

Appendix IVd

Libretto

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I The Word Chorus I/II

In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him and without him not one thing came into being. In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God.

John 1

II The Washing of Feet Bass

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. And during supper, Jesus took off his outer robe and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples feet.

Chorus I

For the marriage of the Lamb has come and his bride has made herself ready. To her it has been granted to be clothed with fine linen, bright and pure. For the marriage of the Lamb has come and his bride has made herself ready.
Revelation 19

Peter said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me."

Chorus II

They washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb. These are they who have come out of the great ordeal. They washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb. These are they who have come out of the great ordeal.
Revelation 7

After he had washed all the disciples' feet and had put on his robe, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord. If I, your

Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.

Tenor

After saying this Jesus was troubled in spirit and declared, "Very truly, I tell you, one of you will betray me."

Chorus I

The disciples looked at one another, uncertain of whom he was speaking.

Bass

One of the disciples—the one whom Jesus loved—asked him, "Lord, who is it?"

Tenor

Jesus answered:

Tenor and Chorus I

"It is the one to whom I give this piece of bread when I have dipped it in the dish."

Bass

So when he had dipped the piece of bread, he gave it to Judas son of Simon Iscariot.

Chorus I

After he received the piece of bread, Satan entered into him.

Bass

And, after receiving the piece of bread, he immediately went out. And it was night. When he had gone out, Jesus said to them, "My children, I am with you only a little longer. Where I am going you cannot come."

Chorus I

I came from the Father and have come into the world; again, I am leaving the world.
John 16:28

Tenor

Simon Peter said to him, "Lord where are you going?"

Bass

Jesus answered, "Where I am going you cannot follow me now, but you will follow afterwards."

Chorus I

See, O God, I have come to do your will.
Hebrews 10:7

Tenor

"Lord, why can I not follow you? I will lay down my life for you."

Bass

"Will you lay down your life for me? Very truly.

Bass and Chorus I

I tell you, before the cock crows you will have denied me three times."

John 13

III The Commandment of Faith Bass

In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me. And you will know that I am in the Father and the Father in me and you in me and I in you. And we will come to the Father and make our home with him. Very truly I tell you."

John 14

Chorus I

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me: Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me and you in me and I in you. Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe. Do not let them be afraid."
John 14

"I am going to the Father."

John 16:10

Chorus II

The word that you have heard is not mine but is the word from the Father who sent me. My Father is in me, he is the creator of all things.

John 14

IV The Commandment of Love Tenor

I am the vine and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch that bears no fruit. Every one that bears fruit He prunes. You have already been cleansed by my word: Abide in me as I abide in you. I am the vine, you are the branches. Abide in me, as I abide in you. As the Father has loved me, so I have

loved you, abide in me, as I in you, abide in my love.
This is my commandment, that you love one another as I
have loved you.
John 15

V Hope Chorus I
After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to
heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify you
Son so that the Son may glorify you. You have given
the Son authority over all flesh. And now the Son gives
eternal life to this flesh. I have made your name known
to men and they have believed. But now I am coming to
you and I ask you to protect them from the evil one.
Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.
John 17

Bass
Righteous Father! You have given the Son authority
over all flesh. And now the Son give eternal life to this
flesh. I have made your name known to men and they
have believed. But now I am coming to you and I ask you
to protect them from the evil one.
John 17

Chorus I
In the beginning was the Word. And the Word was
with God. And the Word was God.
John 1

VI Liturgy in Heaven

Chorus I
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia...

Baritone
I looked and there in heaven a door stood open.

Chorus II
Holy, holy, holy, the Lord God Almighty!

Baritone
And I saw a throne with one seated on it looking like
jasper and carnelian.

Chorus II
Holy, holy, holy, The Lord God Almighty!
Rev 4

Chorus I
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia... Revelation 5

Baritone
And there was a rainbow around the throne that looked
like an emerald.

Chorus II
Holy, holy, holy, the Lord God Almighty!

Chorus I
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia...

Baritone
In the right hand of the one seated on the throne was a
scroll sealed with seven seals.

Chorus II
Holy, holy, holy, the Lord God Almighty!

Chorus I
Holy, holy, holy, the Lord God Almighty!

Baritone
And before the throne stands a Lamb as if it had been
slaughtered.

Soprano
You are worthy, Lamb, to take the scroll and to open its
seals.

Chorus II
Holy, holy, holy, the Lord God Almighty!

Chorus I
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia...

Soprano
For you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed
saints for God Revelation 5

Chorus II
Holy, holy, holy, the Lord God Almighty!

Baritone
And I see: the Lamb opened the first seal and there was
a white horse with a rider. A crown was given to him.

The Lamb opened the second seal and there was a red
horse with a rider. He was given a great sword. The
Lamb opened the third seal and there was a black horse
with a rider holding a pair of scales in his hand. And
then he opened the fourth seal and there was a pale
horse. Its rider's name was "Death". When he opened
the fifth seal I saw under the altar the souls of those
who had been slaughtered for the word of God. When
he opened the sixth seal, I looked and there came a great
earthquake. The sun became black as sack cloth, the
moon became like blood. The stars of the sky fell to
earth. The sky vanished like a scroll rolling itself up.
For the great day of wrath has come.
Revelation 6

When the Lamb opened the seventh seal, there was
silence in heaven. And I saw the Seven Angels and seven
trumpets were given to them. Now the seven angels
made ready to blow them. Revelation 8

I saw another angel, having the seal of the living God and
he called "Do not damage the earth or the sea, until we
have marked the servants of our God with a seal on their
forehead. For the Lamb himself will be their shepherd
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life and
God will wipe every tear from their eyes. Revelation 7

VII Betrayal, Denial, Flagellation, Condemnation

Bass
After Jesus had spoken these words, he went out with
his disciples across the Kidron valley to a place where
there was a garden. So Judas brought a detachment of
soldiers and they came there with lanterns and torches
and weapons. Then Jesus asked them: "Whom are you
looking for?" They answered: "Jesus of Nazareth."
Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them.

Chorus II
See, O God I have come to do your will.

Chorus I
See, O God I have come to do your will

Soprano
See, O God I have come to do your will

Chorus I/II and Soprano
See, O God I have come to do your will

Tenor
Then Simon Peter who had a sword, drew it, struck the high priest's slave and cut off his ear.

Chorus I/II and Soprano
See, O God I have come to do your will
Hebrews 10

Bass
Jesus said: "Put the sword back in your sheath. Am I not to drink the cup that the Father has given me?" Then they bound Jesus. First they took him to Annas, father in law of Caiaphas, the high priest. Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. That disciple went into the courtyard but Peter was standing outside the gate.

Tenor
One of the slaves of the high priest asked, "You are not also one of this man's disciples, are you?"

and Chorus I/II
He said, "I am not"

Bass
Now the servants and the soldiers had made a fire because it was cold and they were standing round it and warming themselves. Peter also was standing with them and warming himself.

Tenor
They asked him, "You are not also one of his disciples, are you?"

and Chorus I/II
He denied it and said, "I am not."

Bass
One of the servants, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, "Did I not see you in the garden with him?"

Bass and Chorus I/II
Again Peter denied it.

Tenor
And at that moment the cock crowed.

Bass
Then Annas sent Jesus to the high priest. Then he questioned Him about his disciples and about his teaching. Jesus answered, "I have spoken openly to the world, I have said nothing in secret. Ask those who heard what I said." Then they took Jesus from Caiaphas to Pilate's headquarters. So Pilate went out to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this man?"

Chorus I/II
Like a lamb he was led to the slaughter. And like a sheep that before its shearer is silent, so he did not open his mouth. Isaiah 53

Chorus I
See, O God I have come to do your will.

Chorus I
Like a lamb he was led to the slaughter.

Tenor
They answered, "If this man were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you."

Bass
Then Pilate asked Jesus, "Are you the King of the Jews?"

Chorus I/II
Like a lamb he was led to the slaughter.

Tenor
Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth.

Bass
Pilate asked him, "What is truth?" After he had said this, he went to the Jews again and told them, "I find no case against him. You have a custom that I release someone for you at each Passover. Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?"

Chorus I/II
But the Jews shouted, "Not this man, but Barrabas!"

Bass
Now Barrabas was a bandit. John 18

Tenor
For which of these good works are you going to stone me? John 10:31

Chorus I
Like a lamb he was led to the slaughter. And like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. Isaiah 53

Chorus I
See, O God, I have come to do your will.
Hebrews 10

Chorus II
It is not for a good work that we are going to stone you, but for blasphemy. John 10:33

Bass
Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. John 19

Chorus II
Because you, though only a human being, are making yourself God. John 10

Bass
And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head and dressed him in a purple robe. They kept coming up to him saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and striking him in the face.

Chorus I
See, O God I have come to do your will.

Chorus II
Like a lamb he was led to the slaughter.

Chorus II
It is not for a good work that we are going to stone you but for blasphemy. Because you are making yourself God.

Tenor
So Pilate led out Jesus wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe and said, "Here is the man."

Chorus I
See, O God, I have come to do your will.
Hebrews 10

Chorus I
Like a lamb He was led to the slaughter. And
like a sheep that before its shearers is silent.
Isaiah 53

and Chorus II
The Jews shouted "Crucify him! Crucify him!"

Bass
Pilate asked, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave him
no answer. And Pilate said to the Jews, "Here is your
King!" They cried out, "Away with him, away with him!
Crucify him!" Pilate asked them, "Shall I crucify you
King?" They answered, "We have no king but the
emperor. Then he handed him over to be crucified.
John 19

Chorus II
Like a lamb, he was led to the slaughter. Isaiah 53

Chorus I
See, O God, I have come to do your will.
Hebrews 10.

VIII The Way to Golgotha

Bass
So they took Jesus. John 19

Baritone
The first angel blew his trumpet and there came hail and
fire mixed with blood and a third of the earth was
burned up. Revelation 8

Bass
He is carrying the cross by himself. John 19

Chorus II
This man is a sinner. John 9

Chorus I
How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?

Baritone
The second angel blew his trumpet and something like a
great mountain, burning with fire, was thrown into the
sea. Revelation 8

Chorus II
He is out of his mind. He has a demon. John 10

Chorus I
If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.
John 9

Bass
He is carrying the cross by himself.

Chorus I
This is the Messiah! John 7

Chorus II
No, he is deceiving the crowd. John 7

Chorus I
If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.
John 9

Chorus II
He is out of his mind. He has a demon.

...and he went out to what is called the Place of the
Skull, John 19

Baritone
And a third of the sea became blood. Revelation 8

Bass
which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. John 19

Chorus I
This is the Messiah

Chorus II
No. He is out of his mind. He has a demon.

Chorus I
If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.

Chorus II
No, he is deceiving the crowd.

Baritone
The third angel blew his trumpet and a great star fell
from heaven and it fell on a third of the rivers and the
springs of water and they became bitter. Revelation 8
Chorus II
No prophet is to arise from Galilee. John 7

Chorus I
If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.
John 9

Chorus II
This man is not from God. John 9

Chorus I
He opened my eyes. John 9

Chorus II
He has a demon.

Chorus I
Can a demon open the eyes of the blind? John 10

Chorus II
This man is a sinner.

Chorus I
We know that God does not listen to sinners. John 9

Bass
There they crucified him. And with him two others...

Chorus I
This is the Messiah!

Chorus II
He called God his own Father, thereby making
himself equal to God. John 5

Chorus I
This is truly the Saviour of the World. John 4

Chorus II
It is better for us to have one man die for the
people than to have the whole nation destroyed.
John 11

...one on either side...

Chorus II

Has not the scripture said that the Messiah will come from Bethlehem, the place where David lived?

...with Jesus between them. John 19

Chorus II

No prophet is to arise from Galilee. John 7

Baritone

The fourth angel blew his trumpet and a third of the sun was struck and a third of the moon. Revelation 8

Chorus I

When the Messiah comes, will he do more signs than this man has done?

Bass

Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. John 19

Baritone

The fifth angel blew his trumpet, Revelation 9

Bass

"Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." John 19

Baritone

and I saw that a star had fallen from heaven...Revelation 9

Bass

The chief priests of the Jews... John 19

Baritone

...to earth. Revelation 9

Chorus II

He called God his own Father, thereby making himself equal to God.

Chorus II

He must die because he has claimed to be the Son of God.

Bass

...said to Pilate, "Do not write, "The King of the Jews," but "This man said,..."

Baritone

And he was given the key to the shaft of the bottomless pit. Revelation 9

Bass

..."I am the King of the Jews." John 19

Chorus II

He must die because he has claimed to be the Son of God.

Baritone

And he opened the shaft of the bottomless pit. Revelation 9

Bass

Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written." John 19

Chorus I

This is the Messiah!

Chorus II

He called God his own Father, thereby making himself equal to God.

Baritone

And from the shaft rose smoke like the smoke of a great furnace and the sun was darkened and the air. Revelation 9

Chorus I

He is truly the Saviour of the world. John 4

Chorus II

The prophet shall not come from Galilee.

Chorus I

For no one can do these signs, unless God is in him. John 3

Chorus II

He must die, because he has made himself out to be the Son of God.

Bass

When the soldiers had crucified Jesus.... John 19

Baritone

Then from the smoke came locusts on the earth. Revelation 9

Bass

...they took his clothes...John 19

Baritone

They had scales like iron breastplates and the noise of their wings. Revelation 9

Chorus II

Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know?

Bass

...and divided them into parts...John 19

Chorus II

When the Messiah comes, no one will know where he is from. John 7

Baritone

...was like the noise of many chariots. Revelation 9

Chorus I

If this man were not from God, he could do nothing. John 9

Bass

...one for each soldier and his tunic. John 19

Baritone

Their tails were like scorpions, Revelation 9

Bass

The tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top. John 19

Chorus II

He must die because he has claimed to be the Son of God.

Chorus I
When the Messiah comes, will he do more signs than this man had done?

Chorus II
This man is a sinner.

Baritone
...and in their tails were stingers. Revelation 9

Chorus I
This is the Messiah!

Chorus II
He has a demon.

Bass
So they said to one another. "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who gets it. John 19

Chorus II
This man is not from God, because he does not observe the Sabbath. John 10

Chorus I
How can a man who is a sinner open the eyes of the blind?

Chorus II
This man is a sinner.

Baritone
Then the sixth angel blew his trumpet

Chorus II
He must die because he has claimed to be the Son of God.

and I saw troops of cavalry numbering two hundred million,

Chorus II
This man is not from God. He does not observe the Sabbath.

...horses...

Chorus II
This man is a sinner.

...and on the horses...

Chorus II
Surely the Messiah does not come from Galilee, does he?

...were riders...

Chorus I
If this man were not from God, he could do nothing. John 9

Chorus II
He must die.

Chorus I
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world. John 1

Chorus II
This is the Messiah!

Chorus I
Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

Bass
This was to fulfill what the scripture says, "They divided my clothes among themselves, for my clothing they cast lots."

Chorus II
This is the Messiah!

Standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother."

Chorus I/II
This is the Messiah!

After this, when Jesus knew that all was finished, he said, "I am thirsty." A jar of sour wine was standing there. So the soldiers put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of

hyssop and held it to his mouth.

Chorus I/II
In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was with God and the Word was God. John 1

When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished." then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. John 19

IX A Woman Clothed with the Sun

Baritone
The seventh angel blew his trumpet and there were loud voices in heaven, saying:

Soprano
The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Messiah and he will reign forever and ever. Revelation 11

Chorus II
In the beginning was the Word,

Tenor and Chorus I/II
And a great portent appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun,

Chorus II
Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Messiah.

Soprano
The accuser of our comrades has been thrown down.

Chorus II
and the Word was with God,

Tenor and Chorus I and Chorus II
with the moon under her feet and on her head a crown of twelve stars. She was pregnant and was crying out in birth pangs. Revelation 12

Chorus II
and the Word was with God,

They have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony. Revelation 12

Chorus II
and the Word was with God,

Chorus I
Rejoice then, you heavens! Woe to those who dwell on earth and in the sea. For the devil has come down to you with great wrath. Revelation 12

Chorus II
and the Word was God. John 1

X Entombment

Bass
Since it was the day of Preparation and the Sabbath was a day of the great Passover, the Jews asked Pilate to have the legs of the crucified men broken and the bodies removed.

Soprano
A...A... A...A...

Bass
Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who had been crucified with him.

Soprano
A...A...A...A...

Bass
But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear and at once blood and water came out. John 19

Chorus II
He is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit. John 1

Bass
For these things were done, the scripture was fulfilled, that "None of his bones shall be broken."

Chorus II

He is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.

Bass
"And they will look on the one whom they have pierced."

Chorus II
He is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.

Chorus I
Whoever is from God hears the words of God. John 8

Bass
After these things, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a secret disciple of Jesus for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate to let him take away the body of Jesus. Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came. They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths. Now there was a garden in the place where Jesus was crucified and in the garden there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. They laid Jesus there. John 19

XI The Seven Bowls of Wrath

Baritone
The first angel poured his bowl on the earth and a foul and painful sore came on those who had the mark of the beast. The second angel poured his bowl into the sea and it became like blood and every living thing died. The third angel poured his bowl into the rivers and the springs of water and they became bitter. The fourth angel poured his bowl on the sun,

Chorus I/II
He will tread the wine press of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty. Revelation 19

and it was allowed to scorch people with fire. The fifth angel poured his bowl on the throne of the beast and its kingdom was plunged into darkness. The sixth angel poured his bowl on the great river Euphrates and its water was dried up. The seventh angel poured his bowl into the air and loud voices came out of the temple from the throne, saying,

Chorus I/II
"It is done." Revelation 16

Chorus I
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia....

Chorus I/II
In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was with God and the Word was God. John 1