PROLOGUE

Words by FANNY J. CROSBY (1820-1915)

Music by JOSEPH M. MARTIN (BMI) Incorporating tunes: STORY OF JESUS

and LOVE OF GOD



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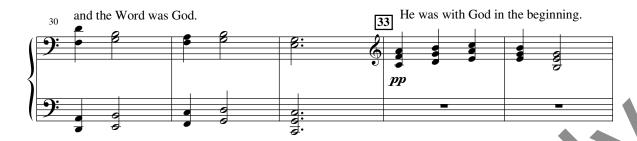


NARRATOR:

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God...



* Tune: LOVE OF GOD, Frederick M. Lehman, 1868-1953 Words: Frederick M. Lehman, 1868-1953



Through Him all things were made; without Him nothing was made that has been made. In Him was









(Congregational Anthem and Processional) *

Words by FRANCIS H. ROWLEY (1854-1952)

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PRAYER (optional)

God is seeking us. God is speaking to us. God is reaching out to us through the life of His Son, Jesus. We gather today to share the music of promise and to renew our hope in God's unfailing love. We join our hearts in worship, to celebrate the grace that transforms us and to offer testimony to the life that forever changed the world. O God, Creator of all that is joy and all that is truth, we present our hearts in thanksgiving for the gift of alleluia. We offer our prayers of gratitude and devotion in the words taught to us by Jesus praying... Our Father, who art in heaven... (The Lord's Prayer)

LESSON 2 (The Young Jesus in the Temple)

When Jesus was twelve years old His parents went to Jerusalem for the Festival of the Passover according to the custom. When Passover was over, Jesus' relatives and friends set out to return home. However, they were not aware that the boy Jesus had stayed behind in Jerusalem. When His parents could not find Him, they went back to Jerusalem to search for Him.

After three days, they found Him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. Everyone who heard Him was amazed at His understanding and His answers. When His parents saw Him, they were astonished. His mother said to Him, "Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you." "Why were you searching for me?" He asked. "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?"

Then He went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But His mother treasured all these things in her heart, and Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.

Luke 2:41-52 (adapted)

THE STORY BEGINS

Words by LOUIS F. BENSEN (1855-1930) Tune: **KINGSFOLD**Traditional English Melody
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LESSON 3 (Jesus' Ministry Begins)

Filled with the Spirit's power, Jesus returned to Galilee, and a report about Him went throughout all the surrounding country. He taught in their synagogues and was glorified by all. He came to Nazareth, where He had grown up, and as was His custom, He went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day. The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to Him to read. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, and to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

After reading, He rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on Him as He said to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." *Luke 14:14-24 (adapted)*

A DAY OF REJOICING AND PRAISE

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LESSON 4 (Jesus Enters Jerusalem)

When Jesus drew near to Jerusalem, He sent two of His disciples ahead telling them, "Go into the village and there you will find a colt tethered on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone should say to you, 'Why are you doing this?' reply, 'The Master has need of it and will send it back here at once.'"

So they went off and found a colt tethered at a gate outside on the street, and they untied it. Some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They answered just as Jesus had told them to, and were granted permission..

They brought the colt to Jesus and He sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road. Others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. Those preceding Him and those following kept crying out: "Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come! Hosanna in the highest!"

(Mark 11:1-10) adapted

HOSANNA, LOUD HOSANNA

(Congregational Anthem) *

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LESSON 5 (The Last Supper)

On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Where do you want us to make preparations for You to eat the Passover?"

He replied, "Go into the city to a certain man and tell him, 'The Teacher says: My appointed time is near. I am going to celebrate the Passover with my disciples at your house."

So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them and prepared the Passover...

While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body."

Then He took a cup, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will not drink from this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. *Matthew 26:17-30*

BANQUET OF MERCY

Words by REGINALD HEBER (1783-1826) and CHARLES H. GABRIEL (1856-1932) Music by
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MY SAVIOR'S LOVE
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LESSON 6 (Gethsemane)

Then Jesus went with His disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and He said to them, "Sit here while I go over there and pray."

Then He said to them, "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me."

Going a little farther, He fell with His face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as You will."

Then He returned to His disciples and found them sleeping. "Couldn't you men keep watch with me for one hour?" He asked Peter. "Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak." He went away a second time and prayed, "My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may Your will be done." When He came back, He again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. So He left them and went away once more and prayed the third time, saying the same thing. Then He returned to the disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? Look, the hour has come, and the Son of Man is delivered into the hands of sinners."

Matthew 26:36-46

INTO THE GARDEN

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LESSON 7 (Jesus is Crucified)

The soldiers led Jesus away to the courtyard of the palace. They clothed Him in a purple cloak, and twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on His head. Then they began to mock Him saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" They struck His head with a reed and spat upon Him. Finally, they stripped Him of the purple cloak and put His own clothes on Him, and led Him out to be crucified.

They brought Him to the place called Golgotha, meaning "the place of a skull." There, they crucified Him and cast lots among themselves for His clothing. The inscription on His cross read, "The King of the Jews." On either side of Him, they crucified two robbers, one on His right and one on His left. Those who passed by mocked Him, crying, "He saved others but He cannot save Himself."

At noon of that day, it became dark over the entire land and remained that way for three hours. Finally, at three o'clock, Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed His last breath. When a certain centurion saw this, he exclaimed, "Truly this was God's Son."

Mark 15: 16-20

WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS

(Congregational Anthem) *

Words by ISAAC WATTS (1674-1748)

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LESSON 8 (Jesus is Risen)

Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see Jesus' tomb. Behold, there was a great earthquake, and an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and rolled back the stone. His appearance was like lightning, and His clothing white as snow. The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for He has risen, as He said. Come, see the place where He lay."

Matthew 28:1-3, 5-6

A DAY BRIGHT WITH JOY

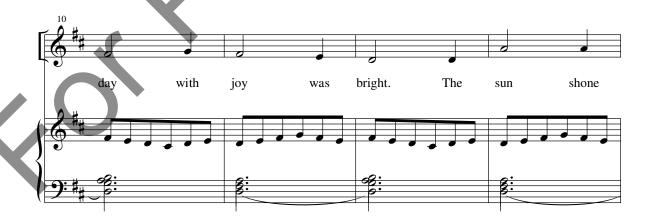
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LESSON 9 (Jesus Appears to the Chosen and Ascends to Heaven)

After His resurrection Jesus appeared to His disciples and opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day. Repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. He then led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, He lifted up His hands and blessed them. While He was blessing them, He was taken up into heaven. They worshipped Him and went on their way with great joy."

Luke 24:45-48 (adapted)

CLOSING PRAYER (can be read before or after the last choral)

Risen Christ, Living Lord, renew us by Your resurrection power. May the miracles of Your life and ministry live and work through Your people. May Your church be a reflection of Your light, and may that Light shine in the darkness as a reminder of Your love and mercy. May Your wondrous story be proclaimed in word and deed to all peoples. M/ay the music of Your grace echo through time as a testimony to Your everlasting life! AMEN!

I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVES

(Congregational Anthem) *

Words by SAMUEL MEDLEY (1738-1799)

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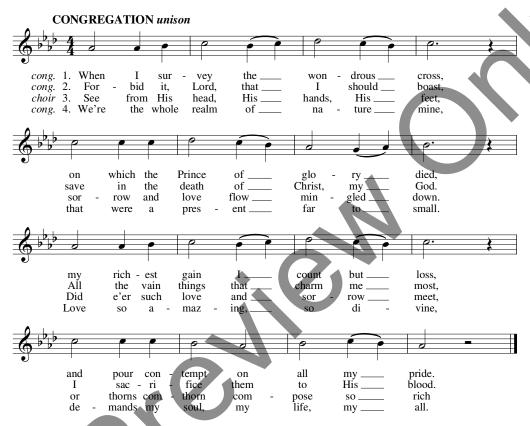
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