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Scripture Compiled for Sonata No.23, The Appassionata Sonata
“No One Comes to the Father But By Me”

Directions for Reading Script:

Read at a normal pace, (sf) OR (&) indicates a momentary forte, underlined segments indicates need to read faster, “fine” indicates the end of the movement.

Movement 1: “He Will Answer You”

(Isaiah 30:19, 21)

[:00] For the people of Zion at Jerusalem, you shall weep no more. He will be very gracious to you at the voice of your cry; when He shall hear it, He will answer you. Your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, “This is the way, walk in it, when you turn to the right hand and when you turn to the left.”

(25:1, 4, 9)

[:46] O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you and praise your name (&),
 [:52] for you have done wonderful things; (&) [:55] your counsels of old are faithfulness and truth. For you have been a strength to the poor, a strength to the needy in his distress, a refuge from the storm, a shadow from the heat. It shall be said in that day, “Lo, this is our God; we we have waited for Him. We will be glad and rejoice in His salvation.”

(26:2-4, 7, 9)

[1:17] Open the gates that the righteous nation which keeps the truth may enter in. You will keep in perfect peace him whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you.

[1:29] Trust in the Lord forever, (sf) for in the Lord JEHOVAH is everlasting strength.

[2:22] With my soul have I desired you in the night; yea, with my spirit within me will I seek you early; for when your judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness. To you, O Lord, do I lift up my soul. O my God, I trust in you.

(Psalm 25:1-10)

Let me not be ashamed, let not my enemies triumph over me. Let none that wait on you be ashamed. Show me your ways, O Lord, teach me your paths;

[3:18] Lead me in your truth and teach me for you are the God of my salvation; on you do I wait all the day.

(Psalm 25:12-18 Psalm 27:1, 3-5)

[3:44] Who, then, is the man who fears the Lord? He will instruct him in the way chosen for him. The Lord confides in those who fear him; he makes his covenant known to them.

[4:34] My eyes are ever on the Lord, for only he will release my feet from the snare. Turn to me and be gracious to me for I am lonely and afflicted. The troubles of my heart have multiplied; free me from my anguish. Look upon my affliction and my distress and take all my sins. The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

[5:31] Though a host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war should rise against me, in this I will be confident.

[5:52] One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in His temple.

(Psalm 23)

[6:50] The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside the still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

[7:53] Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over. [8:44] Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

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Movement 2: “Oh Lord, My Strength”

(I John 5:1a, 3-4a, 5)

[:00] Whosoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God. For this is love of God: that we keep His commandments, and His commandments are not grievous. for whatsoever is born of God overcomes the world. Who is he that overcomes the world, but he that believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

(Romans 8:28-34)

[:49] And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to His purpose. For whom He did foreknow, He also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. [1:18] Moreover, whom He did predestinate, He also called, and whom He called, he also justified; and whom He justified, He also glorified.

(I John 3:1-2)

[1:46] Behold, what manner of love the Father has bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knows us not, because it knew him not Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it does not yet appear what we shall be, but we know that when He shall appear, we shall be like Him for we shall see Him as He is.

(John 6:32-33)

[3:06] Jesus said, “Verily, verily, I say to you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is He which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”

(Psalm 18:1-3)

[3:59] I will love you, O Lord, my strength. The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my strength in whom I will trust, my buckler, and the horn of my salvation and my high tower. I will call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised, so shall I be saved from my enemies.

[5:24] He sent from above, he took me, He drew me out of many waters. He delivered me from my strong enemy, and from them which hated me for they were too strong for me.

[6:09] They prevented me in the day of my calamity, but the Lord was my stay. He brought me forth also into a large place, He delivered me, because he delighted in me.

Movement 3: “I Will Give You Rest”

(Matthew 5:17-18, 43-45)

[1:05] Jesus said, “Think not that I am come to destroy the law or the prophets. I am not come to destroy but to fulfill. [1:18] Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law till all be fulfilled.”

(11:27-30)

[1:26] “All things are delivered unto me of my Father, and no man knows the Son but the Father, neither knows any man the Father, save the Son and He to whomsoever the Son will reveal Him. Come to me all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.” [1:58] The Pharisees asked Jesus, “Where is your Father?” Jesus answered, “You neither know me, nor my Father. If you had known me, you should have known my Father also.

[1:16] They asked him, “Who are you?” And Jesus said, Even the same that I said to you from the beginning.

[1:43] I have many things to say and to judge of you, but he that sent me is true, and I speak to the world those things which I have heard of him. When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then shall you know that I am he, and that I do nothing of myself, but as my Father has taught me, I speak these things. And he that sent me is with me.

[2:05] The Father has not left me alone, for I do always those things that please him. [2:22] As he spoke these words, many believed on him. [2:36] Then said Jesus to those Jews who believed on him, “If you continue in my word, then are you my disciples indeed, and you shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free.”

(John 12:12-13, 20-21, 23-24, 27-29, 31-33, 35-37, 44-50)

[2:54] When many people heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, they took branches of palm trees and went forth to meet him and cried, "Hosanna! Blessed is the King of Israel that comes in the name of the Lord."

[3:09] There were certain Greeks among them that came up to worship at the feast. They came to Philip and said, "Sir, we would see Jesus." Jesus said, "The hour is come that the Son of Man should be glorified. Verily, verily I say to you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and dies, it abides alone, but if it dies, it brings forth much fruit..

[3:36] "Now is my soul troubled, and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour? But for this cause came I to this hour.

[4:29] Father, glorify your name." Then came a voice from heaven, saying, "I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again." Jesus said, This voice came not because of me, but for your sakes. Now is the judgment of this world. Now shall the prince of this world be cast out. And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to me." This he said, signifying what death he should die.

[5:16] "Yet a little while is the light with you. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness come upon you, (*sf*) for he that walks in darkness. (*sf*) knows not whither he goes. While you have light, believe in the light, that you may be the children of light." *Go on*

"He that believes on me believes not on me, but on him that sent me. And he that sees me sees him that sent me. I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believes on me should not abide in darkness. If any man hear my words and believes not, I judge him not, for I came not to judge the world but to save the world. He that rejects me and receives not my words, has one the judges him. The word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day. For I have not spoken of myself, but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment what I should say and what I should speak. I know that his commandment is life everlasting. Whatsoever I speak, therefore, even as the Father said to me, so I speak. *Go on*

[6:09] When Jesus stood before Pilate, he asked Jesus, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you say this thinking of yourself or did others tell it to you of me?" Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered you to me. What have you done?"

[6:46] Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight that I should not be delivered to the Jews, but now is my kingdom not from hence. " Pilate said to him, "Are you a king then?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone that is of the truth hears my voice."

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