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LOVE DIVINE, as the title states, takes its theme from John 3:16, the Bible verse which is the central pillar of Christianity: "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son; that whosoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." The love behind Christ's sacrifice, as Charles Wesley's timeless lyrics tell us, is pure and unbounded and excels all others.

This 35-minute musical is an emotional examination of the Passion of Christ, taking listeners from Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, to the Last Supper, to his prayers in the garden, his arrest, trial, crucifixion and his miraculous resurrection. Those who would like to stage a tenebrae service can use movements 1 through 7, extinguishing candles at the conclusion of each song.

While most of the music is original, there are substantial quotes from well-known hymns throughout the work. Rowland Prichard's tune, HYFRY-DOL, which is the basis for Charles Wesley's "Love Divine" text, is featured in the first piece, "God So Loved." "O Woship the King" is featured in the song depicting Jesus's entry into Jerusalem, "Blessed Is He." The haunting folk hymn "What Wondrous Love Is This" is the background for the dark hours of condemnation and the last walk to Calvary. Finally, "In the Garden" is incorporated into the resurrection anthem "He Is Alive."

Music directors are pulled in all directions during the Lenten season. Easter music expectations are high, and volunteer choirs have limited time to prepare. I kept that in mind as I wrote the choral parts for this work, keeping it easily accessible for SATB voices. It can be performed with piano only, or for an enhanced experience, a chamber orchestration by Ed Hogan using Flute, Clarinet, Horn and Cello is available.

– Joel Raney

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God So Loved

HYFRYDOL

Music by ROWLAND H. PRICHARD

Words by CHARLES WESLEY

Arranged by JOEL RANEY

(Music starts, Readers begin in m. 11)

READER 1: God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son; that whosoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

READER 2: Neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus, our Lord.



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God So Loved

Blessed Is He

(Music starts)

- **READER 1:** Love divine was sent by God to earth in human form. Tonight (today) we gather to celebrate the life of Jesus, to reflect on the events that led to his crucifixion, and to remember his ultimate, loving sacrifice.
- to remember his ultimate, loving sacrifice. **READER 2:** The final week of his life began in triumph with a great celebration as he rode into Jerusalem with his many followers to observe Passover.



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Blessed Is He



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Blessed Is He



We Remember You

Words and Music by JOEL RANEY

(Music starts)

- **READER 1:** The day for the Feast of Unleavened Bread came, during which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover for us to eat."
- **READER 2:** After taking their place at the table, Jesus took bread, gave thanks to God, broke it, and shared it with his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you."
- **READER 1:** He also took the cup, gave thanks to God, and shared it with his disciples, saying, "This is the cup of the new covenant. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."



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We Remember You





We Remember You



We Remember You





We Remember You







We Remember You

(Music starts)

READER 1: After the meal, Jesus came out and went to the Mount of Olives,

custom, and his disciples followed him.

READER 2: When he reached the place, he said to them, "Pray that you may not come into the

READER 1: Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed.

READER 2: "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will, but yours be done."



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Father, Please!



Father, Please!



READER 1: Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength.

READER 2: In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground.



Father, Please!



Father, Please!



Father, Please!



Father, Please!



Father, Please!

Wondrous Love

Appalachian Folk Hymn Southern Harmony, 1835 Arranged by JOEL RANEY

(Music starts)

READER 1: It was there, in the garden, that Jesus was arrested and taken before the high

READER 2: He was tried, found guilty, and sentenced to death by crucifixion.

READER 1: A wooden cross was strapped to his back, and a crown of thorns placed on his

READER 2: And he was forced to walk the road to Calvary, to be crucified.



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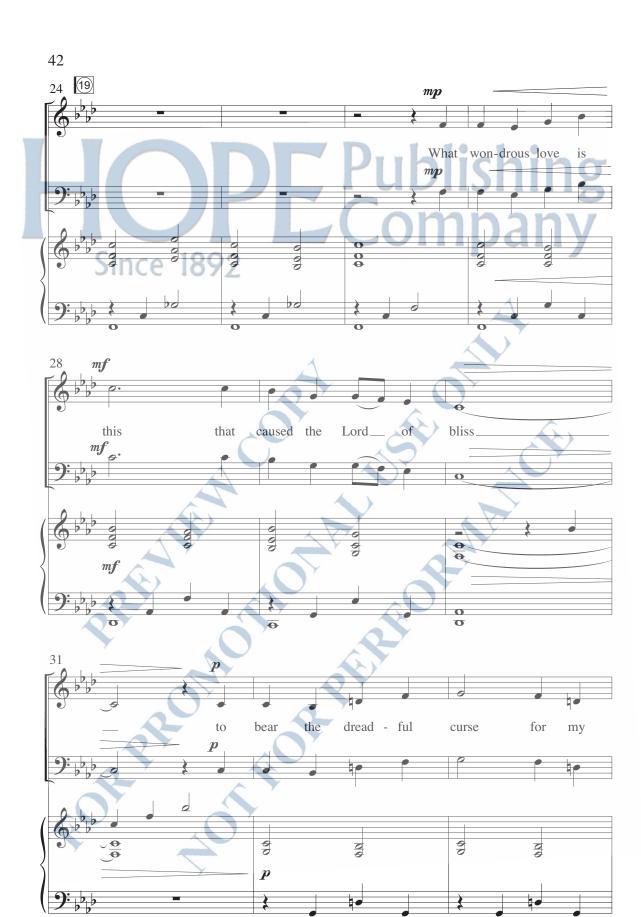


READER 1: Jesus was nailed to the cross, and it was raised to the sky.

READER 2: Yet, even in his agony, he displayed selfless love, praying, "Father, forgive them, for they don't understand what they're doing."

READER 1: No greater love has anyone than to lay down one's life for one's friends.







Lord, Remember Me

Words and Music by JOEL RANEY

(Music starts)

- **READER 1:** Two other criminals were also crucified with Jesus, one on his right and one on his left.
- **READER 2:** One of the criminals railed at Jesus, saying, "Aren't you the Christ? Save yourself and us!"
- READER 1: But the other rebuked him, saying, "We are getting what we deserve but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."
- **READER 2:** And Jesus said to him, "I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise."



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Lord, Remember Me



Lord, Remember Me



Lord, Remember Me



Lord, Remember Me





Lord, Remember Me

(Music starts)

READER 1: It was about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the

READER 2: While the sun's light failed, the curtain of the temple was torn in two.

READER 1: Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit."

READER 2: Having said this, he breathed his last.



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It Is Finished



It Is Finished



It Is Finished



It Is Finished





It Is Finished

He Is Alive

(Music starts)

- **READER 1:** The body of Jesus was wrapped and placed in a tomb. The chief priests went to Pilate and asked for guards to be placed there to prevent the body from being stolen. Then they took a large stone and sealed the entrance to the tomb.
- **READER 2:** On the third day, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb. But there came a great earthquake as an angel descended from heaven and rolled back the stone from the tomb and sat on it. The guards were frozen with fear.
- **READER 1:** Then the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified, but he is not here. For he is risen, as he said. Now, go quickly and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead."



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He Is Alive





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He Is Alive

God So Loved

HYFRYDOL Music by ROWLAND H. PRICHARD Words by CHARLES WESLEY Arranged by JOEL RANEY

(Reprise)

READER 1: God so loved the world...

(Music starts)

..that he gave his only son, that whosoever believes in him should not perish, but have life everlasting.

READER 2: God showed his divine love to us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

READER 1: Jesus, thou art all compassion; pure, unbounded love thou art.

READER 2: Visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.



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God So Loved (Reprise)



God So Loved (Reprise)



God So Loved (Reprise)







Narrations

1. God So Loved

(Music starts, Readers begin on cue in m. 11)

READER 1: God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son; that whosoever

believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

READER 2: Neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

2. Blessed Is He

(Music starts)

READER 1: Love divine was sent by God to earth in human form. Tonight (today) we gather to celebrate the life of Jesus, to reflect on the events that led to his crucifixion, and to remember his ultimate, loving sacrifice.

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3. We Remember You

(Music starts)

READER 1: The day for the Feast of Unleavened Bread came, during which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover for us to eat."

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4. Father, Please!

(Music starts)

READER 1: After the meal, Jesus came out and went to the Mount of Olives, as was his

custom, and his disciples followed him.

READER 2: When he reached the place, he said to them, "Pray that you may not come into the time of trial."

READER 1: Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed. **READER 2:** "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will, but yours

(Readers begin on cue in m. 35)

READER 1: Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength.

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5. Wondrous Love

(Music starts)

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READER 2: He was tried, found guilty, and sentenced to death by crucifixion.

READER 1: A wooden cross was strapped to his back, and a crown of thorns placed on his head.

READER 2: And he was forced to walk the road to Calvary, to be crucified.

5. Wondrous Love (cont.)

(Readers begin on cue in m. 19)

READER 1: Jesus was nailed to the cross, and it was raised to the sky.

READER 2: Yet, even in his agony, he displayed selfless love, praying, "Father, forgive them, for they don't understand what they're doing."

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9. God So Loved (Reprise)

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