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TO MARY



Narrator I

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Recitativo—Holy Spirit

In Those Days

there was No King in Israel:

Every One did

That which Seemed Right to himself.

(Judg 17:6)

Men and Women of Jerusalem

Recitativo—Man of Jerusalem I

We have Erred

from The Way of Truth.

(Wis 5:6)

Recitativo—Woman of Jerusalem I

The Light of Justice

hath Not Shined Unto us.

(Wis 5:6)

Recitativo—Man of Jerusalem II

The Sun of Understanding

hath Not Risen Upon us.

(Wis 5:6)

Recitativo—Woman of Jerusalem II

We wearied ourselves

in The Way of Iniquity

and Destruction.

(Wis 5:7)

Recitativo—Man of Jerusalem III

We have Walked through Hard Ways.
(Wis 5:7)

Recitativo - Man of Jerusalem I

What hath Pride profited us?
What advantage hath
the Boasting of Riches brought us?
All Those Things
are Passed Away like a Shadow,
As a Ship passeth through the Wave:
When it is Gone By,
the Trace cannot be found.
(Wis 5:8-10)

We being Born, Ceased to Be.
We shew No Mark of Virtue:
But are Consumed in our Wickedness;
(Wis 5:13)
As a Bird flieth through the Air,
the Passage of which No Mark can be found.
(Wis 5:11)

Rebellious Angels

The Hope of The Wicked is as Dust,
Blown Away with the Wind,
a Remembrance of One Day that passeth by.
(Wis 5:15)

Duet—Women of Jerusalem III and IV

But The Way of The Lord
We have Not Known.
(Wis 5:7)

Aria—God The Father

I have Not Forsaken them.
(Isa 42:16)

I will Lead The Blind into The Way
Which they Know Not:
and in The Paths

Which they were Ignorant of
I will Make them Walk:
I will Make Darkness
Light before them,
and Crooked Things
Straight.
(Isa 42:16)

I have Not Forsaken them.
(Isa 42:16)

Recitativo—God The Father
Shall Not I that Make Others
to Bring Forth Children,
Myself Bring Forth?
Shall I,
that Give Generation to Others,
be Barren?
(Isa 66:9)
Behold a Virgin shall Conceive
and Bear a Son.
(Isa 7:14)
Thou shalt be Perfect,
and Without Spot
before The Lord Thy God.
(Dt 18:13)

Recitativo—Holy Spirit
Send Forth, O Lord, The Lamb,
The Ruler of the Earth,
from Petra of the Desert,
to the Mount of The Daughter of Sion.
(Isa 16:1)

Recitativo—God The Father
I will Bless her,
and of her
I will Give thee a Son,
Whom I will Bless;
He shall Become Nations,
and Kings of People
shall Spring from Him.
(Gen 17:16)