

**Lent/Easter Handbell Music Reviews
July 2016**

When Jesus Wept

Arr. Eithun

345 octaves opt Choirchimes®

Level 2

This piece is perfect for Lent Season – it is in Voices United #146. VU suggests that it is sung as a round with no accompaniment. The words and music are intense and will cause the listener to really feel Jesus weeping. The addition of a singing bell on the second time through adds to the mystery and sadness of the music. At a level 2, ringers can easily prepare it for worship.

Jesus Paid It All (I Hear the Saviour Say)

Arr. Krug

345 octaves opt Choirchimes®

Level 3+

This is a traditional hymn that Jason Krug has done a fabulous job of arranging for handbells. The addition of Choirchimes on the tune really brings it out. The suspended mallet notes add another texture to the sound. He adds a couple of 4/4 bars to the $\frac{3}{4}$ to add yet another level to the musicality of the piece.

Refrain:

Jesus paid it all

All to Him I owe

Sin had left crimson stain

He washed it white as snow.

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He Never Said a Mumblin' Word

Larson

345 octaves

Level 3-

This music reminds us that while Christ was on the Cross, "he never said a mumblin' word". Although this spiritual is well known, it is not sung very often in church settings. It will work well for a Good Friday worship.

The Day of Resurrection

Arr. Moklebust

345 octave with optional organ, congregation, SATB, brass quintet and timpani

Level 3-

This is based on the tune LANCASHIRE is given two titles, one for Easter and the other for general use during the church year. This piece is very versatile as it can stand alone on handbells, or the other instruments/singers can be added as available.

Easter Bells

Arr. Ryan

23 OR 345 octaves

Level 2+

This joyous piece starts with the pealing of bells announcing that Christ Has Risen! The joy continues as Ryan combines LASST UNS ERFREUEN ("All Creatures of Our God and King") and EASTER HYMN ("Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"). At 66 measures and a level 2, it won't take long for this song to be ready for Easter Sunday! If you are short a few ringers, you can use the 2/3 octave version!

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