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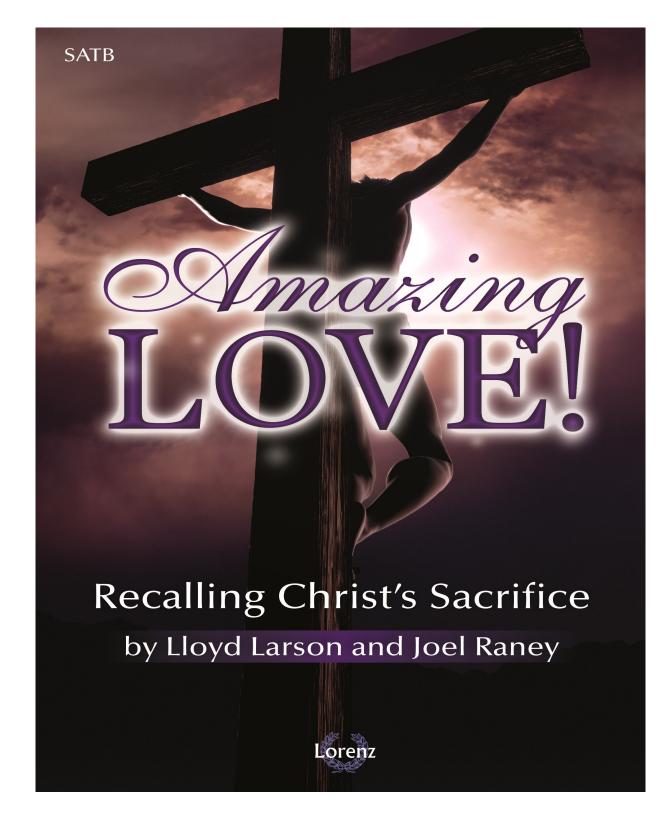
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We are truly blessed at WGUMC to have such talented and dedicated choir members. I thank God for the gifts offered by each member and pray that you will be touched by the songs and message in this cantata.

Betsy Smith, Choir Director





Recalling Christ's Sacrifice by Lloyd Larson and Joel Raney Orchestration by Ed Hogan

Cantata Presented by the West Grove United Methodist Church Chancel Choir April 2, 2023

The love of God is truly amazing!

This is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. (I John 4:9-10)

I have loved you with an everlasting love.

I have drawn you with loving-kindness. (Jeremiah 31:3)

"Amazing Love!"

The great crowd that had come for the Feast heard that Jesus was on His way to Jerusalem.

They took palm branches and went out to meet Him, shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the King of Israel!" (John 12:12-13)

"Lift Up Your Voice and Sing, Hosanna!"

Amid the contrasting scenes of jubilation and skepticism, Jesus arranged to meet with His closest followers to observe the Passover Feast. And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them saying, "This is my body, given for you, do this is remembrance of me." (Luke 22:15-19)

"As You Serve, Remember Me"

Then Jesus went with His disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and He said to them, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." Going a little farther, He fell with His face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as You will." (Matthew 26:36-39)

"Alone in the Garden He Prays"

The solitude of this garden of prayer was suddenly shattered by the chaos of a large crowd, led by Judas, who had come to arrest Jesus. Numerous false accusations were made during a mock trial, ultimately leading to the decision to hand Jesus over to Pilate, the Roman governor.

Ultimately Pilate relented and handed Jesus over to be crucified.

Carrying His own cross, He went out to Golgotha.

Here they crucified Him, and with Him two others—
one on each side and Jesus in the middle. (John 19:16b-18)

"Behold the Lamb of God!"

Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit."

When He had said this, He breathed His last.

The centurion, seeing what had happened, praised God and said,

"Surely this was a righteous man."

(Luke 23:44-47)

"How Can it Be?"

Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends. (John 15:13)

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:35, 37-39)

"Amazing Love Demands My All!"