

# He is Risen

Music	<u>"Were You There"</u>
	Verse 1
	Choir sings as the funeral procession comes down the aisle.
	Verse 2
Peter	I still cannot believe what has happened.
James	I am still sickened by the way they executed our Master.
Peter	The Messiah came to set up his kingdom on earth and now that is all gone.
Joseph	Here, over here, is my sepulcher. This is the very least I can do for the Master.
	The women are preparing the body to be placed in the tomb after the procession reaches the tomb.
Nicodemus	Here are the spices and myrrh.
Soldier 1	I need some help moving this stone in place.
Soldier 2	It is really heavy, everyone come and help.
James	Ok, everyone push at once to roll the stone in place.
	rolling stone sound
Peter	This seems so final, I can not believe that the life of the Master has ended this way.
	Verse 3
	men exit out side the door
	the women stay at the tomb (the stone is in place)
	<u>"Why Should He Love Me So?"</u>
	during the song earthquake sound and rolling stone sound, Jesus walks out of the tomb and exits out the side door – the soldiers run off stage.
Mary (Jesus' mother)	Oh why did he have to leave us?
Mary Magdalene	None of us understands this at all.
Salome	I was hoping there might be a gardener to help us roll back the stone.
Joanna	If we cannot move it, I'll go and find the disciples to help roll it away.
	Angel enters.
Angel	Fear not. Why seek the living among the dead?
	all the women move back
Angel	He is not here, but is risen: Remember what he said when he was in Galilee? He said the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.
Mary Magdalene	We must go and tell the disciples.
Angel	Yes! Go and tell His disciples and Peter.
	all enter and move to choir loft
	<u>"He is Risen"</u>
Mary	James, John, Peter we have just come from the tomb and He was not there!

Magdalene	
James	Who was not there?
Mary Magdalene	Jesus, Jesus was not there!
Peter	What do you mean he was not there?
Mary Magdalene	He was NOT there, but an angel was and told us that our Lord has rise.
John	Now wait a minute, calm down, tell me what happened.
Mary Magdalene	When we go to the tomb, the stone was rolled away and there was an angel in shinny clothes, he told us Jesus had risen like Jesus said that he would in Galilee.
Peter	But that cannot be, I'll go and see this for myself.
	"We'll Go and See"
	still in choir loft
	lights down
	James outruns Peter and looks surprised at the empty tomb; Peter goes into the tomb, he comes out holding the napkin as John looks inside. They look at each other in disbelief.
Peter	It is true He is not here.
John	What you do suppose happened?
Peter	I have no idea.
John	Come let's go back home and try to sort this out. (looks afraid – everyone is afraid)
Peter	That is a very good idea. I hope no one has come and stolen the body.
	All leave but Mary Magdalene who sits on the rock. She looks around and begins to cry as she sings.
	"I'll See Your Face Again"
Jesus	Woman, why are you crying and for whom are you looking?
Mary Magdalene	Sir, if you have taken him to another place, please tell me so I can go to him.
Jesus	Mary.
Mary Magdalene	Rabboni – Master.
	Lights down.
	The disciples are gathered in the house and Jesus then appears
Jesus	Peace be unto you.
Peter	Master you are alive. (Peter withdraws a little)
John	It is true.
James	Praise to the living God.
Jesus	As my Father has sent me so send I you. Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.

	"Peace Be Unto You"
	lights down
	choir remains in choir loft to the end
Peter	Has Easter become an empty celebration commercialized by new clothes, bunny rabbits, and colored eggs?
John:	Perhaps this Easter can be different.
Joanna:	Why no look at Eater in a whole new light?
Nicodemus:	See Easter for what it truly is.
Mary (Jesus' mother):	Easter is a celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Son of the Living God!
James:	Through his death, burial, and resurrection you too can die to sin, be buried, and resurrected to walk in a new life in Jesus Christ.
Peter:	Maybe you don't understand the real meaning behind the celebration of Jesus' resurrection simply because you have never been to the tomb of Jesus and looked inside for yourself!
John:	You can go there! Today! Right Now! You can visit the place where Jesus lay.
Solame:	You can do it without ever leaving your seat.
Nicodemus:	How? By Faith! By a simple child-like faith.
Joseph:	Trusting that Jesus is no longer in the tomb knowing in your heart he has risen from the dead.
James:	If you will only put your faith and trust in Jesus as the Lord and Savior of you life, repent of your sins, and ask Him to come into your heart, you too can experience His resurrection power in your life.
"I Saw the Place"	
	all join in for Reprise
"He is Risen"	
the end.	

This piece was originally a musical with narration written by Monty Hilliard, Pastor of Quaker Avenue Baptist in Lubbock, Texas and orchestrated by Robert Perritt. We changed the narration to a drama for use in our church. Bro. Perritt has given permission to use his work to the Honor and Glory of the Lord Jesus Christ. The sheet music follows.