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1. (1) Prelude

11. (2) They Never Thought

Matt. 16: 21,22, & 26: 2

(Repeat during processional entrance:)

They never thought God would let Jesus die on the cross.

(Continue when choir is in place & after invocation:)

They all believed the Messiah would be a great king.
Coming to smite those who hate us with His strong right hand!
He will drive all the Romans from the Promised Land.

Who was this man, they hoped would be the One,
Anointed by God?
They never thought God would let Him die on the cross.

What were they to think? What were they to do,
now that He was gone?
They never thought God would let Jesus die on the cross.

21. (3) Who Rolled the Stone Away?

Matthew 27: 50-66 & 28: 2-4

When Jesus died upon the cross,
it was on a Sabbath eve,
so they took His Body down from the cross,
and laid Him in Joseph's cave.

The Roman soldiers rolled a stone,
to block the way to the cave,
and as the setting sun went down,
our Lord lies dead in His grave.

By Pontius Pilate's order,

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the soldiers stayed to guard,

the tomb against grave robbers,
lurking in the dark graveyard.

They stood their watch all Sabbath day,
and through the dark of night.
They took their turns, and stayed awake,
all night till the break of day.

And suddenly, the earth began to quake! (*Drum roll!*)
And then an angel came!
An angel of the Lord,
descending out of Heaven.

His appearance was like lightning!
His raiment white as snow!
And for fear of him, they trembled,
And they fell down, as if they were dead.

They never saw,
and they could not say,
who rolled the heavy stone, away.

32. (4) By Dark of Night

Matt. 28:1, Mark.16:1-2, Luke. 24:1, John 20:1

Mary Magdalene arose,
before the break of day.
Gathered up her cloths and myrrh,
to lay our Lord a-way.

She and Mary, Mother of James,
they went with Salome too.
They made their way by dark of night,
to find our Savior's tomb.

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35. (5) The Holy Women

Matt.28: 1-8, Mark 16: 1-8, Luke 24: 1-9

The Holy Women stood beside,
the rolled-back stone a-weeping,
while Mary stooped and saw inside,
the angles, watch a-keeping.

Two white clad angels lit the gloom,
their deathwatch to maintain,
one at the head, one at the feet,
of where our Lord had lain,

The angel said, "Why do you seek,
the living among the dead?"
"While he was still in Galilee,
remember what He has said?"

The Son of man must be delivered
to the hands of sinful men,
to be crucified, and on the third day rise,
to save man from his sins.

"And behold, He is going before you,
He is going to Galilee;
There you will see him.
Lo, I have told you so."

They went out and fled from the tomb;
for trembling and astonishment had come upon them;
and they said nothing to any one,
for they were afraid.

41. (6) Mary Magdalene

John 20: 11-18

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But Mary Magdalene still lingered,
inside, the tomb, where Jesus had lain.
Turning, she saw a man standing,
but she did not know, it was Jesus.

“Woman, why are you weeping?”
“Please Sir, they have taken away my Lord.”
“Tell me, do you know
where they laid him?”

And Jesus spoke to her, **“Mary.”**
“Rab-bo'ni!” “Rab-bo'ni!” “Rab-bo'ni!”
“Do not hold me,” Jesus said,
“for I have not, yet ascended to the Father.”

**“But go to my brethren,
and say to them, I am ascending,
to my Father and your Father,
to my God and to your God.”**

Mary went and said to the disciples,
“I have seen the Lord!”
And she told them,
that He had said these things to her.

50. (7) Peter and John

Luke 24: 45-46, John 20: 3-9.

As they mourned, and as they wept,
Mary told of the empty crypt.
But when they heard he was alive,
and had been seen by her,

Peter and John could not believe,
what Mary Magdalene had said.
Jesus had been crucified,
and they had seen Him die.

Although these words just seemed to them, an idle tale,

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and they did not believe them,
but now it was also Jo-an'na, and Mary, the mother of James,
and the other women with them, who told this to the apostles.

Peter then came out with John. They ran to the tomb.
John got there first and looked inside,
and saw the linen cloths, but did not go inside.
Then Simon Peter came, and went into the tomb.

He saw the linen cloths, and the napkin,
which had been on his head,
all rolled up in a place by itself.

Then the other disciple, also went in,
and he saw, and he believed;
for as yet they did not know the scripture,
that he must rise up from the dead.

53. (8) Sing Alleluia!

Matthew: 28: 6-7, Mark: 16: 6

Sing Alleluia! Sing!
He has risen from the dead!

57. (9) On The Road

Mark: 16, Luke: 23-24, John: 20

That very day, on the road to Emma'us,
two of the Apostles were talking,
when Jesus Himself drew near, and He went along with them,
but their eyes were kept from recognizing Him.

He asked them, "**What is this conversation
you are holding, as you walk along?**"
And Cle'opas, answered Him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth,
who was a great prophet before our God, and all the people."

"Bur our chief priests and rulers delivered Him up,

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to be condemned, and they crucified Him!
But we had hoped that He would be the one, to redeem Israel.

And He said to them, **"O foolish men,
and slow of heart to believe, all that the prophets have spoken!
Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things
and enter into His glory?"**

And when He was at table with them,
He took the bread and blessed it,
and broke it, and gave it to them.
And their eyes were opened and they recognized Him;
and He vanished, out of their sight!

They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us,
while He talked to us on the road,
while He opened to us the scriptures?"
And they rose that same hour, and they returned to Jerusalem.

63. (10) In Jerusalem

Mark 16, Luke 24, John 20

In Jerusalem they found the eleven gathered.
Those who were there with them said,
"The Lord has risen, and has appeared to Simon!"

Cleopas told what happened on the road,
and how He was made known to them,
in the breaking of the bread.

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week,
the doors being shut because they were afraid.
And Jesus came and stood among them,
and He said to them,

**"Peace be with you. Even as the Father sent me,
so I now am sending you."** He breathed on them,
and said to them, **"Receive the Holy Spirit.
The sins you forgive are forgiven,**

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and the sins you retain are retained."

But they were startled and frightened,
and supposed that they saw a spirit.
And He said to them, "Why are you troubled?
Why do questionings rise in your hearts?"

See my hands and my feet.
Know that it is I myself. Handle me and see;
for a spirit has no flesh and bones,
as you see that I have."

And while they still disbelieved, for joy and wondered,
He said to them, "Have you anything to eat?"
They gave Him a piece of broiled fish.
He took it and ate it before them.

Then He said to them, "These are my words,
which I spoke to you, while I was still with you,
that everything written about me in the Law of Moses,
and the prophets, and the Psalms, must be fulfilled."

Then he opened their minds
to understand the scriptures, and said to them,
"Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer,
and on the third day rise from the dead.

And that repentance and forgiveness of sins,
should be preached in His name
to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.
You are witnesses of these things.

And behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you;
But stay in the city, until you are clothed
with power from on high."
And He said to them, "Go into all the world
and preach the gospel to the whole creation."

82. (11) Thomas

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John 29: 24-30

Now Thomas, who was one of the twelve,
was not with them when Jesus came,
so the other disciples told him,
“We have seen the Lord!”

But he said to them,
“Unless I see in His hands, the print of the nails,
and place my finger in the mark of the nails,
and place my hand in His side, I will not believe.”

Eight days later the disciples were in the house,
And Thomas was with them.
The doors were shut but Jesus came,
And stood among them.

And He said to them, **“Peace be with you.
Put your finger here, and see my hands.
Put out your hand, and place it in my side.
Do not be faithless, but believing.”**

Thomas answered Him, “My Lord, and my God!”
And Jesus said to him,
**“Have you believed because you have seen me?
Blessed are those, who have not seen, and yet believe.”**

91. (12) In Galilee

Matt.28: 16-20, & The Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee,
to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them.
And when they saw Him there, they worshiped Him;
but some doubted.

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And Jesus came and said to them,
"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

**Therefore go, and make disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,**

**teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.
And lo! I am with you always, to the close of the age."**

And so it shall be, unto ages of ages.

97. (13) He Was Carried Up

Mark 16: 19-20, Luke 24: 50-53

Then He led them out, as far as Bethany,
And lifting up His hands, He blessed them.
While He blessed them, He departed from them.

He was carried up. He was carried up. **He was carried up!**
He was carried up into Heaven,
And sat down at the right hand of God.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

106.(14) Return to Jerusalem

Mark 16: 15-20, Luke 24: 52-53

And they returned to Jerusalem, with great joy,
And were continually in the Temple praising God.

He who believes, and is baptized, will be saved,
But he, who does not believe, will be condemned.

And they went forth and preached everywhere,
while the Lord worked with them,
and confirmed the message,
by the signs that attended it.

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Amen. Amen.

113.(15) Other Signs

John 20: 18, 30,31

Now Jesus, has done many other signs,
not written in the Book,
and all with His disciples there,
to listen and to look.

But these are written there,
that you may believe,
that Jesus is the Christ,
the Anointed Son of God,
and that believing,
you may have life in His name.

Now the word has spread among the nations.
“We have seen the Lord!”
And we tell you, these things that have been told to us.

119.(16) Gloria Patri

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Glory be unto Thee Father,
and to Thy Son, and to Thy Holy Ghost.
It was, it is, and ever shall be,
world without end.
Amen.

121. (17) Recessional
