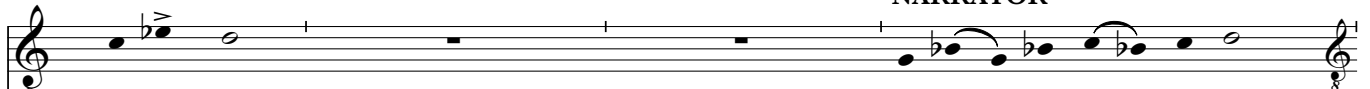
## NARRATOR



Be- hold\_\_\_\_\_ the Man! When the\_\_ Chief Priests\_\_\_\_\_ and the guards saw him,

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## NARRATOR



they cried out, **CHOIR** and Pi - late said\_\_ to them,

S.  
A.

Cru - ci - fy him, Cru - ci - fy him!

T.  
B.


## 269 (JES)



if it had not been gi-ven to you from a-bove: For this reason, the *one* who hand ed me o-ver to you has the great-er sin.

## 272 NARRATOR



Con sequent - ly, Pi - late tried to re - lease him, but the Jews cried out,

## 274 CHOIR

S. A.

T. B.

If you re - lease him, you are not a friend of Cae - sar's,

S. A.

T. B.

Ev - 'ry - one who makes him - self a King op - pos - es Cæ - sar.

## 276 NARRATOR



When Pi - late heard these words, he brought Je - sus out,

and seat-ed him on the judg - e's bench, in a place called *The Stone Pave - ment*; in He-brew, *Gab - ba - tha*,

292 **NARRATOR** **NARRATOR**

The Chief Priests answered, **CHOIR (men)** Then Pi - late hand-ed him over to be

T. B. We have no King but Cæ - sar!

295 *rit. e dim.*

cru - ci - fied. So they took Je - sus\_ and led him a - way.

**CHOIR**

S. A. Cru - ci - fy him, Cru - ci - fy him!

T. B. Cru - ci - fy him, Cru - ci - fy him!

303 *a tempo*

They led him on, car-ryng the cross him-self, to what is called *The Place of the Skull*, in He-brew, *Gol - go - tha*,

306

and there they Cru - - - - - ci - fied him,

S. A. Cru - ci - fy him, Cru - ci - fy him!

**CHOIR** Cru - ci - fy him, Cru - ci - fy him!

T. B. Cru - ci - fy him, Cru - ci - fy him!

310

and with him two oth - ers, one on ei - ther side, and Je - sus\_ in the midst.

348 (NARR)

and his mo-ther's sis-ter, Ma-ry the wife of Clo -pas. and Ma-ry Mag-da-lene. When Je - sus\_\_\_ saw his mo-ther

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and the dis - ci - ple whom he loved stand-ing there, he\_\_\_\_\_ said\_\_\_ to his mo - ther,

353 JESUS

NARRATOR

JESUS

Wo - man, be-hold your son! and to the dis - ci - ple, said, Be- hold\_\_\_ your mo-ther!

356 NARRATOR

and from that hour the dis - ci - ple took her in - to his home. Af - ter this, a - ware that\_\_\_ ev - er - y-thing

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was now fi - nished, in or - der that the Scrip-ture might be ful-filled, Je - sus\_ said,

362 JESUS

NARRATOR

I THIRST! Now, there was a ves - sel filled with com-mon wine, so they put a sponge soaked in the wine

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on a sprig of hys - sop, and put it up to his\_\_\_\_\_ mouth.

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When Je - - sus\_\_\_\_\_ had ta - ken the wine, he said,

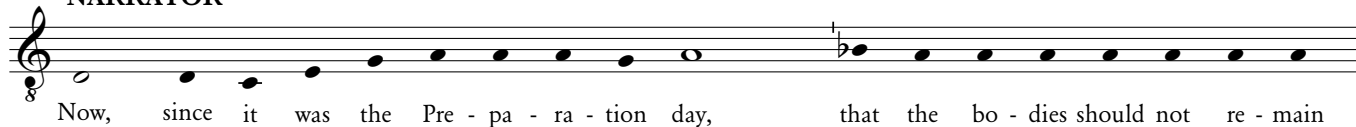
368 JESUS

NARRATOR

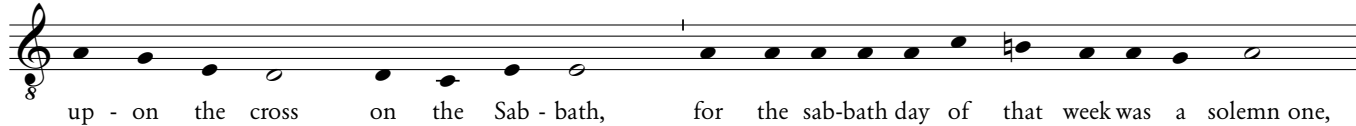
IT IS FIN - ISHED. And bowing his head, He\_\_\_ hand - ed o - ver the spirit.

## PART THE SIXTH : BURIAL RIGHTS &amp; APOTHEOSIS

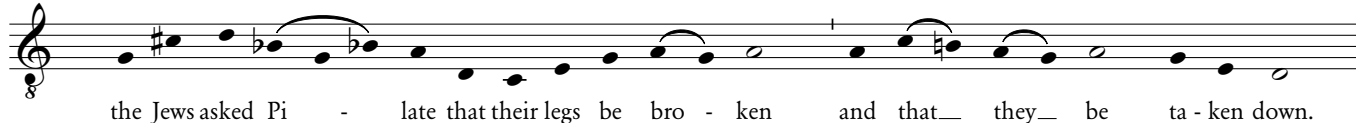
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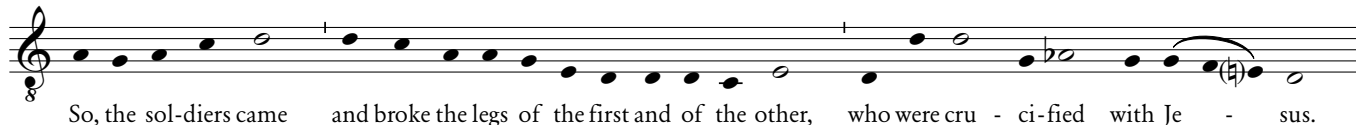
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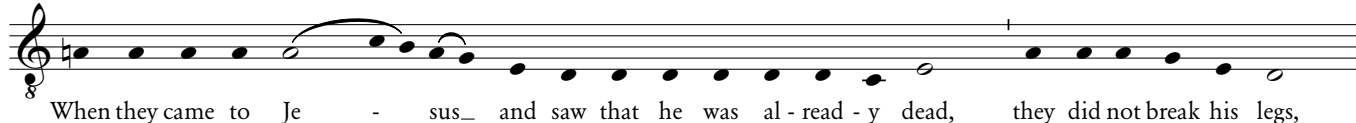
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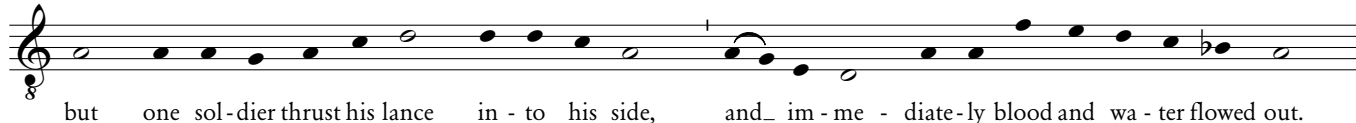
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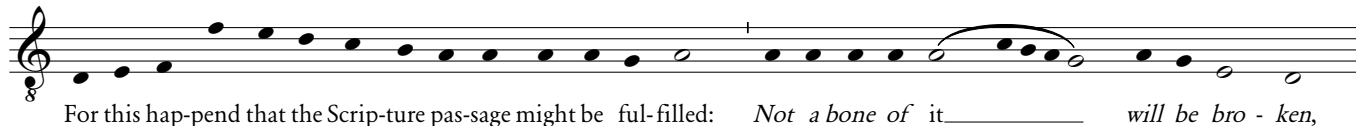
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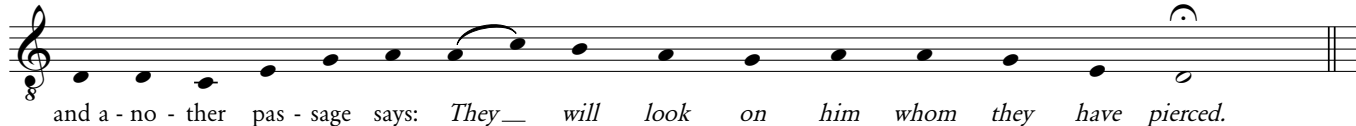
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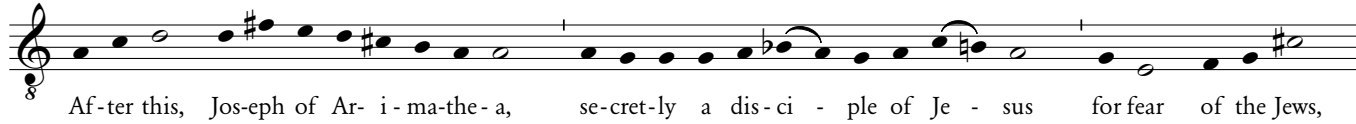
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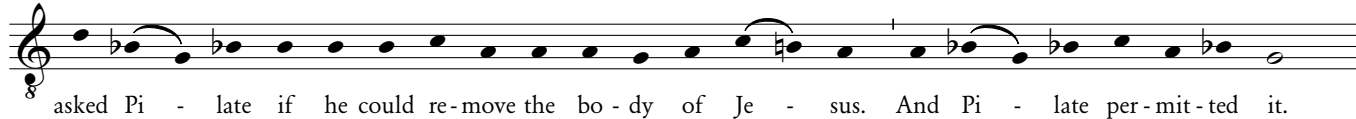
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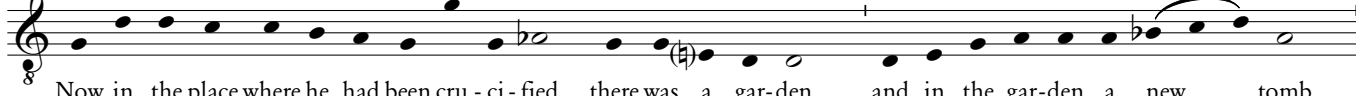


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 So he came and took his bo - dy. Ni - co - de - mus, the one who had first come to him at night,


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 al - so came bring - ing a mix - ture of myrrh and a - loes weigh - ing a - bout one hun - dred pounds.

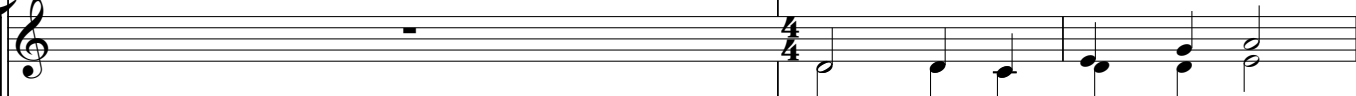
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 They took the bo - dy of Je - sus and bound it with bu - ri - al cloths

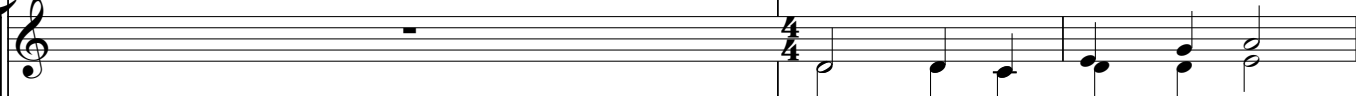
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 along with the spi - ces, ac - cor - ding to the Jew - ish bu - ri - al custom.


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 Now in the place where he had been cru - ci - fied there was a gar - den, and in the gar - den a new tomb,

402 Simply ♩ = c. 52


  
 in which no one had yet been bu - ried.

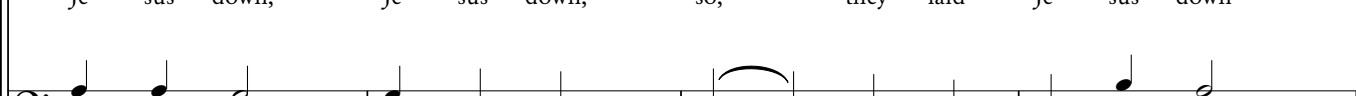
S. A. 

CHOIR  So, they laid Je - sus down,

T. B. 

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S. A.   
 Je - sus down, Je - sus down, so, they laid Je - sus down

T. B. 

409

S. A. in the tomb, — be - cause it was the Jew - ish pre - pa - ra - tion day; and

T. B.

415

S. A. for the tomb was close at — hand, close at hand, and

T. B.

**NARRATOR**

419

S. A. for the tomb was close at — hand.

T. B.

The Gos - pel of the Lord.

**CHOIR**

423 Praise to You, Lord Je - sus — Christ!

S. A. Praise to You, Lord Je - sus Christ, — Je - sus Christ!

T. B. Praise to You, — Lord Je - sus Christ!

**ASSEMBLY**

As. Praise to You, Lord Je - sus Christ! —