

“THE PROCESSION OF THE CROSS”

“ONCE UPON A TREE”

Once upon a tree, our Savior died, and though He did no crime, He was crucified.

If the story ended there, I would have no song to share, but my heart will ever sing the story. Once upon a tree, so the story goes, and all its mystery surely no one knows. Could the Father’s will be done through the suffering of His Son? And there comes the answer, “Once upon a tree.” For God so loved the world, He gave His priceless pearl. What greater love could there be? He died, He rose again, still the story doesn’t end, for His spirit is living in me. What tale of human love could there ever be told? What song could compare with the one I hold? Through ev’rything I am and through ev’rything I’ll be, let me sing my story:

“Once upon a tree, once upon a tree.”

“JERUSALEM”

Jerusalem, Jerusalem, Jerusalem, Jerusalem.

Be careful in this city; this is no place to prophesy. The world comes here to worship, and prophets come here to die.

Be careful in this city; be careful where you tread. The people rise to praise you, the Pharisees want you dead.

Jerusalem, Jerusalem, Jerusalem, Jerusalem.

The streets fill with hosannas, but the Pharisees detest the sound. When God raises up a prophet, they try to take him down.

This town is full of danger. Speak clear, but count the cost. Better choose your battles wisely or you could end up on a cross.

Jerusalem, Jerusalem, Jerusalem, Jerusalem.

He threatens the temple’s power; the time to act has come. They meet this very hour, for something must be done, something must be done. It must be done.

“DO THIS AND REMEMBER ME”

See, the table is set, the food is prepared. We gather to share this holy meal.

Do this and remember Me. Come and eat this bread; and take the cup;

it will fill you up with My memory. Do this and remember Me.

And when your journey’s long and all your strength is gone,

when you wonder if My spirit is there. And though the world is cruel

and evil forces rule, I will be with you. I will be with you forevermore.

Though I go away, remember my friends, I’ll see you again

when in heaven we’ll meet. Do this and remember Me.

Go and share the bread and offer the cup;

there will be enough for all who believe, who believe.

Do this and remember Me. Do this and remember, remember Me.

“GETHESEMANE”

Jesus—John Lee

Come, go to Gethsemane. We will follow, Lord. **I will take you there with Me.** We will follow you, Lord. Do not worry, we will follow where you lead.

We will never leave your side. We will never leave. **Will you stay awake with Me?** We are weary, Lord. **Stay alert and pray with Me.** We are

weary, O Lord. **Pray that we will stand the test.** All we need is peace and

rest. We will pray as evening comes, God’s will be done. **Father, take this**

cup from Me. Where did Judas go? **It is more that I can bear.** Where

did Judas go, Lord? **Must it be My destiny to die in shame and**

suffering? Still I am your Son. Your will be done. Your will be

done. Someone’s coming, Lord. **Your will be done.** Someone’s coming,

O Lord. **My friends do you not understand? Look, the betrayer is at**

hand. The betrayer is now at hand! **Your will be done.** We will fight for you,

Lord. **Your will be done.** We will fight for You, Lord. We will fight, we will

defend. **Your will be done.** We’ll protect You to the end. **Your will be**

done. We will fight, we will defend. We’ll protect You to the end. **But no, put**

your sword down. May the Father’s will be done.

May the Father’s will be done.

“CRUCIFY HIM”

Pilate—Jason Flores

Crucify, crucify, crucify Him, now crucify Him!

What has He done that He should die? You choose to kill Him,

not I. His blood shall not be on my hands! Let His

blood be on us and all our children! Let Him die! Let Him be crucified!

Crucify, crucify, crucify Him, now crucify Him! **I’ll free Barabbus or Jesus,**

you decide. Crucify, crucify! Give us Barabbas! **One shall live, the other**

man shall die. Why should I free a man like that?

Set him free and save the cross for Jesus! Let Him die, Let Him be crucified!

What has He done that He should die? You choose to

kill Him, not I. Crucify, crucify! Give us Barabbas!

Stop! Take Him, He’s yours to crucify. Crucify Him!! Crucify Him!

“FATHER FORGIVE THEM”

Father, forgive them, they know not what they do.

“NOW IT’S TIME TO REST”

Mary—Miki Keisler

Oh, my precious Jesus, now Your suffering’s over. Poor and tortured body, now it’s time to rest. Why were they so angry?

Love has turned to hating. How could they kill You; steal

Your Life away? Soon it will be Sabbath, cruel work is over. Take His

broken body, lay it down to rest. You wouldn’t lead an army, still You fought

the battle, with love Your only armor, truth Your only sword. Death, now he

is laughing, thinks he won a prize. The story is not over. God will overcome.

Your days on earth have ended, Your words will live eternal. Your Spirit lives

among us, You will never leave. **Lord, Your breath is still now,**

peace is on Your face. Poor and tortured body, now it’s time

to rest. Now it’s time to rest. It’s time to rest.

“WERE YOU THERE”

Soloist - Hal McIntosh

“DEEP, DEEP LOVE”

Deeper than the nails driven into His hands, is the love of a Father who gives His only Son. Deeper than the thorns pressing into His brow, is the love of a Son who dies for ev'ryone. Love, so amazing, deep, deep love. Love, so divine deep, deep love. Love never failing to hear my call demands my soul, my live, my all. Deeper than the spear piercing into His side, is the love of God who takes away my sin. Deeper than the pain of the mob's bitter words is the love of the Savior who only says “forgive.” Love, so amazing, deep, deep love. Love, so divine, deep, deep love. Love never failing to hear my call demands my soul, my life, my all. Love so amazing demands my soul, my life, my all.

“ONCE UPON A WEEPING TREE” EPILOGUE

Ushers will assist each row during departure from the Sanctuary. The nail you were given represents your personal responsibility in the crucifixion of Christ. Christ died for us, for our sins, for the sins of our ancestors and the sins of those yet born. All of our sins were nailed to His cross. As you exit the Sanctuary through the Narthex, you will find 3 wooden crosses, one at each exit door, representing the cross of Christ. We ask that you would simply nail your nail into the cross and depart in silence contemplating the sacrifice that has been made for us.

**Narrators: Patrick Cherry as Luke
Graham Gardner as Jesus**

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& AV Staff
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EASTER SUNDAY

April 17 Worship Schedule

6:30 am Sunrise Service outside SGPC Bell Tower
8:30 am Traditional Service in Sanctuary
10:45 am AWE Contemporary Service in Light House
11:00 am Traditional Service in Sanctuary

*No Sunday School or Sunday Afternoon Activities.
Nursery for those 3 & under, except for the 6:30 am service.*

Orchestra

Violin 1
Kai Yi Zhang
Heather Hunter
Nyamka Odsuren

Violin 2
JulieAnne Bennett
Amy Johnson
Vira Adams

Viola
Cierra Asmond
Sarah Steeves

Cello
Pai Liu
Julie Sonne

Double Bass
Jonathan Burns

Flute
Christian Lampkin
Laurie Baynard

Oboe
Claire Compton

Clarinet
Amanda Pike
Maria Ortiz

French Horn
Emily Schweickert
Lauren Grier

Percussion
Christopher Lee
Daniel Lacoste

Bassoon
Elizabeth Nobles
Harp
Macaylia Boyle

Sanctuary Choir

Kathy Arrowsmith
Sarah Flores
Lillie Gardner
Kim Gardner
Miki Keisler
Kay Lee
Sylvia Lucas
Linda McIntosh
Madonna Moore
Teresa Olson
Barbara Pike
Trish Proctor
Pam Reams
Dottie Sistare
Dianne Smith
Lee Smith
Grace Ann Taylor
Sandy Walker
Sheila Werner
Jessica West
Ruthellen West

John Anderson
Steve Anderson
Allen Archer
Jim David
Jason Flores
Pat Hess
Leonard Hoogenboom
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Jerry Olson, Jr.
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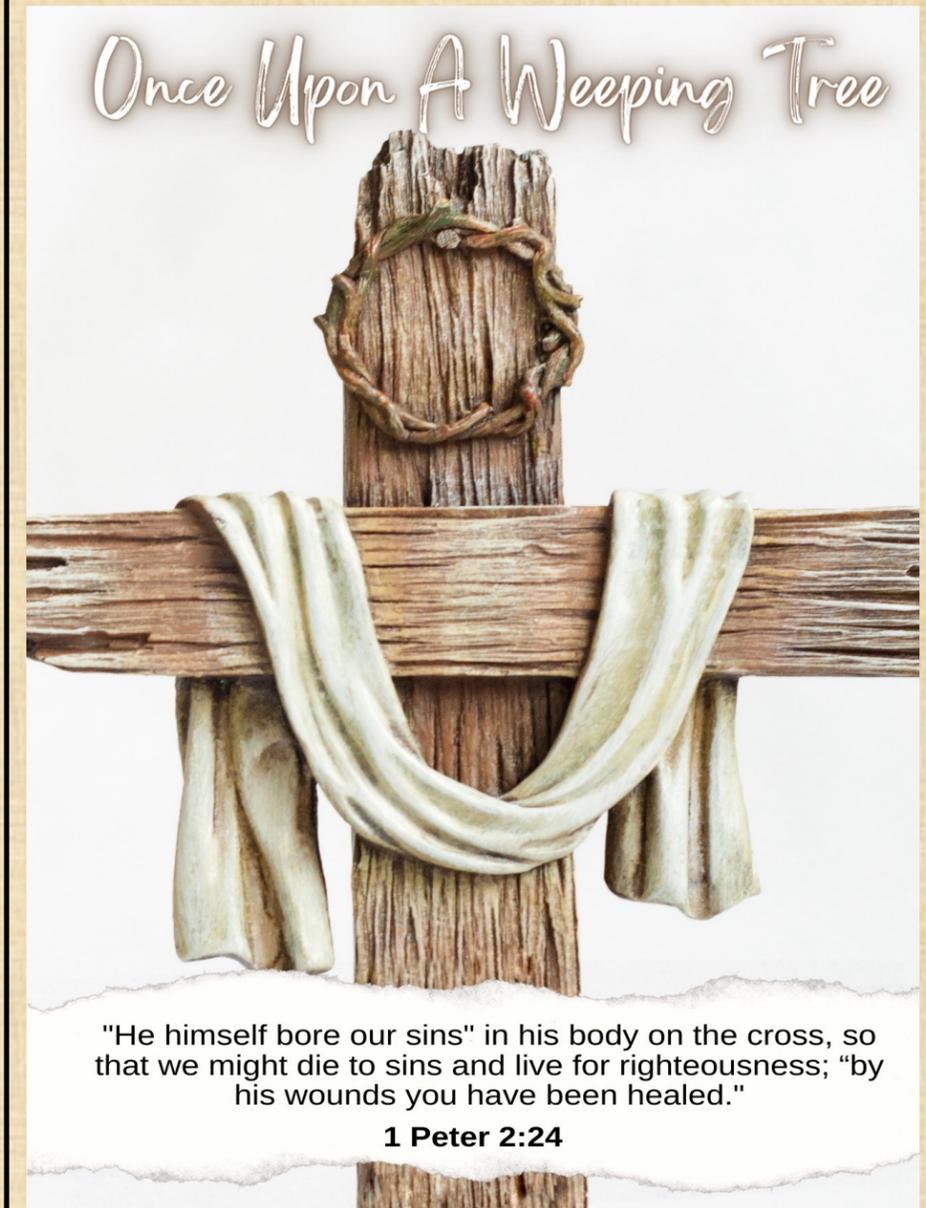
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Good Friday Cantata

April 15, 2022 ~ 7:00 pm



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