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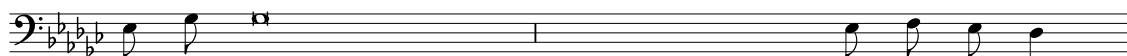
St Matthew Passion

Matthew 27: 1-54


MATTHEW OWENS

EVANGELIST 
The Pas-sion of our Lord Je - sus Christ ac - cord - ing to Mat - thew:


When morning came, all the chief priests and a - gainst Je - sus to put him to death;
the elders of the people took counsel


and they bound him and led him away and delivered him to Pilate the gov - er - nor.

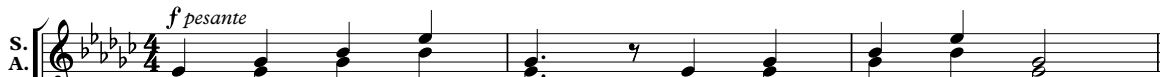
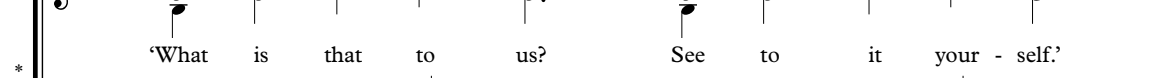

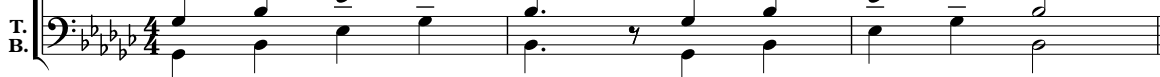
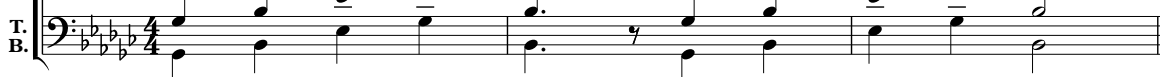
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When Judas, his betrayer, saw that he was the chief priests and the el - ders, say - ing,
condemned, he repented and brought
back the thirty pieces of silver to

JUDAS  EVANGELIST 
'I have sinned in be - tray - ing in - no - cent blood.' They _____ said,

$\text{♩} = c.116$

CHIEF PRIESTS

S. 
A. 
* 
T. 
B. 
f pesante
'What is that to us? See to it your - self.'

* Throughout the narrative, the chorus parts should ideally be sung unaccompanied. When this is not possible, the vocal lines may be doubled by the organ (Foundation stops—Open Diapasons and Flutes—at 8').

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B EVANGELIST

And throw - ing down the pie - ces of sil - ver in the tem - ple, he de - part - ed;



and he went and hanged him-self. But the chief priests, tak-ing the pie-ces of sil - ver, said,

$\text{♩} = c.96$

CHIEF PRIESTS

S. *f*

A. *f*

'It is not law - ful to put them in - to the trea - su - ry, since they are

C

blood mo - ney.'

EVANGELIST

So they took counsel, and bought with them the pot - ter's field,

to bu - ry stran-gers in. There-fore that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day.

Then was fulfilled what had been spoken by the prophet Je - re - mi - ah, say - ing,

'And they took the thirty pieces of sil-ver, the price of him on whom a price had been set by some of the sons of Is-ra-el,

and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord di - rect - ed me.'