

## THE PASSION OF OUR LORD

## [1] HYMN

Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle,  
Sing the last, the dread affray;  
O'er the Cross, the victor's trophy,  
Sound the high triumphal lay,  
How, a victim's death enduring,  
Earth's Redeemer won the day.

God, man's Maker, sorely grieving  
That the first man, Adam, fell,  
When he ate the fruit of sorrow,  
Whose reward was death and hell;  
Mark'd e'en then this Wood, the ruin  
Of the ancient wood to quell.

Thus the scheme of our salvation  
Was of old in order laid,  
That the manifold deceiver's  
Art by art might be outweighed,  
And the lure the foe put forward  
Into means of healing made.

To the Trinity be glory  
Everlasting, as is meet;  
Equal to the Father, equal  
To the Son, and Paraclete:  
Trinal Unity, whose praises  
All created things repeat.  
Amen.

## [2] FIRST GOSPEL

Evangelist                      And the first day of unleavened bread His disciples went forth, and came into the city, and they made ready the Passover. And in the evening He cometh with the twelve. And as they sat and did eat, Jesus said: Jesus. Verily I say unto you, one of you which eateth with Me shall betray Me.

Jesus                              Verily I say unto you, one of you which eateth with Me shall betray Me.

Evangelist                      And they began to be sorrowful, and to say unto Him one by one:

Chorus                              Is it I?

Evangelist                      And He answered and said unto them:

Jesus                              It is one of the twelve that dippeth with Me in the dish.

Chorus                              And as they did eat, Jesus took bread, and blessed, and brake it, and gave to them, and said: Jesus. Take, eat; this is My Body.

Chorus                              And He took the cup, and when He had given thanks, He gave it unto them; and they all drank of it.

Jesus                              This is My Blood of the new testament, which is shed for many. Verily I say unto you, I will drink no more  
of the fruit of the vine until that day that I drink it new in the Kingdom of God.

Chorus                              And when they had sung an hymn, they went out into the Mount of Olives.

## [3] HYMN

The Heavenly Word proceeding forth,  
Yet leaving not the Father's side,  
Accomplishing His work on earth,  
Had reached at length life's eventide.

By false disciple to be given  
To foemen for His life athirst,  
Himself, the very Bread of heaven,  
He gave to His disciples first.

He gave himself in either kind,  
His precious Flesh, His precious Blood;  
In Love's own fullness thus designed  
Of the whole man to be the Food.

O Saving Victim, opening wide  
The gate of heaven for men below,  
Our foes press on from every side;  
Thine aid supply, Thy strength bestow.  
Amen.

## [4] SECOND GOSPEL

Evangelist                      And they came to a place which was named Gethsemane, and He saith to His disciples:

Jesus                              Sit ye here, while I shall pray.

Evangelist                      And He taketh with Him Peter and James and John, and began to be sore amazed, and to be very heavy, and saith unto them:

Jesus My soul is exceeding sorrowful, unto death; tarry ye here and watch.

Chorus And He went forward a little, and fell on the ground, and prayed, that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from Him.

Evangelist And He said:

Jesus Abba, Father, all things are possible unto Thee; take away this cup from Me; nevertheless, not what I will, but what Thou wilt.

Evangelist And He cometh, and findeth them sleeping, and saith unto Peter:

Jesus Simon, sleepest thou? Couldst not thou watch one hour? Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation; the spirit truly is ready, but the flesh is weak.

Chorus And again He went away, and prayed, and spake the same words.

Evangelist And when He returned, He found them asleep again (for their eyes were heavy), neither wist they want to answer Him. And He cometh the third time, and saith unto them:

Jesus Sleep on now, and take your rest; it is enough, the hour is come; behold, the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise up, let us go; lo, he that betrayeth Me is at hand.

Evangelist And immediately, while He yet spake, cometh Judas, one of the twelve,

Chorus And with him a great multitude with swords and staves from the chief priests and the elders. And he that betrayed Him had given them a token, saying:

Judas Whomsoever I shall kiss that same is He: take Him and lead Him away safely.

Chorus And as soon as he was come he goeth straightway to Him, and saith:

Judas Master, Master,

Chorus And kissed Him.

And they laid their hands on Him, and took Him. And they all forsook Him, and fled.

**[5] HYMN**

Lord, when we bow before Thy Throne,  
And our confessions pour,  
Teach us to feel the sins we own,  
And hate what we deplore.

May faith each weak petition fill,  
And waft it to the skies,  
And teach our hearts 'tis goodness still  
That grants it or denies.

When we disclose our wants in prayer,  
May we our wills resign,  
And not a thought our bosoms share,  
Which is not wholly Thine.

**[6] THIRD GOSPEL**

Evangelist And they led Jesus away to the high priests; and with him were assembled all the chief priests, and the elders, and the scribes. And Peter followed Him afar off, even into the palace of the high priest; and he sat with the servants, and warmed himself at the fire. And the chief priests and all the council sought for witness against Jesus to put Him to death; and found none. And the high priest stood up in the midst, and asked Jesus, saying:

High Priest Answerest Thou nothing? What is it which these witness against Thee?

Evangelist But He held His peace and answered nothing. Again the high priest asked Him, and said unto Him:

High Priest Art Thou the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?

Evangelist And Jesus said:

Jesus I am; and ye shall see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven.

Evangelist                    Then the high priest rent his clothes, and said:

High Priest                    What need we any further witnesses? Ye have heard the blasphemy; what think ye?

Chorus                        And they all condemned Him to be guilty of death. And some began to spit on Him, and to cover his face, and to buffet it, and to say unto Him, Prophesy; and the servants did strike Him with the palms of their hands.

Evangelist                    And as Peter was beneath in the palace there cometh one of the maids of the high priest; and when she saw Peter warming himself, she looked upon him and said:

First maid                    And thou also wast with Jesus of Nazareth.

Evangelist                    But he denied, saying:

Peter                          I know not, neither understand I what thou sayest.

Evangelist                    And he went out into the porch; and the cock crew. And a maid saw him again, and began to say to them that stood by:

Second maid                   This is one of them.

Evangelist                    And he denied it again. And a little after they that stood by said again to Peter:

Servants                      Surely thou art one of them; for thou art a Galilæan; and thy speech agreeth thereto.

Evangelist                    But he began to curse and to swear, saying:

Peter                          I know not the man of whom ye speak.

Evangelist                    And the second time the cock crew. And Peter called to mind the word that Jesus said unto him. Before the cock crow twice thou shalt deny me thrice.

Chorus                        And when he thought thereon he wept.

**[7] HYMN**

My God, I love Thee: not because  
I hope for heaven thereby,  
Nor yet because who love Thee not  
Are lost eternally.  
Thou, O my Jesus, Thou didst me  
Upon the Cross embrace;  
For me didst bear the nails, and spear,  
And manifold disgrace,

Not from the hope of gaining aught,  
Not seeking a reward;  
But as Thyself has lovèd me,  
O ever-loving Lord?  
So do I love Thee, and will love,  
Who such a love hast showed  
Only because Thou art my King,  
Because Thou art my God.

And griefs and torments numberless,  
And sweat of agony;  
Yea, death itself; and all for me  
Who wast Thine enemy.  
Then why, most loving Jesus Christ,  
Should I not love Thee well?  
Not for the sake of winning heaven,  
Or of escaping hell;

**[8] FOURTH GOSPEL**

Evangelist                    And straightway in the morning the chief priests held a consultation with the elders, and scribes, and the whole council, and bound Jesus, and carried Him away, and delivered Him to Pilate. And Pilate asked Him:

Pilate                         Art Thou the King of the Jews?

Evangelist                    And He answering said unto Him:

Jesus                         Thou sayest it.

Evangelist                    And the chief priests accused Him of many things; But He answered nothing. And Pilate asked Him again, saying:

- Pilate Answerest thou nothing? Behold how many things they witness against thee.
- Evangelist But Jesus yet answered nothing: so that Pilate marvelled. Now at that feast he released unto them one prisoner, whomsoever they desired. And there was one named Barabbas, which lay bound with them that had made insurrection with him, who had committed murder in the insurrection.
- Chorus And the multitude, crying aloud, began to desire him to do as he had ever done unto them.
- Evangelist But Pilate answered them, saying:
- Pilate Will ye that I release unto you the King of the Jews?
- Evangelist But the chief priests moved the people that he should rather release Barabbas unto them. And Pilate answered, and said unto them:
- Pilate What will ye then that I should do unto Him whom ye call the King of the Jews?
- Chorus Crucify Him. Crucify Him.
- Evangelist Then Pilate said unto them.
- Pilate Why, what evil hath he done?
- Evangelist And they cried out the more exceedingly:
- Chorus Crucify Him. Crucify Him.
- Evangelist And so Pilate, willing to content the people, released Barabbas unto them, and delivered Jesus when he had scourged Him, to be crucified.
- Chorus And the soldiers led Him away into the hall, called Prætorium; and they call together the whole band. And they clothed Him with purple, and platted a crown of thorns, and put it about His head; and began to salute Him, Hail, King of the Jews. And they smote Him on the head with a reed, and did spit upon Him, and, bowing their knees, worshipped Him. And when they had mocked Him, they took off the purple from Him, and put His own clothes on Him, and led Him out to crucify Him.

**[9] HYMN**

Faithful Cross! above all other,  
One and only noble tree!  
None in foliage, none in blossom,  
None in fruit thy peer may be;  
Sweetest Wood and sweetest Iron!  
Sweetest Weight is hung on thee.

**[10] FIFTH GOSPEL**

- Evangelist And they bring Him into the place Golgotha, which is, being interpreted, the place of a skull. And they gave Him to drink wine mingled with myrrh; but He received it not.
- Chorus And when they had crucified Him they parted His garments, casting lots upon them, what every man should take. And it was the third hour, and they crucified Him.
- Evangelist And the superscription of His accusation was written over, THE KING OF THE JEWS.
- Chorus And with Him they crucify two thieves, the one on His right hand, and the other on His left.
- Evangelist And they that passed by railed on Him, wagging their heads and saying:
- Chorus Ah, Thou that destroyest the temple and buildest it in three days, save Thyself, and come down from the cross.
- Evangelist Likewise, also the chief priests, mocking, said among themselves with the scribes:
- Chorus He saved others; Himself He cannot save. Let Christ, the King of Israel, descend now from the cross, that we may see and believe.
- Evangelist And they that were crucified with Him reviled Him.

Chorus	And when the sixth hour was come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour.
Evangelist	And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying:
Jesus	Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?
Evangelist	Which is, being interpreted, My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me? And some of them that stood by, when they heard it, said:
Chorus	Behold, He calleth Elias.
Evangelist	And one ran and filled a sponge full of vinegar, and put it on a reed and gave Him to drink, saying:
Bystander	Let alone; let us see whether Elias will come to take Him down.
Chorus	And Jesus cried with a loud voice, and gave up the ghost.

**[11] HYMN**

Bend thy boughs, O Tree of Glory!  
Thy relaxing sinews bend;  
For awhile the ancient rigour  
That thy birth bestow'd suspend;  
And the King of heav'nly beauty  
On thy bosom gently tend.

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