

The Passion of Our Lord...the people's parts

[Listen for]...So the chief priests and the scribes were seeking a way to arrest him by teachery and put him to death. They said,

All: "Not during the festival, for fear that there may be a riot among the people."

[Listen for]...There were some who were indignant.

All: "Why has there been this waste of perfumed oil? It could have been sold for more than three hundred days' wages and the money given to the poor."

[Listen for]...Some took the stand and testified falsely against him, alleging,

All: "We heard him say, 'I will destroy this temple made with hands and within three days I will build another not made with hands.'"

[Listen for]...They blindfolded him and struck him and said to him,

All: "Prophesy!"

[Listen for]...Seeing Peter warming himself, she looked intently at him and said,

All: "You too were with the Nazarene, Jesus."

[Listen for]...The maid saw him and began again to say to the bystanders,

All: "This man is one of them."

[Listen for]...A little later the bystanders said to Peter once more,

All: "Surely you are one of them; for you too are a Galilean."

[Listen for]...They shouted again,

All: "Crucify him."

[Listen for]...They only shouted the louder,

All: "Crucify him."

[Listen for]...They began to salute him with,

All: "Hail, King of the Jews!"

[Listen for]...Those passing by reviled him, shaking their heads and saying,

All: “Aha! You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself by coming down from the cross.”

[Listen for]...Likewise the chief priests, with the scribes, mocked him among themselves and said,

All: “He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross that we may see and believe.”

[Listen for]...Some of the bystanders who heard it said,

All: “Look, he is calling Elijah.”