

a sacred evening

choral works for a holy week

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christmas cantata [mary]

in the beginning | *john 1:1-14*

in the beginning was the word, and the word was with god,
and the word was god. he was with god in the beginning.
through him all things were made; in him was life, the light of
all. the light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not
understood it. he was in the world, and though the world
was made through him, the world did not recognize him. yet
to all who receive, to those who do believe his name, he gave
the right to become children, children born of god. the word
became flesh and made his dwelling among us. we have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only,
who came from the father, full of grace and truth.



how can this be? | *luke 1:30-35, 37-38; matthew 1:20-21*

(gabriel) mary, do not be afraid, for you have found favor with god. you
will be with child and give birth to a son. you are to give him the name
jesus. he will be great and will be called the son of the most high, and he
will reign over the house of jacob forever; his kingdom will never end.
(mary) how can this be, for I am still a virgin? (gabriel) the holy spirit will
come upon you, and the power of the lord most high will overshadow

you. joseph, do not be afraid to take mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is
from the holy spirit. she will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name jesus, because he

will save his people from their sins. (mary and joseph) i am the lord's servant. may it be to me as you have said. (gabriel) nothing is impossible with god.

mary's song | luke 1:46-50

(mary) my soul glorifies the lord and my spirit rejoices in god my savior, for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. from now on generations will call me blessed, for the mighty one has done great things for me – holy is his name. his mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation.



glory to god | luke 2:10-14; matthew 28:5-6;

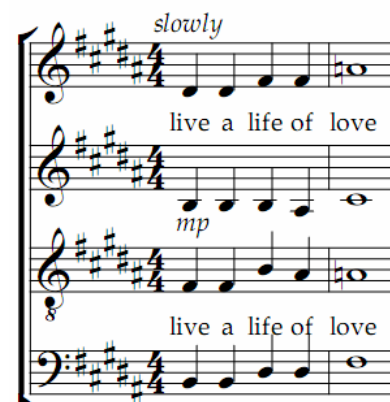
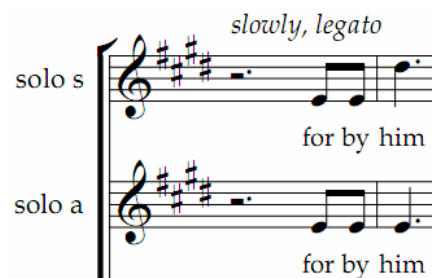
(gabriel) do not be afraid. i bring you good news of great joy that will be for all people. today in the town of david a savior has been born to you; he is christ the lord! (angels) glory to god in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill to all! (easter angel) do not be afraid, for i know you are looking for jesus, who was crucified. he is not here; he is risen!

three anthems

colossians | colossians 1:16-20

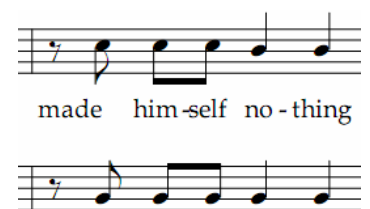
for by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or authorities; all things were created by him. he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. and he is the head of the body; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead. for god

was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.



ephesians | ephesians 5:2

live a life of love, just as christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to god.



philippians | philippians 5:7-11

jesus christ made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. and being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death – even death on a cross! therefore god exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name above every other name, that at the name of

jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and earth and under all the earth, and every tongue confess that jesus christ is lord.



easter cantata [peter]
gethsemane | *mark 14:29, 32-36, 41; luke 22:42*

(peter) even if all fall away, i will not.
they went to a place called gethsemane, and jesus said to his disciples, "sit here while i pray." he began to be deeply distressed and troubled. "my soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. stay here and keep watch." going a little farther, he fell to the ground and prayed that if

possible the hour might pass from him. "abba, father, everything is possible for you. if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done." the hour has come. the son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.

sanhedrin | *matthew 26:63, 72; mark 14:58-61, 67-71, 15:2, 4; luke 22:5, 23:2; john 18:26*

we have found this man to be subverting our nation. he opposes payment of taxes to caesar and claims to be christ, a king. he stirs up people all over judea by his teachings. (peter's first denial) "you were with that nazarene, jesus." (peter) "i don't

know what you're talking about." we heard him say, 'i will destroy this man-made temple and in three days will build another, not made by man.' are you not going to answer? see how many things they are accusing you of? what is this testimony that these men are bringing against you? (peter's second denial) "surely you are one of them, for you're a galilean."

(peter) "i don't know the man!" are you the christ, the son of the blessed one? i charge you under oath by the living god! tell us if you are the christ the son of god? (peter's third denial) "surely you are one of them. didn't I see you with him in the olive grove?" (peter) "i don't know this man you're talking about." (jesus' answer) "i am, it is as you say."



crucifixion | mark 15:25-34

it was the third hour when they crucified him. the written notice of the charge against him read: the king of the jews. those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads and saying, "so! you who are going to destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, come down from the cross and save yourself!" in the same way the chief priests and the teachers of the law mocked him among themselves. "he saved others, but he can't save himself! let this christ, this king of israel, come down now from the cross, that we may see and believe." at the sixth hour darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour. and at the ninth hour jesus cried out in a loud voice, "my god, my god, why have you forsaken me?"

resurrection | john 21:16, 19

beautiful scandalous night
(hindalong/ daughtery)
go on up to the mountain of mercy
to the crimson perpetual tide
kneel down on the shore
be thirsty no more
go under and be purified

follow christ to the holy mountain
sinner, sorry and wrecked by the fall
cleanse your heart and your soul
in the fountain that flows
for you and for me and for all

at the wonderful tragic mysterious tree
on that beautiful scandalous night you and me
were atoned by his blood and forever washed
white
on that beautiful scandalous night

on the hillside you will be delivered
at the foot of the cross, justified
and your spirit restored
by the river that pours
from our blessed savior's side

low in the grave he lay (lowry)
low in the grave he lay, jesus my savior,
waiting the coming day, jesus my lord!

up from the grave he arose;
with a mighty triumph o'er his foes;
he arose a victor from the dark domain,
and he lives forever, with his saints to reign.
he arose! he arose! hallelujah! christ arose!

christ the lord is risen today (wesley/ davidica)
christ, the lord, is risen today, alleluia!
sons of men and angels say, alleluia!
raise your joys and triumphs high, alleluia!
sing, ye heavens, and earth, reply, alleluia!

because he lives (gaither)
because he lives, i can face tomorrow,
because he lives, all fear is gone;
because I know he holds the future,
and life is worth the living,
just because he lives!

the old rugged cross (bennard)
so i'll cherish the old rugged cross,
'till my trophies at last i lay down;
i will cling to the old rugged cross,
and exchange it some day for a crown.

when i survey the wondrous cross (watts/ mason)
when i survey the wondrous cross
on which the prince of glory died;
my richest gain i count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.

(peter's reinstatement by jesus) do you truly love me? follow me.

