

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
California Fresno East Stake

presents

LAMB *of* GOD

By Rob Gardner



Palm Sunday
March 29, 2026 - 6:00 PM

1880 Gettysburg Ave, Clovis, CA 93611

PRODUCTION TEAM

Executive Producer	Stacy Clarke
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ABOUT THE MUSIC

“Lamb of God” is a dramatic musical portrayal of the final days of the life of Jesus, from the foreshadowing raising of Lazarus, to the devastating arrest and crucifixion of Jesus, and finally to his glorious resurrection. Composed and written by Rob Gardner, the story of Jesus is told through the perspective of those who loved and walked with him: Peter, James, John, Thomas, Mary and Martha of Bethany, Mary Magdalene and his Mother Mary. This sacred work serves to heighten the innate emotion of the narrative and carry a very personal meaning to everyone who experiences it.

The Gospels of the New Testament were the sole source material in the composition of “Lamb of God”. Because of this, the work is performed every year, all around the world, by thousands of musicians and singers across dozens of faiths. It is performed in concert halls, Catholic Cathedrals, Protestant Sanctuaries, Evangelical Churches, Latter-day Saint Chapels and on University campuses. Most of these performances are multi-denominational, involving members of as many as 60 different faiths in one performing group alone.

Upcoming performances of note include a special BYU sponsored performance at the New York Metropolitan Opera House in New York tomorrow, March 30th.

FROM THE DIRECTORS

We hope you will feel more connected to the Savior as you listen this evening. We also hope that you will feel the reality and joy that is the miracle of the Resurrection, and the affection of our loving God. May you be blessed as you continue to strengthen your connection to Christ and draw on His infinite power to heal your heart and soul. Happy Palm Sunday, and Happy Easter!

NARRATORS

Allysa Fite
Terrance McArthur

Erin Heasley
Brock Heasley



FEATURING

(in order of Appearance)

Pharisee 1

Pharisee 2

Thomas

John

James

Peter

Martha

Mary of Bethany

Judas

Mary (Mother)

False Witness

Damsel

Maid

Pilate

Mary Magdalene

Bill Holden

Cameron Beatty

Robert Reynders

Bryan W. Carlson

Neal Kennington

Adam McLaughlin

Ginger Duran

Nicole Simes

Travis Cluff

Kristen Carlson Fletcher

Finn Brady

Ashlan Poe

Grace Wamhoff

Nick Netzley

Nicole Saunders

◆ THE PROGRAM ◆

Please hold applause until the end of each act



ACT I

PART I: "I told you and ye believed not"

John 10:22-38 | Isaiah 53:3-5

- 1 **Thou Hope and Deliverer** Choir
- 2A **Art Thou He?** Pharisees
- 2B **This Is He** Thomas, John, James, Peter



PART II: "They brother shall rise again"

John 11:1-34 | Matthew 26:14-16 | John 11:55-57
Luke 19:29-37 | Mark 11:1-9 | Luke 19:38-40

- 3 **Make Me Whole**..... Martha, Mary of Bethany
- 4 **I Am The Resurrection**..... Choir
- 5 **Judas' Deal**..... Judas
- 6 **Hosanna** Choir & Children's Choir
(Thy Savior Hath Come)

END ACT I

— *INTERMISSION* —

ACT II

PART III: "Nevertheless not what I will, but what Thou wilt"

Matthew 26:17-75 | John 13:27, 30 | John 16:32-33 | Mark 14:32-36 |
Luke 22:44, 48 | Matthew 27:1-2, 39-42, 46 | John 19:16-27 | Luke 23:46

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| 7 | Lord, Is It I? (The Last Supper) | James, John, Thomas, Peter, Judas |
| 8 | Gethsemane, Betrayal, Denial | Judas, Peter, Mary (Mother), John
False Witness, Damsel, Maid |
| 9 | I Cannot Watch Them | Peter |
| 10 | Is This Not Enough? (to Calvary) ... | Pilate, Accuser, False Witness, John |
| 11 | Here is Hope | Mary (Mother) |



PART IV: "Be not faithless, but believing"

John 20:1-17 | John 20:19-20 | Luke 24:36-40 | John 20:24-28

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| 12 | Gloria, My Savior Lives
(The Resurrection) | Mary Magdalene |
| 13A | To The Disciples
(Jesus My Savior, Lord & King) | Choir |
| 13B | Sometime We'll Understand | Thomas |



PART V: "Feed my sheep"

John 21:1-17 | Romans 8:35, 37

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| 14A | Sea of Tiberias | Peter |
| 14B | Finale (Here Is Hope) | Mary Magdalene, Martha,
Mary of Bethany, Mary (Mother),
John, Thomas, James, Peter |

— *END* —

Please join us for light refreshments in the cultural hall

ORCHESTRA

Flute 1	Kathy Goodlad
Flute 2	Ericka Velasquez
Oboe	Angie Person
Clarinet 1	Brett Carrington
Clarinet 2	Joseph Haroldsen
Bassoon	Abigail Nevin
French Horn 1	Mitchell Ryan
French Horn 2	John Carlson
Trombone 1	Dan Brown
Trombone 2	Keller Ryan
Timpani/ Tubular Bells	Scott Peterson
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Percussion 2	Cynthia Christopherson
Piano	Melissa Stokes
Synth	Tyler Howell
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Violin 1 - II	Elder Elmer
Violin 2 - I	Megan Evans
Violin 2 - II	Gabriele Shaw
Viola	Phinius Nelson
Cello	Shannon Thurber
Cello	Ana Oliva



◆ CHOIR MEMBERS ◆

**Section Leaders*

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Miguel Duran
Bill Holden
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Grant Owens
Eric Tweedie

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Mark McOmber

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Ages 8-14

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◆ LYRICS ◆

PART I: "I told you and ye believed not"

John 10:22-38 | Isaiah 53:3-5

1 Thou Hope And Deliverer

Thou Hope and Deliverer promised of old,
For whom we have waited e'er long,
O come and redeem us from slavery's yoke,
And deliver Thy people home.

Yea, Thou in whose presence our soul takes delight,
On whom in affliction we call,
Our comfort by day and our song in the night,
Our Hope, our deliv'rer, our All.

Hosanna! Hosanna! Thy Savior will come, O Israel,
And blessed He'll ever be called.
Hosanna! Hosanna! Sing praises to God!
Our Hope, our deliv'rer, our All. ... O hear Thou, dear Savior, our call.

2 Art Thou He?

WOMAN

Now it was at Jerusalem the feast of the dedication, and it was winter. And as Jesus walked in the temple, the people came round about him, asking him questions.

PHARISEE 1

How long dost thou make us to doubt?
How long dost thou make us to wait on thy word?
If thou be the Christ, wilt thou tell us,
That we might believe? Tell us so, plainly.

CHOIR (in Aramaic)

Adma lamatai? How long, Lord?
Omar lan, Oman Tell us.

Ant hu, any hu, ant? Art though He?

MAN

Jesus answered them, I told you and ye believed not, because ye are not of my sheep. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and I lay down my life for the sheep. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. I and my Father are one.

PHARISEE 2

Thou blasphemest. People, take up your stones.
Hear how he blasphemeth! Take up your stones!

CHOIR (in Aramaic)

M'lal hu! He hath spoken it!

MAN

Jesus answered them, Many good works have I shown you from my Father; for which of those works do ye stone me?

PHARISEE 1

For a good work we stone thee not; But for that thou, being a man, Makest thyself God.

MAN

Jesus answered them, If I do not the works of my Father, believe me not.

LYRICS CONTINUED

2B This Is He

MAN

But if I do, believe the works, that ye may know, and believe, that the Father is in me, and I in him.

THOMAS

They've seen His face. They've seen His wonders.
They've seen His touch restore the sick, but still they're waiting.
For they don't see Him, don't truly see Him. But I have seen, and I believe that this is He.

JOHN

They've heard His words. They've heard His teachings.
They've heard a voice from heaven speak, but still they're waiting.
For they don't hear Him, don't truly hear Him.
But I have heard, and I believe that this is He.

JAMES

He fed five thousand men with little bread,
But once their mouths were filled, they care not what He said.

JOHN

They bring their sick,
They beg them healed.
And still they pray that their redeemer ...

JAMES

Their hearts seemed mended,
Their suffering all but ended.

THOMAS, JOHN, JAMES
... be revealed.

PETER

He has declared He is Messiah! And He has bid them come and see, but they won't follow.

JAMES

For they don't know Him

JOHN

Don't truly know Him.

PETER

But I know Him. Yes, I know, and I believe that this is He.

THOMAS

They've seen His wonders.

JOHN

They've heard His teachings.

JAMES, JOHN, PETER, THOMAS

And all these testify of Him, that this is...

PETER ONLY

...He.

WOMAN

He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief. Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

LYRICS CONTINUED

PART II: "They brother shall rise again"

John 11:1-34 | Matthew 26:14-16 | John 11:55-57 | Luke 19:29-37 | Mark 11:1-9 | Luke 19:38-40

3 Make Me Whole

WOMAN

Now a certain man was sick, named Lazarus, of Bethany, and his sisters Martha and Mary sent word unto the Lord:

MARTHA

Lord, behold, he whom thou lovest is sick...
Master, come, for our Lazarus is dying!

MARY (BETHANY)

Lord, make haste, for our brother is ill...

WOMAN

Now Jesus loved Martha, and her sister, and Lazarus, and when he heard therefore that he was sick, he saith to his disciples, Let us go into Judaea again.

MAN

And when Jesus came to Bethany, he found that Lazarus had lain in the grave four days already. Then Martha, as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met him.

MARTHA

Lord, if Thou hadst been here, if Thou wouldst have heard us,
My brother then would not have died, no.
If Thou hadst been here, Thou couldst have saved him.
I know that thou couldst have healed him.

But even now, I know that if thou wilt ask of God,
what Thou wouldst God will give it thee.
What Thou asketh, He'll give Thee.

MAN

Jesus saith unto her, Martha, thy brother shall rise again.

MARTHA

I know that he shall rise again, Lord...
I know he shall rise again in the resurrectionAt the last day.

MAN

Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.
Believest thou this?

MARTHA

Yea, Lord: I believe that Thou are the Christ which should come, The Son of God
But I do not understand....

LYRICS CONTINUED

3 Make Me Whole

MARTHA

Touch my eyes and bid them see, that my gaze might pierce the veil,
And behold the wondrous scene that, in dreams, I've long beheld.
Oh, touch my heart and bid it know that ev'ry sorrow here is but a moment's tear,
And Thou wilt make me whole again.

Touch my ears and bid them hear all the glory of Thy truth,
That my hope might come of faith, and no more require proof.
Oh, touch my heart and bid it know that while in darkness here, the Light is ever near,
And Thou wilt make me whole again.

Then touch my lips and bid them sing songs of everlasting praise,
That my soul might then believe and give thanks through all my days!
Oh, touch my heart and bid it know that ev'ry breath I take is by Thy tender grace,
And Thou wilt make me whole....and Thou wilt make me whole.

Oh, Thou wilt make me whole again.

4 I Am The Resurrection

WOMAN

And Martha went her way, and called Mary her sister.

MARTHA

Mary? Mary, the Master is come, And He calleth for thee.

WOMAN

As soon as she heard that, she arose quickly, and came unto him. The people then which were with her in the house followed her, saying, She goeth unto the grave to weep there. Then when Mary was come where Jesus was, and saw him, she fell down at his feet.

MARY OF BETHANY

Lord, if thou hadst been here, If thou hadst been with us,
My brother then would not have died!

MAN

When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the people also weeping which came with her, he groaned in the spirit, and was troubled.

CHOIR

Behold how He loved him!

WOMAN

And Jesus wept.

LYRICS CONTINUED

4 I Am The Resurrection

CHOIR

Behold how He loved him!

MAN

Jesus therefore cometh to the grave. And a stone lay upon it.

Jesus said, Take ye away the stone.

MARTHA

No Lord, please, already he's been dead four days...

MAN

Jesus saith unto her, Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God? Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead was laid.

And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, Father, I thank thee that thou has heard me. And when he had thus spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth.

CHOIR

I am the Resurrection,

MAN

And he that was dead came forth.

CHOIR

I am the Resurrection, I am the Resurrection and the Life.

He that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live, yet shall he live.

I am the Resurrection, I am the Resurrection and the Life.

He that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live, yet shall he live.

And whosoever liveth, and whosoever liveth,

And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die, shall never die,

Shall never die!

I am the Resurrection, I am the Resurrection and the Life.

He that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live,

Yet shall he live!

I am the Resurrection ...

LYRICS CONTINUED

5 Judas' Deal

WOMAN

Now when the feast of the Passover was nigh at hand, multitudes of the people went out of the country up to Jerusalem.

And both the chief priests and the Pharisees had given a commandment, that, if any man knew where he were, he should tell it, that they might take him. And one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, came unto them.

JUDAS

What will you give for a King? What will you pay for the "King of the Jews"?
What will you offer to have him at last in your hands? What is he worth you?
The people begin to believe. Take him in public and all will rebel.
But what if there's one he calls "friend" who'd be willing to sell?

What will you offer? What will you pay for your King?
Or will you let him slip through your hands again?
How long have you waited for this?

WOMAN

And they covenanted with him for 30 pieces of silver, which was the price fixed by law as that of a slave.

6 Hosanna! (Thy Savior Hath Come)

MAN

On the Sunday before Passover, as Jesus came nigh unto Jerusalem for the feast, he sent two of his disciples, saying, Go ye into the village over against you; in the which ye shall find a colt tied: loose him and bring him hither.

WOMAN

And they brought the colt to Jesus: and they cast their garments upon him, and they set Jesus thereon. And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way; others cut down branches from the trees, and strawed them in the way. And when he was come nigh, even now at the descent of the mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen.

CHOIR

The promise of ages whom prophet foretold, for whom we hath waited e'er long,
Hath come to redeem us from slavery's yoke and deliver His people back home.
Come, Israel, come and see He who shall reign, in whom we will ever rejoice.
We hear the sound of the glorious refrain and it echoeth back in our voice:

Hosanna!Hosanna! Thy Savior hath come, O Israel, and blessed He'll ever be called.
Hosanna!Hosanna! Sing praises to God! For our Hope, our deliv'rer, our All.

LYRICS CONTINUED

6 Hosanna! (Thy Savior Hath Come)

CHOIR

Oh, why should we wander as strangers from Thee, and turn from Thy bounteous hand?
Restore and defend us, oh set us free, that beside Thee we ever may stand!
Hosanna!Hosanna! Thy Savior hath come, O Israel, and blessed He'll ever be called.
Hosanna!Hosanna! Sing praises to God! For our Hope, our deliv'rer, our All.

MAN

They praised Him in this manner continually, and some of the Pharisees from among the multitude said unto him, Master, rebuke thy disciples. And he answered and said unto them, I tell you that, if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out!

CHOIR

He looks and ten thousands of angels rejoice, and myriads wait for His word;
He speaks and eternity, filled with His voice, re-echoes the praise of her Lord.
Hosanna!Hosanna! Thy Savior hath come, O Israel, and blessed He'll ever be called.
Hosanna!Hosanna! Sing praises to God! For our Hope, our deliv'rer, our All.

Hosanna!Hosanna! Thy Savior hath come, Our Hope, our Salvation, our All!

– INTERMISSION –

PART III: "Nevertheless not what I will, but what Thou wilt"

Matthew 26:17-75 | John 13:27, 30 | John 16:32-33 | Mark 14:32-36 | Luke 22:44, 48
Matthew 27:1-2, 39-42, 46 | John 19:16-27 | Luke 23:46

7 Lord, Is It I? (The Last Supper)

WOMAN

On Thursday, the first day of the feast of unleavened bread, the disciples came to Jesus, saying unto him, Where wilt thou that we prepare for thee to eat the Passover?

And he said, Go into the city to a certain man, and say unto him, The Master saith, My time is at hand; I will keep the Passover at thy house with my disciples. And the disciples did as Jesus had appointed them; and they made ready the Passover.

MAN

Now when even was come, Jesus sat down with the twelve. And as they did eat, he said, Verily I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me. And they began to be sorrowful, and to say unto him, one by one, Is it I?

CHOIR (In Aramaic)

Dkhad menkhun meshlem li One of you shall betray me.

JAMES

Lord, is it I, would ever I betray thee?
Having known Thy love, could I so cruelly turn away?

LYRICS CONTINUED

7 Lord, Is It I? (The Last Supper)

JOHN

Could my heart, so fail Thee and my feeling turn so cold?
If I should leave Thee, where would I go?

THOMAS

Lord, is it I, am I then to betray Thee?
Having seen Thy wonders could my foolish heart be swayed?
Is my faith so little that my soul would cease to burn?

JAMES

If I should wander, where would I turn?

JOHN

If I am prone to leave Thee,

THOMAS

If I am wont to doubt,

JOHN, JAMES, THOMAS

Oh, wilt Thou still receive me,

JOHN

Bind me fast!

THOMAS

Oh, find me out!

JAMES

That I may never wander,

THOMAS

That I may ever see,

JOHN / THOMAS

Oh, that my hope seek not but Thee!

JAMES

That I might follow with Thee!

PETER

Lord, is it I, could ever I betray Thee?
Having followed with Thee, could I seek some other way?
Though my heart is willing could my flesh become so weak?
If I should leave Thee, whom would I seek?

JOHN

O Savior! Take Thou my weakness from me!

THOMAS

Take Thou my unbelief!

JOHN/ THOMAS/ PETER

Let nothing overcome me!

JAMES

Be Thou with me!

PETER

My sure relief!

JAMES

Thou art my only Shepherd.

JOHN

Thou art the only Way.

PETER

Oh, may I ever serve Thee...

LYRICS CONTINUED

7 Lord, Is It I? (The Last Supper)

PETER

For it is I who owe Thee my devotion.
It is I, yes I, so safely folded in Thy care.

PETER

Let mountains fall!

JAMES

Let darkness blind me!

THOMAS

Let earth divide!

JOHN

Let valleys rise!

ALL

Yet one thing shall I know...

PETER

I will not leave Thee..... If I should leave Thee, where would I go?

JUDAS Master, is it I?

CHOIR (In Aramaic)

Dkhad menkhun meshlem li One of you shall betray me.

WOMAN

Jesus said unto Him, Thou hast said. That thou doest, do quickly. Judas then went immediately out: and it was night.

8 Gethsemane, Betrayal, Denial

MAN

And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me. And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

CHOIR (in Aramaic)

Yavdin le duk rayi This do in remembrance of me.

MAN

Then saith Jesus unto them, All ye shall be offended because of me this night: for it is written, I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock shall be scattered abroad.

PETER

Though all men be offended, yet shall I never be...

MAN

Jesus saith unto him, Verily I say unto thee, That this night, before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice.

PETER

I'll go with Thee to prison if Thou asketh it of me,
Though I should die with Thee, yet will not I deny Thee.

LYRICS CONTINUED

8 Gethsemane, Betrayal, Denial

CHOIR (In Aramaic)

Dkhad menkhun meshlem li One of you shall betray me.

WOMAN

Jesus saith unto them, Behold, the hour cometh, yea, is now come, that ye shall be scattered, every man to his own, and shall leave me alone: and yet I am not alone, because the Father is with me. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

And they came to a place which was named Gethsemane: and Jesus saith to his disciples, Sit ye here, while I pray. 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, My soul is exceeding sorrowful unto death: tarry ye here, and watch.

And he went forward a little, and fell on the ground, and prayed, Abba, Father, all things are possible unto thee; take away this cup from me: nevertheless not what I will, but what thou wilt.

And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground.

CHOIR (in Aramaic)

Abba Avi, ehvar manee kasah hanah. Father, my Father, take away from me this cup.
Ala lo tsavani, ant tsavanach, O Abba! But not my will, Thy will, O Father

MAN

And he cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Peter, What, could ye not watch with me one hour? And again he went away, and prayed. And when he returned, twice he found them asleep again. And the third time, he saith unto them, 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.

WOMAN

And while he yet spake, lo, Judas came, and with him a great multitude.

JUDAS

Whomsoever I kiss, that same is he: Take him and lead him away, Lead him away safely.

WOMAN

And he goeth straightway to Jesus, and kissed him.

JUDAS

Hail, master.

WOMAN

Jesus said unto him, Judas, betrayest thou the Son of man with a kiss?

LYRICS CONTINUED

8 Gethsemane, Betrayal, Denial

MAN

And Peter drew his sword, and struck a servant of the high priest's.

CHOIR (in Aramaic)

Ktush! Ktush! Qum, ktush! Qum, ktush! Fight! Rise, fight!

MAN

Then said Jesus unto him, Put up thy sword. Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall give me more than twelve legions of angels? The cup which my Father hath given me, shall I not drink it?

WOMAN

Then laid they hands on Jesus, and took him.

PETER

The others flee, how soon He is forsaken.
And shall I flee? Abandon Him to face this all alone?
But He won't fight. Is He willing to allow this foul deceit?
Still I must follow, I will not run.

MARY (MOTHER)

Why is this night different? Are we this night set free? Are we now slaves no longer?

JOHN

Mary come, they have taken our Lord away. And I follow behind.
They have taken thy Son!

MAN

And they led Jesus away to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were assembled. Now all of the council sought false witnesses against Jesus, to put him to death. And so they came:

FALSE WITNESS

This fellow here, this blasphemer. I heard Him say, yes I heard it myself,
That He claims He is able to tear down the temple of God,
and build it again in three days!
Three days! Yes, I heard it myself! And Thou sayest nothing?

MAN

But Jesus held his peace.

FALSE WITNESS

Because it's the truth.

WOMAN

Now Peter had followed Jesus afar off and sat without in the palace: and a damsel came unto him.

LYRICS CONTINUED

8 Gethsemane, Betrayal, Denial

DAMSEL

I know thy face... Thou was with Jesus of Galilee!

PETER

I know... I know not... I know not what thou sayest!

MAN 1

And the high priest said unto Jesus, Answerest thou nothing? I adjure thee by the living God, that thou tell us whether thou be the Christ, the Son of God. Jesus saith unto him, Thou hast said: nevertheless I say unto you, Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven.

FALSE WITNESS

He hath spoken blasphemy! Behold, now ye have heard for yourselves His blasphemy!

MAN

Then did they spit in his face, and buffeted him; and others smote him with the palms of their hands, Saying, Prophecy unto us, thou Christ, Who is he that smote thee? And Caiaphas asked of the council, What think ye? They answered and said, He is guilty of death.

WOMAN

And Peter made his way out into the porch. There, another maid recognized him.

MAID

This fellow here: This fellow here was with Jesus of Nazareth. I've seen him there also.

PETER

I swear to you: No. I do not know the man!

DAMSEL

But surely thou also art one of them
Thy speech is of Galilee
Yes, thou wast with Jesus of Galilee!

MAID

Surely thou followed with Jesus
I've seen you there also
Thou wast with Jesus of Nazareth!

PETER

I know not the man!

WOMAN

And immediately the cock crew.

WOMAN

And Peter remembered the words of Jesus. And he went out, and wept bitterly.

LYRICS CONTINUED

9 I Cannot Watch Them

PETER

What have I done? Denied Him? What have I done?
So now am I no different from the men who take Thy bread and turn again>
Oh, what have I done? What have I done?

I hear their filthy tongues, their vicious scorn, the lies the spin with Satan's yarn.
I watch them spit and strike Thy face; they mock Thy name in foul disgrace.
And when Thou lookest for a friend, Thou findest none, for I have fled!
Oh, God! What have I done?

As Thou hast taken stripes for me, could I not take but one for Thee?

I cannot watch them take my Lord.
I can't endure their cruel hands upon Him, while His own hands are tied with cord,
Those hands with pow'r to raise the dead, command the storm, now bound instead,

And I cannot hear them mock His name. I cannot bear their foul breath upon Him.
I dare not look upon His face and see the very Son of God,
His brow so bruised and stained with blood,

His eyes that shed my sorrow's tears, and watch as all hope disappears.
I will not watch them crucify my Lord! For I know this Man!
I know Him! I know this Man!

I cannot watch what He must bear. For surely He must carry all my burden.
Forgive me, Lord, that I'm not there.
But when my eyes are closed in death, these words will hang on my last breath:

I know Him.

10 Is This Not Enough? (To Calvary)

WOMAN

When the morning was come, all the chief priests and elders of the people took counsel
against Jesus to put him to death: And when they had bound him, they led him away, and
delivered him to be tried of Pontius Pilate the Roman governor.

PILATE

Ye have brought this Man unto me, as one that perverteth the people:
And behold, I have examined him before you,
And I have found no fault in him, no, nothing for which death is worthy!
I will therefore chastise him and release him. Take him to be scourged. Now, this is enough!

CHOIR (in Aramaic)

Ha! Ha gabra!

Emrah dallahha!

Lo sapeq leh? Ha gabra!

Behold the Man!

The Lamb of God!

Is this not enough? Behold the Man!

LYRICS CONTINUED

10 Is This Not Enough? (To Calvary)

PILATE

Enough! Enough! Behold, is this not enough?
Behold the Man, the punishment He's borne, the cruel whip, the mocking scorn.

FALSE WITNESS

Away with him!

PILATE

His crimes have seen enough!
Why, what evil hath He done?

FALSE WITNESS

If thou let this man go, thou art no friend, but Caesar's foe!

JOHN

They see His pain, they see Him suffer. And still they cry out for His blood with no compassion.

PILATE

For the feast I must release one prisoner!

JOHN

He bears it all!

CHOIR (in Aramaic)

Shkulaihi lehhana! Away with him!

PILATE

Whom shall I release then?
What will I do then with Jesus?

JOHN

O Lord, how long til Thou wilt cry "It is enough"?

CHOIR (in Aramaic)

Lebaraba! Shkulaihi lehhana! Release Barabas! Away with him!

MARY (MOTHER)

Enough! Is this not enough? O Lord, my God, show mercy on my Son!
Has not Thy will in this been done?

PILATE

Speak now: Hast thou not had enough?
Art thou a King then? Tell me...

MARY (MOTHER)

Has not the bitter cup been emptied?
Is this not enough?

PILATE

Knowest Thou not that I have power to crucify Thee?
And by that same power can release Thee?
And speakest Thou not unto me?

JOHN

He sees their scorn, He feels their hatred.
He hears them cry out for His blood.
O Lord, how long til Thou wilt cry "It is enough"?

LYRICS CONTINUED

10 Is This Not Enough? (To Calvary)

PILATE

What shall I do then with this Jesus?
This Jesus ye call Christ?
What evil hath he done?

FALSE WITNESS

Let him be crucified!
He made himself the Son of God!
We have no King but Caesar!

CHOIR (in Aramaic)

Emrah dallahha!
Sheetah, sheetah hu,
kashan hu saiber,
Makika, makika kiban hu saba,
Emrah d'shaqel ketiteh d'alama!

The Lamb of God!
He was despised,
He hath borne our sufferings
He was rejected, our pains He carried
Lamb who beareth the sin of the world!

PILATE

Enough! See ye to it.

WOMAN

And Pilate delivered Jesus to be crucified.

WOMAN

And Jesus bearing his cross went forth into a place called Calvary, where they crucified him between two thieves.

And Pilate wrote a title, and put it on the cross. And the writing was, JESUS OF NAZARETH THE KING OF THE JEWS.

MAN

And when Jesus saw his mother by the cross, and John standing by, he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son! Then to the disciple, Behold thy mother!

MARY (MOTHER)

O Lord, when is it enough?
My breaking heart, though pierced and torn within, I'll keep my vigil here with Him.
Behold, the handmaid of the Lord. Be it unto me....Until it is enough.

WOMAN

And they that passed by him reviled him, saying, He saved others; himself he cannot save. If he be the King of Israel, let him now come down from the cross, and we will believe him.

MAN

Then, at the ninth hour, Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? In that bitterest hour, the Father had withdrawn the support of His immediate Presence, leaving to the Savior of men the glory of complete victory over the forces of sin and death.

LYRICS CONTINUED

10 Is This Not Enough? (To Calvary)

MAN

Then Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, exclaimed in a loud voice: It is finished! Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit. Then He bowed His head, and voluntarily gave up His life.

11 Here Is Hope

MARY (MOTHER)

He who healed our sorrows here was bruised and broken.
He whose love no end knows, here was forsaken; left all alone.

Here despair cries boldly, claiming this it's vict'ry.
Sweeter peace enfolds me: Hope did not die here, but here was given.
Here is Hope.

He who was rejected, he knows well my longing.
He, so long expected carried our burdens, bore ev'ry sorrow.
Here, here, here is Hope.

CHOIR

Here is love unbounded, here is all compassion, here is mercy founded!

MARY (MOTHER)

Hope did not die here, but here was given.
And ours is the vict'ry.
Here is Hope.

PART IV: "Be not faithless, but believing"

John 20:1-17 | John 20:19-20 | Luke 24:36-40 | John 20:24-28

12 Gloria, My Savior Lives! (The Resurrection)

WOMAN

As it began to dawn toward Sunday morning, and while it was yet dark, came Mary Magdalene early unto the sepulcher where they had lain Jesus.

And when she was come unto the garden, she seeth the stone taken away from the sepulcher, and knew not what it meant.

MARY MAGDALENE

What have they done? Removed Him? What have they done?

WOMAN

Then she runneth, and cometh to Peter, and to John.

LYRICS CONTINUED

12 Gloria, My Savior Lives! (The Resurrection)

MARY MAGDALENE

Come and see! They have taken our Lord away! Where He is, I know not!
For the sepulcher's empty...

WOMAN

And when they came to the sepulcher, they went in, and seeth the linen clothes lie, and the napkin that was about his head, wrapped together in a place by itself. Then the disciples went away again unto their own home.

But Mary stood without at the sepulchre weeping; and as she wept, she stooped down, and looked into the sepulchre, and seeth two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had lain.

CHOIR (in Aramaic)

Anttha mana bakya anti? Woman, why weepest thou?

WOMAN

And they say unto her, Woman, why weepest thou?

MARY MAGDALENE

Because they have taken my Lord away, Where He is I know not,
I know not where they have laid Him.

MAN

And when she had thus said, she turned herself back, and saw Jesus standing, and knew not that it was Jesus, but supposed him to be the gardener. Jesus saith unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? whom seekest thou?

MARY MAGDALENE

Tell me, sir, if it be thou who hast borne Him hence,
Tell me where thou hast laid Him, and I'll take him away.

MAN

Jesus saith unto her, Mary.

MARY MAGDALENE

Master.

MAN

He saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God.

LYRICS CONTINUED

12 Gloria, My Savior Lives! (The Resurrection)

MARY MAGDALENE

Sing, oh my heart, Sing thy rejoicing! Morning has dawned and will stretch forth her wing.
No more the night holds thee it's captive, Jesus has risen, my Savior and King!

I'll sing Gloria! Glory to the Lord! Gloria! Glory for the life he doth give!
Gloria! Gloria, for my Savior lives!

Why dost thou weep? What is thy longing?
Why are thou cast down and turned from the light?
Lift up your eyes, look for the morning, wait, for the darkness is only the night!

And sign Gloria! Glory to the Lord! Gloria! Glory for the life he doth give!
Gloria! Gloria, for my Savior lives!

CHOIR

Israel rejoice! Sing all creation! Jesus is risen with life in His wings!
Raise up your voice! Sing our salvation!
Now more than conquerors through Him, our King!

Sing we Gloria! Glory to the Lord! Gloria! Glory for the life he doth give!

MARY MAGDALENE

O sing Gloria! Gloria! Gloria for my Savior lives!

13A To The Disciples (Jesus, My Savior, Lord & King)

MAN

The same day at evening, many of the disciples were gathered together. As they communed together, though the doors were shut, Jesus himself stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.

But they were afraid, and supposed that they had seen a spirit. And he said unto them, Why are ye troubled? And why do thoughts arise in your hearts? Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see. And when he had so said, he showed unto them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord.

CHOIR

Jesus, my Savior, Lord, and King, what greater name could e'er I sing?
What greater joy than from Thee I know? What greater debt than mine to owe?

O how my words in vain impart what glows within my grateful heart.
No tongue could ever right declare, what tender love is written there.

Ten thousand gifts could I employ to show my praise, my thanks, my joy!
All of my life, yea, all my days, still not enough to sing Thy praise.

Ever I'll sing Thy praise.

LYRICS CONTINUED

13B Sometime We'll Understand

WOMAN

But Thomas was not with the other disciples when Jesus came. Then they therefore said unto him, We have seen the Lord.

THOMAS

You've seen the Lord? You've seen Him risen?
You've seen His hands and touched His side, and you are certain?
But I've not seen Him. And I must see Him.
Until I've seen His wounded side, until my hands have felt His hands,
I will not know, nor yet believe...

WOMAN

A week later, on the following Sunday, the disciples were again assembled, and Thomas with them.

MAN

Then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said,
Peace be unto you.

Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing.

THOMAS

My Lord and my God.

Touch my lips and bid them sing words my tongue would not conceive
That my soul might join in praise and forever more believe.
Oh, touch my heart and bid it know Thou hearest every plea, and though I may not see,
Yet, Thou wilt make me whole.

Not now, but in the coming years, it may not be when we demand,
We'll read the meaning of our tears, and there, sometime, we'll understand,

Why what we long for most of all eludes our open, pleading hand;
Why ever silence meets our call, somewhere, sometime we'll understand.

So trust in God through all thy days; fear not, for He doth hold thy hand.
Though dark thy way, still sing and praise.
Sometime, sometime we'll understand.

Sometime, we'll fall on bended knee, and feel there, graven on his hand;
Sometime with tearless eyes we'll see what, there, we could not understand.

So trust in God through all thy days; fear not, for He doth hold thy hand.
Though dark thy way, still sing and praise.
Sometime, sometime we'll understand.

LYRICS CONTINUED

PART V: "Feed my sheep"

John 21:1-17 | Romans 8:35, 37

14A Sea of Tiberias

WOMAN

After these things, there were together, fishing in the Sea of Tiberias, Peter, and Thomas, and James and John, and three other disciples; and that night they caught nothing.

But when the morning was come, Jesus stood on the shore: but the disciples knew not that it was Jesus. Then he saith unto them, Children, have ye any meat? They answered him, No. And he said unto them, Cast the net on the right side of the ship, and ye shall find. They cast therefore, and now they were not able to draw it in, because of the multitude of fishes.

And with this, John knew him and saith unto Peter, It is the Lord. Now when Peter heard that it was the Lord, he did cast himself into the sea to swim ashore.

MAN

And when the disciples were come to land, Jesus saith unto them, Come and dine. And when they had dined, Jesus saith to Peter, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these?

PETER

Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee.

MAN

He saith unto him, Feed my lambs. He saith to him again the second time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me?

PETER

Lord, thou knowest that I love thee.

MAN

He saith unto him, Feed my sheep. And then, the third time, he saith: Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me?

PETER

Thou knowest all things, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee.

MAN

Jesus saith unto him. Feed my sheep.

LYRICS CONTINUED

14B Finale (Here Is Hope)

MARY MAGDALENE

He who healed our sorrows rose with greater healing

MARTHA

He whose love no end knows,
Lifts up our burdens,

MARY (BETHANY)

He whose love no end knows,

Carries our grief.

MARY (MOTHER)

Here....

JOHN

He who was rejected, rose with power and glory

THOMAS

He, so long expected,

ALL

Come to redeem us, come to deliver

PETER

Here is Hope.

WOMAN

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

CHOIR

Here is love unbounded, here is all compassion, here is mercy founded!

O Great Redeemer! O Prince of Glory!

Here is Hope!

Here is Hope.

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