

REFORMATION DAY 3

BACH'S ST JOHN PASSION

CONGREGATIONAL CHORALES

Tonight's performance of Bach's *St John Passion* gives an impression of the work as it might have been heard within the context of the Lutheran liturgy, in which the assembled congregation would sing the chorales (hymn tunes).


Similarly, in tonight's performance, the audience is invited to sing some of the verses of three chorales. John Butt will now lead a short rehearsal in which you can familiarise yourself with these chorales.

The words and music appear within; the words are also printed in the programme-book for tonight's Prom.


I Opening liturgy

Chorale 'Da Jesu an dem Kreuze Stund' (abridged)


Audience participation for verses 1 and 4 only; verses 2 and 3 sung by the Dunedin Choir



1. When on the cross the Sa - viour hung, And that sore load that on him weighed
4. Who - so shall pon - der oft these words When long - past sins his soul a - larm,



With bit - ter pangs his na - ture wrung, Seven words a - mid his pain he said:
Shall find the hope thy cross ac - cords, And in thy grace a heal - ing balm



O let them well to heart be laid!
That brings the woun - ded cons - cience calm.

2 Congregational Response to Part I of the Passion

Congregational Chorale: 'O Lamm Gottes unschuldig

Audience participation for verses 1 and 3 only; verse 2 sung by the Dunedin Choir

1. & 3. O Lamb of God, most stain - less! Who
Se - rene through all thy sor - rows, Though
on the Cross didst lan - guish,
mocked a - mid thine an - guish;

(1. & 3.) Our sins thou bear - est for us, Else
had des - pair reigned o'er us: 1. Have
3. Grant
mer - cy up - on us, O Je - su!
us thy peace to - day, O Je - su!

3 Closing liturgy

Chorale 'Nun danket alle Gott'

Audience participation for verses 1 and 3 only; verse 2 sung by the Dunedin Choir

1. Now thank we all our God, With heart and hands and voi - ces,
Who won-drous things hath done, In whom this world re - joi - ces;

3. All praise and thanks to God The Fa - ther now be gi - ven,
The Son, and him who reigns With them in high - est Hea - ven,

1. Who from our mo - ther's arms Hath blessed us on our way With
3. The One E - ter - nal God, Whom earth and Heav'n a - dore; For
count - less gifts of love, And still is ours to - day.
thus it was, is now, And shall be e - ver - more.