

for the Choir of Portsmouth Cathedral

St John Passion

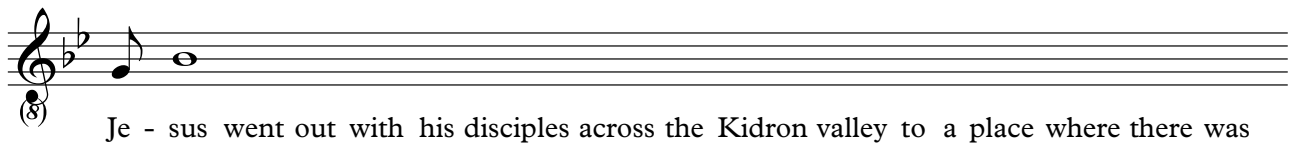
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EVANGELIST (Alto or Tenor)



The Passion of our Lord Je - sus Christ ac - cord - ing to John.



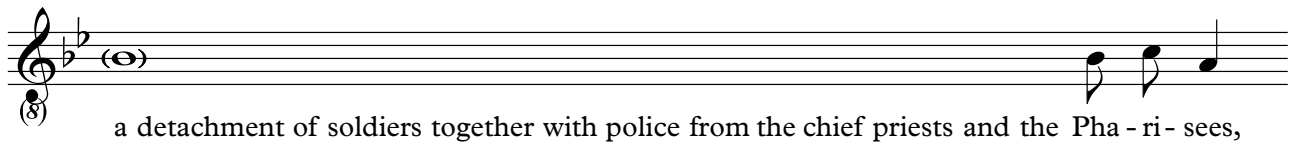
Je - sus went out with his disciples across the Kidron valley to a place where there was




a gar - den, which he and his dis - ci - ples en - tered. Now Judas, who betrayed him,



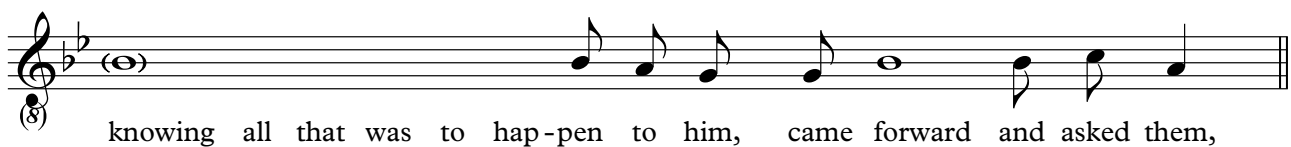
also knew the place, because Jesus often met there with his dis - ci - ples. So Judas brought



a detachment of soldiers together with police from the chief priests and the Pha - ri - sees,

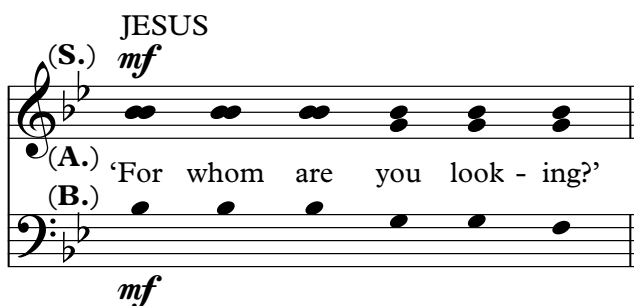


and they came there with lanterns and torch - es and weapons. Then Jesus,



knowing all that was to hap - pen to him, came forward and asked them,

JESUS



(S.)
(A.) 'For whom are you look - ing?'
(B.)

mf

EVANGELIST




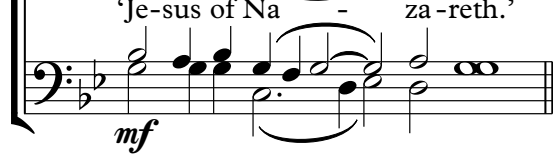
They ans - wered,

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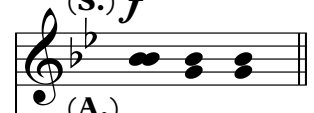
S. A. 
'Je-sus of Na - za-reth.'

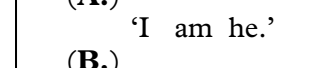

T. B. 
mf

EVANGELIST

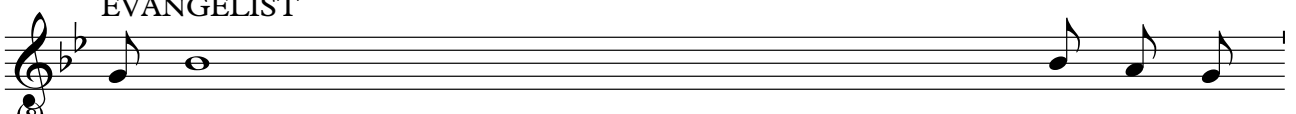

Je-sus replied,

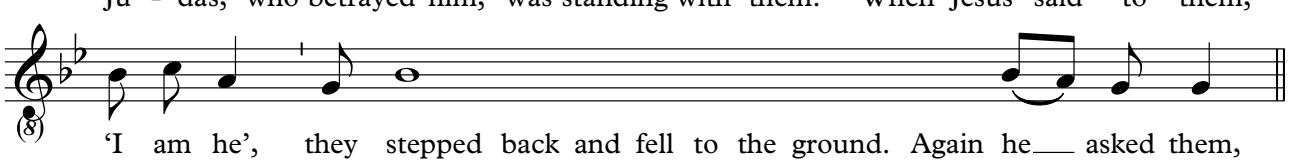
JESUS
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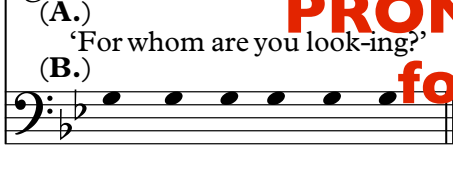
(S.) 
'I am he.'

(A.) 
(B.) 
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EVANGELIST


Ju - das, who betrayed him, was standing with them. When Jesus said to them,

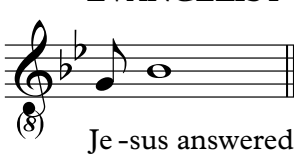

'I am he', they stepped back and fell to the ground. Again he asked them,


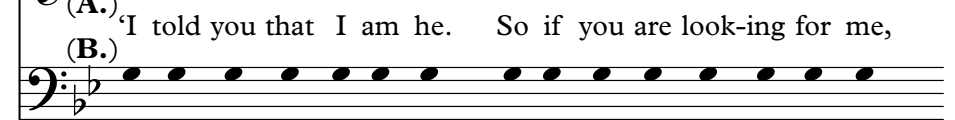
JESUS (S.) 
(A.) 'For whom are you look-ing?'
(B.) 

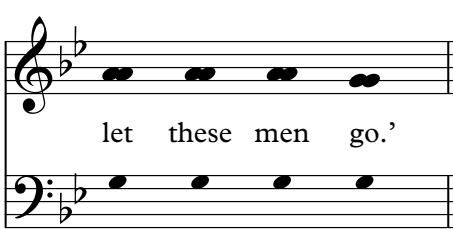
EVANGELIST 
(6) And they said,

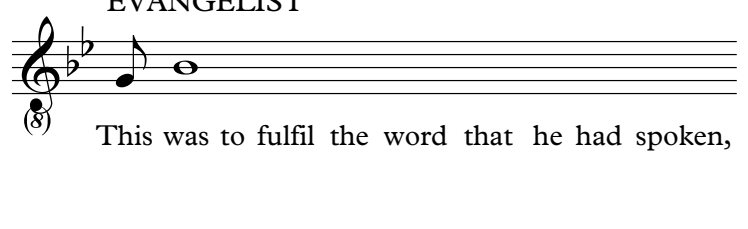
SOLDIERS *f* 
'Je-sus of Na - za-reth.'


B. f

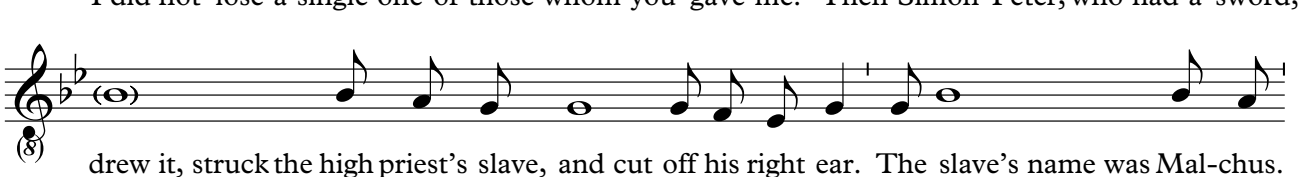
EVANGELIST 
Je-sus answered:

JESUS (S.) 
(A.) 'I told you that I am he. So if you are look-ing for me,
(B.) 


let these men go.'

EVANGELIST 
(8) This was to fulfil the word that he had spoken,


'I did not lose a single one of those whom you gave me.' Then Simon Peter, who had a sword,


(8) drew it, struck the high priest's slave, and cut off his right ear. The slave's name was Mal-chus.

JESUS

(S.) *f*
(A.) Put your sword back in its sheath.
(B.)

f

Am I not to drink the cup that the Fa-ther has gi-ven me?

EVANGELIST

So the soldiers, their officer, and the Jewish police arrested Jesus and bound him.

First they took him to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Cai-a-phas, the high priest that year.

Cai-aphas was the one who had ad-vised the Jews that it was better to have one person

die for the people. Si-mon Peter and an-o-ther dis-ciple fol-lowed Jesus. Since that disciple

was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest,

but Peter was standing out-side at the gate. So the other disciple, who was known to the

high priest, went out, spoke to the woman who guarded the gate, and brought Pe-ter in.

The woman said to Pe-ter, 'You are not also one of this man's dis-ci-ples, are you?'

He said, **PETER (Tenor)** 'I am not.' **EVANGELIST** Now the slaves and the police had made a

char-coal fire because it was cold, and they were standing round it and warm-ing them-selves;

Pe - ter also was standing with them and warming him-self. Then the high priest

questioned Jesus about his disciples and about his teach - ing. Je - sus answered,

JESUS (S.)
 (A.) I have spo-ken o-pen-ly to the world, I have ar - ways taught in sy - na - gogues and
 (B.) for reading only

in the tem-ple, where all the Jews come to - ge - ther: I have said no-thing in sec - ret.

Why do you ask me? Ask those who heard what I said to them; they know what I said.'

EVANGELIST
 When he had said this, one of the police standing nearby struck Jesus on the face, saying,

OFFICER (Bass)
 'Is that how you answer the high - priest?'

EVANGELIST
 Je - sus answered,

JESUS (S.)

(A.) 'If I have spo - ken wrong - ly, tes - ti - fy to the wrong.
(B.)

But if I have spo - ken right - ly, why do you strike me?'

EVANGELIST

Then Annas sent him bound to Caia-phas the high priest.

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Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. They asked him,

BYSTANDERS

S. *mf*
A. 'You are not al - so one of his dis - ci - ples?'
T.
B. *mf*

EVANGELIST

He denied it and said,

PETER

'I am not.'

EVANGELIST

One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear

Peter had cut off, asked,

SLAVE (Tenor)

'Did I not see you in the gar-den with him?'

EVANGELIST

A-gain Peter denied it, and at that moment the cock crowed.

They then took Jesus from Caiaphas to Pilate's head-quarters.

It was early in the morning. They themselves did not enter the headquarters so as to avoid ritual

defilement and to be able to eat the Passover. So Pilate went out to them and said,

PILATE (Tenor)

'What accusation do you bring a-against this man?'

EVANGELIST

They ans-wered,

PRIESTS

S. f

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A. 'If this man were not a cri-mi-nal, we would not have hand-ed him o-ver to you.'

T.

B. f

EVANGELIST

Pilate said to them,

PILATE

'Take him yourselves, and judge him according to your own Law.'

EVANGELIST

The Jews re-plied,

PRIESTS

S. f

A. 'We are not per-mit - ted to put a - ny-one to death.'

T.

B. f

EVANGELIST

(This was to fulfil what Jesus had said when he indicated the kind of death he was to die.)

Then Pi-late en-tered the head-quarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him,

PILATE

'Are you the king of the Jews?'

EVANGELIST

Je - sus answered,

JESUS (S.)

(A.) 'Do you ask this on your own, or did o - thers tell you a - bout me?'

(B.)

EVANGELIST PILATE

Pi-late replied: 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have han-ded

you o-ver to me: what have you done?'

EVANGELIST

Je-sus ans-wered:

JESUS (S.)

(A.) 'My king-dom is not from

(B.)

this world. If my king-dom were from this world, my fol-low-ers would be fight-ing to keep me

from be-ing hand-ed o-ver to the Jews. But as it is, my king-dom is not from here.'

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PILATE

EVANGELIST

Pi - late asked him, 'So you are a king?' Je - sus answered,

JESUS

(S.)

(A.)

(B.)

'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came in - to the world,

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to tes - ti - fy to the truth. Ev - ery - one who be - longs to the truth lis - tens to my voice.'

EVANGELIST

PILATE

EVANGELIST

Pi - late asked him, 'What is truth?' Af - ter he had said this, he went out to the

PILATE

Jews again and told them, 'I find no case a - gainst him. But you have a custom that I

release someone for you at the Pass - o - ver. Do you want me to re - lease for you the King of the Jews?'

EVANGELIST

PRIESTS

S. *ff*

A.

T.

B. *ff*

They shouted in re - ply, 'Not this man, but Bar - ab - bas!'