

Royal Tunbridge Wells Choral Society

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Tunbridge Wells

St. Matthew Passion

(J. S. BACH)

MAUNDY THURSDAY,

30th MARCH, 1961

at 7.30 p.m.

Programme & Book of Words - Sixpence

NOTE:—*In view of the nature of this great Work it is requested that there be NO APPLAUSE at any stage of the performance*

Soloists :

OLIVE KEROL (Soprano)

LILY KETTLEWELL (Contralto)

DAVID GALLIVER (Tenor) **EVANGELIST**

JOHN WAKEFIELD (Tenor)

HERVEY ALAN (Bass) **JESUS**

LAURENCE NEELEY (Bass)

PATRICIA PARKER (1st Maid and Pilate's Wife)

STELLA ELLIS (2nd Maid)

FRANCIS SHORTER (Pilate)

JOHN SAUNDERS (Judas)

SYDNEY LAWRENCE (High Priest)

CLIFFORD SMITH (Peter)

Ripieno Chorus :

A section of the Choir of the Tunbridge Wells

Grammar School for Girls

(by kind permission of the Headmistress)

(Trained by Miss B. C. Leach)

FULL ORCHESTRA

(Leader: Ronald Good)

Harpichord Continuo: **RUTH DYSON**

Conductor :

Dr. HAROLD MAY

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD

ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW

SET TO MUSIC BY

JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH

(*Elgar-Atkins Edition*)

PART I

Prologue

1. CHORUS

Come, ye daughters, share my mourning ;
See Him, Whom ? the Bridegroom Christ,
See Him, How ? a spotless Lamb
See it, What ? His patient love
Look ! Look where ? on our offence
Look on Him, Look ye, for love of us
He Himself His cross is bearing
Come, ye daughters, share my mourning.

RIPIENO CHORUS (GIRLS' CHOIR)

O Lamb of God most holy,
Who on the Cross didst languish,
O Saviour, meek and lowly,
Who suffered bitter anguish
The sins of man Thou bearest,
Our ev'ry grief Thou sharest.
Have mercy on us, O Jesu !

The Announcement of the Passion

2. RECITATIVE

EVANGELIST : When Jesus had finished all these sayings, He said unto His disciples :
JESUS : " Ye know that after two days is the Passover, and the Son of Man shall be delivered over to be crucified."

3. CHORALE

O blessed Jesu, how hast Thou offended,
That now on Thee such judgment has descended ?
Of what misdeed has Thou to make confession ?
Of what transgression ?

The Rulers conspire against Christ

4. RECITATIVE

EVANGELIST : Then assembled the chief priests, and the scribes together, and the elders of the people, unto the palace of the high priest, who was called Caiaphas, and they consulted that they might take Jesus by subtilty, and kill Him. But they said,

5. CHORUS

Not upon the feast, lest haply there be an uproar among the people.

The Anointing at Bethany

6. RECITATIVE

EVANGELIST : Now when Jesus was in Bethany, in the house of Simon the leper, there came unto Him a woman, having an alabaster box of very precious ointment, and poured it on His Head, as He sat at meat. But when His disciples saw it, they had indignation and said,

7. CHORUS

To what purpose is this waste ? For this ointment might have been sold for much, and given to the poor:

8. RECITATIVE

EVANGELIST : When Jesus understood it, He said unto them,
JESUS : " Why trouble ye the woman ? for she hath wrought a good work upon Me. For ye have the poor always with you, but Me ye have not always. For in that she hath poured this ointment on My Body, she did it to prepare Me for My burial. Verily I say to you, Wheresoever this Gospel shall be preached throughout the whole world, there shall also this, that this woman hath done, be told of her for a memorial."

9. RECITATIVE (CONTRALTO)

My Master and my Lord,
In vain do Thy disciples chide Thee
Because this pitying woman,
With ointment sweet, Thy Flesh
For burial maketh ready.
O grant to me, beloved Lord,
The tears wherewith my heart o'erfloweth
An unction on Thy Head may pour.

The Treason of Judas

11. RECITATIVE

EVANGELIST : Then went one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, to the chief priests, and said,

JUDAS : " What will ye give me, and I will deliver Him unto you ? "

EVANGELIST : And they covenanted with him for thirty pieces of silver, and from that time he sought opportunity to betray Him.

The Preparation of the Passover

13. RECITATIVE

EVANGELIST : Now the first day of the feast of unleaven'd bread, the disciples came to Jesus, saying unto Him,

14. CHORUS

Where wilt Thou that we prepare for Thee to eat the Passover ?

15. RECITATIVE

EVANGELIST : And He said, JESUS : " Go ye into the city to such a man and say unto him, The Master saith, My time is at hand, I will keep the Passover at thy house with my disciples."

EVANGELIST : And the disciples did, as Jesus had appointed them and they made ready the Passover. Now when even was come He was sitting at meat with the twelve. And as they did eat, He said,

JESUS : " Verily I say to you, that one of you shall betray me."

EVANGELIST : And they were exceeding sorrowful, and began everyone of them to say unto Him

CHORUS : Lord, is it I ?

16. CHORALE

'Tis I, whose sin now binds thee,
With anguish deep surrounds Thee,
And nails Thee to the tree ;
The torture Thou art feeling,
Thy patient love revealing,
'Tis I should bear it, I alone.

The Institution of the Eucharist

17. RECITATIVE

EVANGELIST : And He answered and said JESUS : " He that dippeth his hand with Me in the dish, the same shall betray Me. The Son of Man truly goeth as it is written of Him : but woe unto that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed : it had been good for that man if he had never been born."

EVANGELIST : Then answered Judas, which did betray Him, and said,

JUDAS : " Master, is it I ? "

EVANGELIST : He said unto him,

JESUS : " Thou hast said."

EVANGELIST : And as they were eating, Jesus took bread and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said,

JESUS : " Take, eat, this is My Body."

EVANGELIST : And He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying,

JESUS : " Drink ye all of it ; This is My Blood of the New Testament which is shed for many for the remission of sins. I say unto you, I will not drink from henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

18. RECITATIVE (SOPRANO)

Although our eyes with tears o'erflow,
Since Jesus now must from us go,
His gracious promise doth the soul uplift.
His Flesh and Blood, O precious gift !
He leaves us for our souls' refreshment.
As He while in the world did love His own,
So now with love unchanging,
He loves them still unto the end.

19. ARIA (SOPRANO)

Jesus, Saviour, I am Thine,
Come and dwell my heart within.
All things else I count but loss,
Glory only in Thy Cross.
Dearer than the world beside
Is the Saviour Who hath died.

At the Mount of Olives

20. RECITATIVE

EVANGELIST : And when they had sung an hymn, they went out unto the mount of Olives. Then saith Jesus to them,

JESUS : " 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. But after I am risen again, I will go before you into Galilee."

21. CHORALE

Receive me, my Redeemer,
My shepherd, make me Thine ;
Of ev'ry good the fountain,
Thou art the spring of mine.
How oft Thy words have fed me
On earth with angels' food,
How oft Thy grace hath led me
To highest Heav'nly good.

Peter's Denial foretold by Christ

22. RECITATIVE

EVANGELIST : Peter answered, and said unto Him,

PETER : " Though all men shall be offended because of Thee, yet will I never be offended."

EVANGELIST : Jesus said unto him,

JESUS : " Verily I say unto thee, that this same night before the cock crow, shalt thou deny Me thrice."

EVANGELIST : Peter said unto Him,

PETER : " Yea, though I should die with Thee, yet will I not deny Thee."

EVANGELIST : Likewise also said all the disciples.

23. CHORALE

Here would I stand beside Thee
Lord, bid me not depart !
From Thee I will not sever,
Though breaks Thy loving heart.
When bitter pain shall hold Thee
In agony opprest,
Then, then will I enfold Thee
Within my loving breast.

The Agony in the Garden

24. RECITATIVE

EVANGELIST : Then cometh Jesus with them unto a place called Gethsemane, and saith to His disciples.

JESUS : " Sit ye here, while I go yonder and pray."

EVANGELIST : And He took with Him Peter, and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be sorrowful and very heavy. Then saith Jesus to them.

JESUS : " My soul is exceeding sorrowful even unto death : Tarry here and watch with Me."

25. TENOR AND CHORUS

O grief ! that bows the Saviour's troubled heart !

His spirit faints, His sorrow veils His face !
He to the Judgment-hall is brought,
There is no help nor comfort near.

The powers of darkness now assail Him,
His chosen friends will yet forsake Him.

Ah ! if my love Thy stay could be,
If I could weigh Thy grief, and share it,
Could make it less, or help to bear it,
How gladly would I watch with Thee !

My Saviour, why must all this ill befall
Thee ?

My sin, alas ! from highest heav'n did
Call Thee.

God took the debt from me, who should
have paid it ;

On Thee He laid it.

26. TENOR AND CHORUS

I would beside my Lord be watching,
By His Cross I am saved from sin and loss,
His sorrows win my soul its ransom.

And so our sin will fall asleep,
The griefs that He for us endureth,
How bitter, yet how sweet are they.

Christ's Prayer in the Garden

27. RECITATIVE

EVANGELIST : And He went a little farther, and fell on His face, and prayed, saying,

JESUS : " O My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from Me : yet not as I will, but as Thou wilt."

30. RECITATIVE

EVANGELIST : And He cometh to His disciples, and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Peter,

JESUS : " What, could ye not watch with Me one hour ? Watch and pray that ye enter not into temptation : the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."

EVANGELIST : He went away again the second time, and prayed and said,

JESUS : " O My Father, if this cup may not pass away from Me, except I drink it, Thy will be done."

31. CHORALE

O Father, let Thy will be done,
For all things well Thou doest,
In time of need refusest none,
But helpest e'en the lowest.
In deep distress Thou still dost bless,
In wrath rememb'rest mercy ;
Who trusts in Thee shall ever be
In perfect peace and safety.

The Betrayal and Arrest

32. RECITATIVE

EVANGELIST : And He came and found them asleep again : for their eyes were very heavy. And He left them, and went away again and prayed the third time, saying again the same words. Then cometh He to His disciples, and saith unto them,

JESUS : " Sleep on now, and take your rest, behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man shall be betrayed into the hands of sinners. Arise, let us be going : behold, he is at hand that doth betray Me."

EVANGELIST : And while He yet spake, lo, Judas one of the twelve came, and with him a great multitude with swords and with staves from the chief priests and elders of the people. Now he that betrayed Him had given unto them a sign, saying, Whomsoever I shall kiss, that is He ; hold Him fast. And forthwith he came to Jesus, and said,

JUDAS : " Hail Master."

EVANGELIST : and kissed Him. Jesus said unto him,

JESUS : " Friend, friend, wherefore art thou come ?"

EVANGELIST : Then drew they near, and laid hands on Jesus and took Him.

Christ is bound and Led into the City

33. CHORUS

Have lightnings and thunders their fury forgotten ?

Then open, O fathomless pit, all thy terrors !

Destroy them, o'erwhelm them, devour them, consume them with tumult of rage
The treach'rous betrayer, the merciless through.

The Disciples Forsake Christ

34. RECITATIVE

EVANGELIST : And behold, one of them which were with Jesus, stretched out his hand, and drew his sword, and struck a servant of the high priest's, and smote off his ear. Then said Jesus unto him,

JESUS : " Put up again thy sword into its place : for all that take the sword, shall perish with the sword. Or thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to My Father, and He shall presently give Me more than twelve legions of angels ? But how then shall the Scriptures be fulfilled, that thus it must be ?"

EVANGELIST : In that same hour said Jesus to the multitudes,

JESUS : " Are ye come out as against a thief with swords and with staves for to take Me ? I sat daily among you, teaching in the temple, and ye laid no hold on Me. And all this was done, that the Scriptures of the Prophets might be fulfilled,"

EVANGELIST : Then all the disciples forsook Him and fled:

The Christian Soul Bemoans the Frailty of Mankind

35. CHORALE

O man, thy grievous sin bemoan,
For which Christ left His Father's Throne,

From highest Heaven descending.
Of Virgin pure and undefiled,
He here was born, our Saviour mild,
For sin to make atonement.

The dead He raised to life again,
The sick He freed from grief and pain,
Until the time appointed,
That He for us should give His Blood,
Should bear our sins' o'erwhelming load,
The shameful Cross enduring.

SHORT INTERVAL

PART II

Prologue

The Daughter of Sion Seeks the Saviour

36. ARIA (ALTO) AND CHORUS

Ah ! now is my Saviour gone.
Whither went He ? I would follow.
Ah ! my lamb, the slayers hold Thee,
Ah ! how shall I find an answer
To assure my anxious soul ?

Whither is thy beloved gone ?
O thou fairest among women.
Whither has thy friend gone aside ?
For we would go with thee to seek Him.

In the Court of Caiaphas

37. RECITATIVE

EVANGELIST : And they that had laid hold on Jesus, led Him away to the house of Caiaphas, the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were gathered together. But Peter followed Him afar off, unto the court of the high priest, and went in and sat with the servants to see the end. Now the chief priests and elders, and all the council, sought false witness against Jesus to put Him to death, but found none.

42. RECITATIVE

EVANGELIST : And the high priest answered, and said unto Him,

HIGH PRIEST : " I adjure Thee by the name of the living God, that Thou tell us, whether Thou be the Christ the Son of God."

EVANGELIST : Jesus saith unto him,

JESUS : " 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."

EVANGELIST : Then the high priest rent his garments and said,

HIGH PRIEST : " He hath spoken blasphemy : what further need have we of witnesses ? behold, now ye have heard His blasphemy yourselves, what think ye ?"

EVANGELIST : They answered and said,

CHORUS : He is worthy of death.

43. RECITATIVE

EVANGELIST : Then did they spit in His face, and buffeted Him, and others smote Him with the palms of their hands, and said,

CHORUS : Now tell us, O tell us, Thou Christ, who is he that smote Thee ?

44. CHORALE

O Lord, who dares to smite Thee,
And falsely to indite Thee,
Deride and mock Thee so ?
Thou canst not need confession,
Who knowest not transgression,
As we and all our children know.

Peter's Denial

45. RECITATIVE

EVANGELIST : Now Peter was sitting
without in the court ; and there came to
him a damsel and said,

FIRST MAID : " Thou also wast with Jesus
of Galilee."

EVANGELIST : But he denied before them
all, and said,

PETER : " I know not what thou sayest."

EVANGELIST : And when he was gone out
into the porch, another maid saw him, and
said unto them that were there,

SECOND MAID : " This man also was with
Jesus of Nazareth."

EVANGELIST : And again he denied with
an oath,

PETER : " I do not know the man."

EVANGELIST : And after a little while came
to him they that stood by, and said unto
Peter,

CHORUS : Surely thou also art one of them,
thy speech bewrayeth thee.

46. RECITATIVE

EVANGELIST : Then began he to curse
and to swear,

PETER : " I know not the man."

EVANGELIST : And immediately the cock
crew. And Peter remembered the word of
Jesus, which said unto him, Before the
cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice. And
he went out, and wept bitterly.

47. ARIA (ALTO)

Have mercy, Lord, on me,
Regard my bitter weeping.
Look on me, look on me,
Heart and eyes both weep to Thee,
Bitterly.

Before Pilate

52. RECITATIVE

EVANGELIST : Jesus stood before the
governor, and the governor asked him, and
said,

PILATE : " Art Thou the King of the
Jews ?"

EVANGELIST : Jesus said unto him,

JESUS : " Thou sayest."

EVANGELIST : And when He was accused
of the chief priests and elders, He answered
nothing. Then Pilate saith unto Him,

PILATE : " Hearest Thou not how many
things they witness against Thee ?"

EVANGELIST : And He answered him to
never a word : insomuch that the governor
 marvelled greatly.

53. CHORALE

Commit thy way to Jesus,
Thy burdens and thy cares ;
He from them all releases,
He all thy sorrow shares.
He gives the wind their courses,
And bounds the ocean's shore,
He suffers not temptation
To rise beyond thy pow'r.

Barabbas

54. RECITATIVE AND CHORUS

EVANGELIST : Now at that feast the
governor was wont to release unto the
people a prisoner, whom they would. And
they had at that time a notable prisoner
called Barabbas. Therefore when they were
gathered together, Pilate said unto them,

PILATE : " Whom will ye that I release
unto you ? Barabbas, or Jesus, which is
called Christ ?"

EVANGELIST : For he knew well that for
envy they had delivered Him up. And
while he was sitting on the judgment seat,
his wife sent unto him, saying,

PILATE'S WIFE : Have thou nothing to do
with that just man : for I have suffered
many things this day in a dream, because
of him.

EVANGELIST : But the chief priests and the
elders persuaded the multitude that they
should ask Barabbas, and destroy Jesus.
The governor answered, and said unto
them,

PILATE : Whether of the twain will ye that
I release unto you ?

EVANGELIST : They said,

CHORUS : Barabbas.

EVANGELIST : Pilate said unto them,

PILATE : " What then shall I do unto
Jesus, which is called Christ ?"

EVANGELIST : They all say :

CHORUS : Let Him be crucified.

55. CHORALE

O wond'rous love that suffers this
correction !
The Shepherd dying for His flock's
protection,
The Master pays the debts His servants
owe Him,
And they betray Him !

56. RECITATIVE

EVANGELIST : And the governor said,
PILATE : " Why, what evil hath He done ? "

58. ARIA (SOPRANO)

For love my Saviour now is dying.
Of sin and guilt He knoweth nought.
To eternal desolation and the sinner's
righteous doom shall not rest upon my
spirit.

59. RECITATIVE AND CHORUS.

EVANGELIST : But they cried out the
more, and said,

CHORUS : Let Him be crucified.

EVANGELIST : When Pilate therefore saw
that he prevailed nothing, but that rather
a tumult was made, he took water, and
washed his hands before the multitude,
and said,

PILATE : " I am innocent of the blood of
this just person : see ye to it. "

EVANGELIST : Then answered all the
people, and said,

CHORUS : His blood be on us, on us and
on our children.

EVANGELIST : Then released he Barabbas
unto them, and when he had scourged
Jesus, he delivered Him to be crucified.

60. RECITATIVE (CONTRALTO)

O gracious God !
Behold, the Saviour standeth bound.
They scourge Him now, and smite and
wound Him !

Tormentors, stay your hands !
Are not your hearts with pity mov'd
To see such anguish meekly borne ?
Ah no ! your hearts are hard, and must
be like the rock itself,
Nay, more unyielding still.
Have pity ! stay your hands !

The Crowning with Thorns

62. RECITATIVE AND CHORUS

EVANGELIST : Then the soldiers of the
governor took Jesus into the common hall,
and gathered to him the whole band of
soldiers. And they stripped Him, and put
on Him a scarlet robe. And they platted a
crown of thorns, and put it upon His Head,
and a reed in His right Hand : and they
bowed the knee before Him, and mocked
Him, and said,

CHORUS : Hail, King of the Jews.

EVANGELIST : And they spit upon Him,
and took the reed, and smote Him on the
Head.

63. CHORALE

O Sacred Head, surrounded
By crown of piercing thorn !
O bleeding Head, so wounded,
Reviled, and put to scorn !
Death's pallid hue comes o'er Thee,
The glow of life decays,
Yet angel hosts adore Thee,
And tremble as they gaze.

The Crucifixion

67. RECITATIVE AND CHORUS

EVANGELIST : And when they were come
unto a place called Golgotha, that is to
say, a place of a skull, they gave Him
vinegar to drink, mingled with gall : and
when He had tasted thereof He would not
drink. And when they had crucified Him,
they parted His garments and cast lots
upon them, that it might be fulfilled which
was spoken by the Prophet, They parted
my garments among them, and upon my
vesture did they cast lots. And sitting
down, they watched Him there : And set
up over His head His accusation, written,
This is Jesus the King of the Jews. Then
were there two thieves crucified with Him :
one on the right hand, and one on the left.
And they that passed by, reviled Him,
wagging their heads, And saying,

CHORUS : Thou that destroyest the temple
of God, and buildest it in three days, save
Thyself : If Thou be the Son of God, come
down from the cross.

EVANGELIST : Likewise, also the chief
priests mocking Him, with the scribes and
the elders, said,

CHORUS : He saved others, Himself He
cannot save : If He be King of Israel, let
Him now come down from the cross, and
we will believe Him. He trusted in God,
let Him deliver Him now if He will have
Him : for He hath said, I am the Son of
God.

68. RECITATIVE

EVANGELIST : The thieves also which were crucified with Him, cast the same in His teeth.

69. RECITATIVE (CONTRALTO)

Ah, Golgotha !
Unhappy Golgotha !
The Lord of Glory here 'mid shame and
scorn must perish ;
The blessed Saviour of the world
Upon th' accursed Tree now hangs ;
The Lord Who heaven and earth created,
Of life and light is now bereft ;
The Sinless here as Sinner dieth.
Ah, how this grief doth pierce my soul !

The Death of Christ

71. RECITATIVE AND CHORUS

EVANGELIST : Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land unto the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour, Jesus cried with a loud voice, and said,

JESUS : "Eli, Eli, lama, lama, sabachthani,"

EVANGELIST : That is to say : My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me ? Some of them that stood there heard that, and said,

CHORUS : He calleth for Elias.

EVANGELIST : And straightway one of them ran, and took a sponge, and filled it full of vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave Him to drink. And others said,

CHORUS : Let be, let us see whether Elias will come to save Him.

EVANGELIST : Jesus, when He had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost.

72. CHORALE

Be near me, Lord, when dying,
O part not Thou from me !
And to my succour flying,
Come, Lord, and set me free !
And when my heart must languish
In death's last awful throe,
Release me from mine anguish,
By Thine own pain and woe.

After the Crucifixion

73. RECITATIVE AND CHORUS

EVANGELIST : And behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain, from the top unto the bottom, and the earth did quake, and the rocks were rent, And the graves were opened and there arose many bodies of the saints which had slept, and coming forth from the graves after His resurrection, they went into the holy city, and appeared unto many. Now when the centurion, and they that were with him, watching Jesus, saw the earthquake, and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying,

CHORUS : Truly this was the Son of God.

EVANGELIST : When the even was come, there came a rich man of Arimathea, named Joseph, who also himself was Jesus' disciple : He went to Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus : Then Pilate commanded the body to be delivered.

At the Descent from the Cross

74. RECITATIVE (BASS)

At evening, hour of calm and peace,
Was Adam's fall made manifest ;
At evening, too, the Lord's redeeming love ;
At evening homeward turned the dove
And bore the olive leaf as token.
O beauteous time ! O evening hour !
Our lasting peace is now with God made
sure,

For Jesus hath His cross endured
His body sinks to rest.

Go, loving servant, ask thou it
Go, be it thine, the lifeless Saviour's body,
O wondrous gift ! O precious, Holy
burden !

The Burial

76. RECITATIVE AND CHORUS

EVANGELIST : And Joseph took the body, and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, And laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock : and he roll'd a great stone to the door of the sepulchre, and went his way. And Mary Magdalene was there and the other Mary, sitting over against the sepulchre. Now the next day that followed, the day of the preparation, the chief priests and Pharisees came together unto Pilate, and said,

CHORUS : Sir, we remember that that deceiver said, while He was yet alive, After three days I will rise again. Therefore command the grave to be made sure until the third day, lest His disciples come by night and steal Him away, and say unto the people, He is risen from the dead : so that the last error shall be worse than the first.

EVANGELIST : Pilate said unto them,

PILATE : " Ye have a watch, go your way, make it as sure as ye can."

EVANGELIST : So they went, and made the sepulchre sure, sealing the stone and setting a watch.

77. RECITATIVE AND CHORUS

BASS : And now the Lord to rest is laid.

CHORUS : Lord Jesu, fare Thee well.

TENOR : His task is o'er for all our sin
He hath atoned.

ALTO : O blest and holy Body.
See, with repentant tears we would bedew it,
Which our offence to such a death has
brought.

SOPRANO : While life shall last,
O let Thy sufferings claim our love,
Since Thou for man salvation sure has
wrought.

CHORUS : Lord Jesu, fare Thee well.

78. CHORUS

In tears of grief, dear Lord, we leave Thee,
Hearts cry to Thee, O Saviour dear,
Lie Thou softly, softly here.
Rest Thy worn and bruised Body,
At Thy grave, O Jesu blest,
May the sinner, worn with weeping,
Comfort find in Thy dear keeping,
And the weary soul find rest.
Sleep in peace,
Sleep Thou in the Father's breast.

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Programme

Scherzo Capriccioso	-	-	-	-	-	<i>Dvorak</i>
Symphony No. 4 in D minor	-	-	-	-	-	<i>Schumann</i>
Piano Concerto in A minor	-	-	-	-	-	<i>Grieg</i>
La Mer	-	-	-	-	-	<i>Debussy</i>

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Conductor: **JOHN HOLLINGSWORTH**

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