

MEDITATIONS ON THE PASSION was first performed at St. Andrew's forty-four years ago, in 1980. Although some of the performers tonight are participating in this powerful work for the first time, some have participated most years if not every year, a testament to their unwavering commitment to this sacred work.

Meditations holds a profound significance for both listeners and participants. As you listen tonight, we invite you to rediscover the narrative of the Passion in a fresh light. While some portions may stir emotions evoked by pain and loss, the work as a whole carries within it the promise of renewal and resurrection.



The photograph on the cover and above depicts a crown of thorns crafted by the late Tom Macy of St. Andrew's choir.

A studio recording of the cantata can be ordered from BobFranke.com.

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MEDITATIONS ON THE PASSION

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*Church of St. Andrew
Marblehead, Massachusetts
Good Friday · March 29, 2024*

Performers

INSTRUMENTALISTS

William Bueno, *acoustic guitar* / Martin Grosswendt, *electric guitar* /
Ellen Groves, *rhythm guitar* / Joshua Levin-Epstein, *bass* /
Dave Mattacks, *percussion*

SOLOISTS

Howard Bursen, Bob Franke, Martin Grosswendt, Ellen Groves,
Chelsea Haynes, Doug Johnson, Kristian Mitchell,
Sally Rogers, Chris Stockwell

CHORUS

Dulany Alexander, Christiana Goslin Bueno, Margaret Eckman,
Steve Eckman, John Howard, Thomas Jacobs, Tim Parker,
Joan Sherman, Dave Somerset, Marcia Somerset, Penny Stratton

Special Thanks

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Meditations on the Passion

Bob Franke

Darkness Chorus
The Grandmothers *Dulany Alexander*
Roll Away the Waters..... *Chelsea Haynes, Chorus*
Peace *Kristian Mitchell, Chorus*
Judas' Song *Doug Johnson*
The Holiday Supper *Dulany Alexander, Thomas Jacobs*
Jesus' Song *Kristian Mitchell, Chorus*
Angels Ministered to Him..... *Penny Stratton*
Mary's Song *Ellen Groves*
John's Song..... *Chris Stockwell*
Denial *Martin Grosswendt*
Peter's Song *Howard Bursen, Chorus*
Pilate's Song *Martin Grosswendt*
Centurion's Speech *Bob Franke*
Darkness Chorus
The Blind Veteran..... *Martin Grosswendt*
We Are No Strangers *Ellen Groves*
A Vision Unblinded by Tears *Chelsea Haynes*
Nectar of Life..... *Sally Rogers*
Darkness Chorus
God Is in the Greatest Suffering..... *Bob Franke*
When the Sabbath Is Over *Sally Rogers, Ellen Groves, Chelsea Haynes*
Lord, Have Mercy..... Chorus

First performed Good Friday 1980

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