

Saturday 5 March, 2022
6.00pm

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St John Passion

Holy Trinity Church
Sloane Street
London SW1X 9BZ

ROYAL CHORAL SOCIETY
THE HANOVER BAND

Conductor
RICHARD COOKE

Soloists

NICHOLAS MULROY, tenor (Evangelist)

JIMMY HOLLIDAY, bass (Christus)

REBECCA LEA, soprano

ALEXANDER CHANCE, countertenor

JOSEPH DOODY, tenor

TRISTAN HAMBLETON, bass



Tickets: £38 & £25 (booking fee may apply)
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Bach's first great sacred masterpiece, the *St John Passion*, recounts Christ's final days from the betrayal of Judas to the preparation for laying the body in the tomb.

It is the genius of Bach's extraordinary music that brings to life the humanity of the drama.

The chorus in turn takes on the role of the people as well as reflecting, together with the solo arias, on the stages of the story. The narrative is sung by the Evangelist (tenor) and the entire work is bound together by chorales – German hymns greatly enhanced by Bach's harmonic invention, the whole work culminating in perhaps his finest chorale: 'then from death awake me, I will praise you for ever'.

The Royal Choral Society will perform this outstanding work in the original German, together with The Hanover Band – one of Britain's finest period instrument orchestras, and an exceptional line up of soloists, all conducted by Richard Cooke.

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The Royal Choral Society has been performing the choral masterpieces ever since its formation for the opening of the Royal Albert Hall in 1871, including the UK premières of Verdi's Requiem in 1875, and Dvorak's Stabat Mater in 1884, both concerts conducted by their composers. The St John Passion was first performed in the UK in 1872 under the baton of Royal Choral Society conductor Sir Joseph Barnby.

TICKETS

PREMIUM: £38 (reserved seat,
interval drink, programme)

STANDARD: £25 (unreserved seating)

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