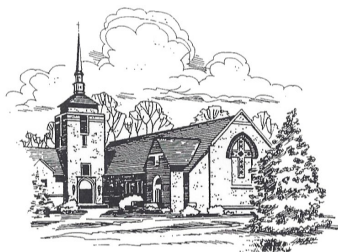


The  
**PASSION**  
and The  
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Easter Cantata  
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The many moods of Holy Week followed by the triumph of Easter are captured in this moving work from Lloyd Larson and Mark Hayes, with compelling narration penned by Pamela Stewart. From the celebration of Palm Sunday to the despair of Good Friday followed by the resurrection, *The Passion and the Promise* presents fresh and dynamic words and music with creative narration. Incorporating dramatic touches with the music, our choir will do its best to transport our congregation to a vantage point where each of you can prayerfully consider and reflect on the tremendous sacrifice made by Jesus on our behalf and the even more incredible reward promised to true followers of Christ.

**Passion:** from the Latin "passio", meaning "suffering, enduring."

We often focus on the Passion during Holy Week, not speaking of the promise of resurrection until Easter Sunday. By doing so, we can more fully appreciate the magnitude of the Lord's suffering. It is also a way of imagining what it was like for the people at the time, who saw the death of Christ as the final chapter. It was not until that first Easter that they remembered His promise: "The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day."

**Promise:** from the Latin "promissum", meaning "an assurance put forth about the future, of some act to be done."

Just as day follows night and hope follows disappointment, other promises are associated with each of the Passion events. This work provides an opportunity to be reminded of those yet-to-be-fulfilled promises, which we look to with hope and anticipation. Christ was rejected as King on Good Friday, but He has promised that one day every tongue will confess Him as Lord. And though He last took part in the Feast on Maundy Thursday, He has promised that we will join Him at the wedding feast of the Lamb in the coming kingdom.

In the words of Jesus himself, "You will weep and mourn while the world rejoices. You will grieve, but your grief will turn to joy. Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy. For if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am." This is the promise in the passion and suffering of the Lord. It is the hope of our salvation in Him.



SONG LISTING

- **1 - Hosanna to the King**  
(Congregation please sing on "All Glory, Laud and Honor")

*All glory, laud and honor to You, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children their sweet hosannas ring.  
You are the King of Israel, and David's royal Son;  
Now in the Lord's name coming, our King and blessed One!*

*The company of angels are praising You on high.  
Creation and all mortals in chorus make reply.  
We offer up our anthems to welcome You this day;  
And wave the palms before—You as You pass by our way.*

*To You, before Your passion, we sing a hymn of praise.  
To You, the high exalted, our melody we raise.  
O blessed Son of David, accept the praise we bring;  
Our Savior and Redeemer, our long awaited King!*

- **2 - Come to the Feast**
- **3 - Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley**
- **4 - All Hail Jesus! Behold the King!**
- **5 - Were You There?**
- **6 - Christ is Risen! Alleluia!**  
(Congregation please sing on "Christ the Lord is Risen Today!" and "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!")

*Christ, the Lord is ris'n today! Alleluia!  
Earth and heav'n in chorus say, Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!  
Sing ye heav'ns and earth reply, Alleluia!*

*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! His the scepter, His the throne!  
Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone!  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood.  
Jesus, our of ev'ry nation has redeemed us by His blood.*

