

THE KINGDOM

JERUSALEM

PRELUDE

I.—IN THE UPPER ROOM.

The Disciples and the Holy Women.

Seek first the Kingdom of God,
and His righteousness.

Peter:

Peace be multiplied unto you.

The Disciples and the Holy Women.

Peace;
peace be unto thee,
and peace be to thine helpers.

Peter:

“Where two or three are gathered together
in My Name,
there am I in the midst of them.”

Mary, Mary Magdalene, John and Peter:

Remember the words of the Lord Jesus,—

The Disciples and the Holy Women.

Jesus, the Holy One.

John.

“Surely they are My people”:

The Disciples and the Holy Women.

so He was their Saviour;

Mary.

For while all things were in quiet silence,
and that night was in the midst of her swift course,
Thine almighty Word leaped down from heaven
out of Thy royal throne.

The Disciples and the Holy Women.

The Light of the world.

Mary Magdalene.

The Dayspring from on high hath visited us,
to guide our feet into the way of peace.

The Disciples and the Holy Women.

The Way,
the Truth,
and the Life.

John.

Did not their heart burn within them,
while He talked with them by the way?

Peter.

He took bread,
and blessed it,
and brake,
and gave it to us.

The Disciples and the Holy Women.

The true Vine;
the Bread of Life.

All.

Let them give thanks
whom the Lord hath redeemed ;
He remembered His holy promise.
In the concord of brethren,
in the love of neighbours,
O praise the Name of the Lord our God.
The true Vine,
The Bread of Life:
He brake,
and gave It to us.
Praise the Name of our God,
That hath dealt wondrously with us.

Amen.

Peter.

Men and brethren; it was needful that the scripture should be fulfilled, which the Holy Ghost spake before by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who was guide to them that took Jesus: for he was numbered among us, and had obtained part of this ministry.

The Disciples and the Holy Women.

“Let his habitation be desolate,

and let no man dwell therein,
and his office let another take.”

Peter.

Wherefore of these men which have companied with us all the time that
the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, must one be ordained to be a
witness with us of His resurrection.

Peter, John and the Disciples.

Thou, Lord,
Which knowest the hearts of all men,
shew of these two
the one whom Thou hast chosen,
to take the place in this ministry
and apostleship.

CHORAL RECITATIVE.

They gave forth their lots:
(The lot is cast;
but the whole disposing thereof
is of the Lord).
and the lot fell upon Matthias;
and he was numbered
with the eleven Apostles.

John, Peter, Mary, Mary Magdalene, the Disciples and the Holy Women.

The Lord hath chosen you
to stand before Him to serve Him;
you shall be named the Priest of the Lord.

CHORUS

O ye priests!
Seemeth it but a small thing
that God hath separated you
to bring you near to Himself,
to stand before the congregation
to minister unto them?

For it is not ye that speak,
but the Spirit of your Father
Which speaketh in you:
the Lord hath chosen you;
ye are the messengers
of the Lord of hosts.
It is not ye that speak,
but the Spirit of your Father
Which speaketh in you.

O ye priests!
This commandment is for you.

II—AT THE BEAUTIFUL GATE,

THE MORN OF PENTECOST

Mary and Mary Magdalene.
The singers are before the altar;
they make sweet melody,
and sing the words of David,
the sweet psalmist;
he beautified the feasts
that the temple might sound from morning.
The Lord hath prepared a sacrifice;
the day of the First-Fruits.

This man, lame from his mother's womb,
is carried daily to the Beautiful Gate;
To him that is afflicted pity should be shewed;
let us give alms of such things as we have.

The blind and the lame came to Jesus
in the temple,
and He healed them,
He knew their sorrows;
Himself took their infirmities,
and bare their sicknesses.
He hath looked down from the
height of His sanctuary,
to hear their sighing.

The service of the Lord is prepared;
the day of the First-Fruits:
let us go into the house of the Lord,

III.—PENTECOST.

IN THE UPPER ROOM

Recitative. (Tenor.)
And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one
accord in one place.

The Disciples.
When the great Lord will,
we shall be filled
with the Spirit of understanding.

Mystic Chorus (Sopranos and Contraltos).

The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon them;
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge.

Come from the four winds,
O Spirit!

*“I will pour forth of My Spirit,
and they shall prophesy;
and I will shew wonders
in the heaven above,
and signs on the earth beneath.”*

John.

When the Comforter is come,
we shall bear witness;

Peter.

and speak as moved
by the Holy Spirit.

The Disciples.

When the great Lord will,
we shall be filled
with the Spirit of understanding.

Recitative. (Contralto.)

And suddenly there came from heaven a sound as of the rushing of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting; and there appeared unto them tongues parting asunder, like as of fire; and it sat upon each one of them:—

And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit,
and began to speak with other tongues,
as the Spirit gave them utterance.

The Disciples.

He, Who walketh upon the wings of the wind,
shall baptize with the Holy Ghost,
and with fire.
He, Whose ministers are flaming fire,
shall baptize with the Holy Ghost,
and with fire.

Mystic Chorus. (Sopranos and Altos.)

(The Lord put forth His hand,
and touched their mouth;
God hath spoken,
who can but prophesy?)

RECITATIVE. (Contralto.)

And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven; and when this sound was heard, the multitude came together, and were all amazed, and marvelled.

IN SOLOMON'S PORCH.

The People.

Behold, are not all these which speak, Galileans?

And how hear we, every man in our tongue, wherein we were born?

John.

He, Who walketh upon the wings of the wind,
hath baptized with the Holy Ghost,
and with fire.

The People.

We do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God!

Peter.

He, Whose ministers are flaming fire,
hath baptized with the Holy Ghost,
and with fire.

The People.

What meaneth this?

These men are full of new wine.
They are truly full of power,
even the Spirit of the Lord.
They drink, and forget the law, and pervert the judgment.
With stammering lips
and another tongue
will He speak to this people.
When they heard, they trembled ;
like men whom wine hath overcome, their lips quiver.
Because of the Lord,
and because of the words of His holiness.
We hear them speak in our tongues;
what meaneth this?

Peter:

(‘I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not; and thou, when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.’)

Ye men of Judea,
and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem,
be this known unto you,
and give ear unto my words:

This is that which was spoken by the Prophet,—
“It shall come to pass in the last days, saith God,
I will pour forth of My Spirit upon all flesh:
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream. dreams;
and it shall be that whosoever shall call on the Name
of the Lord shall be saved.”

Ye men of Israel, hear these words:

Jesus of Nazareth,
a Man approved of God unto you
by mighty works, and wonders, and signs,
which God did by Him in the midst of you,
as ye yourselves also know;

Him, being delivered up by the determinate counsel and
foreknowledge of God,
ye, by the hand of lawless men,
did crucify and slay:
this Jesus hath God raised up,
whereof we all are witnesses.

Chorus. (Sopranos and Contraltos.)

(The Lord put forth His hand,
and touched their mouth;
God hath spoken,
who can but prophesy?)

Peter:

Therefore,
being exalted at the right hand of God,
and having received of the Father
the promise of the Holy Ghost,
He hath poured forth this,
which ye now see and hear.
Let all the house of Israel know assuredly,

that God hath made Him
both Lord and Christ;—
this Jesus Whom ye crucified.

The People. (Tenors and Basses.)
("His blood be on us,
and on our children.")

Peter:
Whom ye crucified.

Contralto. (Solo.)
("Daughters of Jerusalem,
weep not for Me,
but weep for yourselves,
and for your children.")

The People.
Men and brethren, what shall we do?
We have denied the Holy and Righteous One,
and asked for a murderer to be granted to us;
we have killed the Prince of life.
Men and brethren, what shall we do?

Peter:
Repent,—
and be baptized every one of you,
in the Name of Jesus Christ;
for to you is the promise,
and to your children,
and to all that are afar off,
even as many as the Lord our God
shall call unto Him.

The People.
In the Name of Jesus Christ;
for to us is the promise,
and to our children
and to all that are afar off,
even as many as the Lord our God
shall call unto Him.
Pour upon us the Spirit of grace.

Peter:
In the Name of Jesus Christ

The People.
Pour upon us the Spirit of grace.

All.

There shall be a fountain opened
to the house of David.
In the Name of Jesus Christ:°
of His own will, God brought us forth
by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of
First-Fruits of His creatures,
in the Name of Jesus Christ,
Whom the God of our fathers
hath glorified.

IV.—THE SIGN OF HEALING.

AT THE BEAUTIFUL GATE

Recitative. (Contralto.)

Then they that gladly received his word were baptized,
and continued stedfastly in the Apostles' teaching,
and in Fellowship,
in the Breaking of Bread,
and the Prayers;
and fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs
were done by the Apostles.

The man that was lame, at the Beautiful Gate, seeing Peter and John about
to go into the temple, asked to receive an alms; and Peter, fastening his
eyes upon him, with John, said:—

Peter.

Look on us.
Silver and gold have I none ;
but what I have, that give I thee.
In the Name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth,
rise up and walk.

The People.

This is he which sat for alms,
lame from his mother's womb,
He entereth the temple,
walking and praising God!

Peter.

Ye men of Israel,
why marvel ye at this man?
The God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob,
the God of our fathers
hath glorified His Servant Jesus,

Whom ye delivered up:
by faith in His Name
hath His Name made this man strong,
whom ye behold and know.

John.

Unto you that fear His Name
shall the Sun of righteousness arise
with healing in His wings.
Unto you first God, having raised up His Servant, sent Him to bless you,
in turning away every one of you from your iniquities.

Peter and John.

Turn ye again,
that your sins may be blotted out,
that so there may come seasons of refreshing
from the presence of the Lord.

THE ARREST.

Recitative. (Contralto)

And as they spake, the priests and the Sadducees came upon them, being
sore troubled, because they proclaimed in Jesus the resurrection from the
dead:
and they laid hands on them, and put them in ward unto the morrow;
for it was now eventide.

Mary.

The sun goeth down;
Thou makest darkness,
and it is night:
I commune with mine own heart,
and meditate on Thee,
in the night watches.
Blessed are ye when men shall persecute you for His sake.
They deliver them up to the council,
they are hated of men
for His Name's sake;
all this is come upon them:—
some shall they kill and crucify;
Blessed are ye, reproached for the Name of Christ.
Rejoice, ye partakers of His sufferings,
that when His glory shall be revealed
ye may be glad also,
with exceeding joy.
How great are Thy signs,
how mighty are Thy wonders;
Who healeth all infirmities.

The Gospel of the Kingdom
shall be preached in the whole world ;
the Kingdom and patience,
which are in Jesus.
The Branch of the Lord
shall be beautiful and glorious.

Thou makest darkness,
I meditate on Thee;

in the night Thy song shall be with me,
a prayer unto the God of my life.

V.—THE UPPER ROOM.

IN FELLOWSHIP.

The Disciples and the Holy Women.
The voice of joy
is in the dwelling of the righteous :
the stone which the builders rejected
is become the head of the corner.

John.
The rulers asked:
“By what power, or in what name, have ye done this?”
Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said:
“In the Name of Jesus Christ.”

The Disciples and the Holy Women.
In none other is there salvation:
neither is there, under heaven,
any other name
wherein we must be saved.

Peter.
And when they took knowledge of us that we had been with Jesus, they
charged us not to speak at all, nor teach in His Name;
we cannot but speak the things we saw and heard.

John.
Finding nothing how they might punish us, concerning a good deed done
to an impotent man, they further threatened us; and being let go, we
are come to our own company.

The Disciples and the Holy Women.
Lord, Thou didst make the heaven,
and the earth,

and the sea,
and all that in them is.
The rulers gather together
against the Lord and His Anointed:
Lord, behold their threatenings;
grant Thy servants to speak Thy word with all boldness,
while Thou stretchest forth Thy hand to heal.
Praise the Name of our God
That hath dealt wondrously with us.

THE BREAKING OF BREAD

The Disciples and the Holy Women.
Thou, Almighty Lord, hast given
food and drink to mankind;
but to us, Thou hast vouchsafed
spiritual food and drink
and life eternal
through Thy Servant.

Peter.
If any is holy;—

The Disciples.
let him come.

Peter.
If any is not;—

The Disciples and the Holy Women.
let him repent.

Mary, Mary Magdalene, John and Peter.
In the Name of Jesus Christ.

John.
Give thanks,—
first for the Cup.

The Disciples and the Holy Women.
We thank Thee, our Father,
for the Holy Vine.

Peter.
Give thanks,—
for the Broken Bread.

The Disciples and the Holy Women.

We thank Thee, our Father,
for the Life and Knowledge.
As this Broken Bread
was grain scattered upon the mountains,
and gathered together became one,
so may Thy Church be gathered together
from the bounds of the earth
into Thy Kingdom.

THE PRAYERS

All.

Our Father,
Which art in Heaven,
hallowed be Thy Name;
Thy Kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive them that trespass against us,
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil:
for Thine is the Kingdom,
the power,
and the glory;
for ever and ever,
Amen.

John.

Ye have received the Spirit of adoption,

Peter.

whereby we cry, Abba,—

Men.

Father.

All.

Thou, O Lord, art our Father,
our Redeemer,
and we are Thine.