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### ***Scene 1: The Light***

Scripture below title in score: As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so was Jesus lifted up,<sup>3</sup> in order that every one who trusts in Him<sup>4</sup> should not perish, but have eternal life.<sup>5</sup>

Moses and John together: In the beginning...<sup>6</sup>

M: ...God created the heavens and the earth.<sup>7</sup>

Both: In the beginning...<sup>8</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> cf. John 3:14, WEB: "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up..."

<sup>4</sup> John 3:15 Weymouth

<sup>5</sup> John 3:15 WEB

<sup>6</sup> Genesis 1:1 Darby, John 1:1 Darby

<sup>7</sup> Genesis 1:1 Darby

<sup>8</sup> Genesis 1:1 Darby, John 1:1 Darby

J: ...was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.<sup>9</sup>

Both: In the beginning...<sup>10</sup>

M: The earth was without form<sup>11</sup> and empty, and darkness was on the face of the deep,<sup>12</sup> and the Spirit of God moved over the waters.<sup>13</sup>

M: [And] God said, "Let there be light."<sup>14</sup>

J: In him was Life; and that Life was the Light of men.<sup>15</sup>

### ***Scene 2: The Judgment***

M: The LORD God created the man Adam and the woman Eve<sup>16</sup> and placed them into the garden of Eden to keep it.<sup>17</sup>

M: He commanded them,<sup>18</sup> "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden;<sup>19</sup> but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, you must not eat; for in the day that you eat of it you will certainly die."<sup>20</sup>

M: Now the serpent was more crafty than any animal.<sup>21</sup> The serpent said to the woman, "You won't certainly die, for God knows that in the day you eat the fruit, your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."<sup>22</sup>

M: The woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a pleasure for the eyes, and the tree was to be desired<sup>23</sup> to make one wise.<sup>24</sup> So she took of its fruit, and ate, and gave also to her husband, and he ate.<sup>25</sup>

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<sup>9</sup> John 1:1 Darby

<sup>10</sup> Genesis 1:1 Darby, John 1:1 Darby

<sup>11</sup> Genesis 1:2 Webster

<sup>12</sup> Genesis 1:2 Darby

<sup>13</sup> Genesis 1:2 Douay Rheims

<sup>14</sup> Genesis 1:3a Darby

<sup>15</sup> John 1:4 Weymouth

<sup>16</sup> cf. Genesis 1:27 BSB: "So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them."

<sup>17</sup> cf. Genesis 2:15 BSB: "Then the LORD God took the man and placed him in the Garden of Eden to cultivate and keep it."

<sup>18</sup> cf. Genesis 2:16a BSB "And the LORD God commanded him,"

<sup>19</sup> Genesis 2:16b WEB

<sup>20</sup> cf. Genesis 2:17 Darby

<sup>21</sup> Genesis 3:1 Darby

<sup>22</sup> Genesis 3:4-5 World English Bible

<sup>23</sup> Genesis 3:6 Darby

<sup>24</sup> Genesis 3:6 WEB

M: That day the LORD God banished<sup>26</sup> Adam and Eve, and he set the flame of the flashing sword toward the east of the garden of Eden, to guard the way to the tree of life.<sup>27</sup>

J: This is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the light,<sup>28</sup> because their deeds were evil.<sup>29</sup>

### ***Scene 3: The Serpent in the Wilderness***

M: Many generations after Adam, the Lord called me, Moses, to lead the children of Israel out of Egypt,<sup>30</sup> but the people became impatient on the way.<sup>31</sup>

M: They spoke against God, and against me, saying, "Why have you brought us out of Egypt to die in the wilderness?"<sup>32</sup>

M: And the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and many died.<sup>33</sup>

M: So the people came to me, and said, "We have sinned; pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us."<sup>34</sup>

M: And I prayed for the people.<sup>35</sup>

M: The LORD said to me, "Make a fiery serpent,<sup>36</sup> and set it up as a sign: whoever looks at it will live."<sup>37</sup>

### ***Scene 4: New Jerusalem***

J: I, John, the disciple of Jesus, was in the Spirit,<sup>38</sup> and I saw a new heaven and a new earth.<sup>39</sup>

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<sup>25</sup> Genesis 3:6 Darby

<sup>26</sup> cf. Genesis 3:23a BSB: "Therefore the LORD God banished him..."

<sup>27</sup> Genesis 3:24 Darby

<sup>28</sup> John 3:19 ASV

<sup>29</sup> John 3:19 NWB

<sup>30</sup> See Exodus 12:51 BSB

<sup>31</sup> Numbers 21:4 DAR

<sup>32</sup> Numbers 21:5 Webster

<sup>33</sup> Numbers 21:6 Webster

<sup>34</sup> cf. Numbers 21:7-8 Webster

<sup>35</sup> cf. Numbers 21:7-8 Webster

<sup>36</sup> cf. Numbers 21:7-8 Webster

<sup>37</sup> cf. Numbers 21:8 Douay Rheims

<sup>38</sup> cf. Revelation 1:9-10 BSB

<sup>39</sup> Revelation 21:1 Webster

J: I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband,<sup>40</sup> and bringing with it the glory of God.<sup>41</sup>

J: There will be no night there.<sup>42</sup> The city has no need of the sun nor of the moon,<sup>43</sup> for the very glory of God illuminates it, and its lamp is Jesus, the Lamb of God. The nations will walk in its light.<sup>44</sup>

J: There will be no more sorrow there, nor any more pain.<sup>45</sup> The LORD God will re-create all things.<sup>46</sup> He himself will be with them,<sup>47</sup> and he will wipe away all tears from their eyes.<sup>48</sup>

J: In that city, death will not exist any more.<sup>49</sup> I saw there the river of the Water of Life, bright as crystal,<sup>50</sup> proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb.<sup>51</sup> In the midst of its street, and of the river, on this side and on that side,<sup>52</sup> was the tree of life.<sup>53</sup> It produced twelve kinds of fruit, yielding a fresh crop month by month, and<sup>54</sup> the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.<sup>55</sup>

J: God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that everyone who believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.<sup>56</sup> He who believes in him is not judged.<sup>57</sup>

J: He who doesn't believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name<sup>58</sup> of God's only Son.<sup>59</sup> For the unbelieving, their part is in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death.<sup>60</sup>

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<sup>40</sup> Revelation 21:2 BSB

<sup>41</sup> Revelation 21:11 Weymouth

<sup>42</sup> Revelation 22:5 Weymouth

<sup>43</sup> Revelation 21:23 Darby

<sup>44</sup> Revelation 21:23-24 World English Bible

<sup>45</sup> cf. Revelation 21:4 Webster

<sup>46</sup> cf. Revelation 21:5 Weymouth

<sup>47</sup> Revelation 21:3 WEB

<sup>48</sup> Revelation 21:4 Webster

<sup>49</sup> cf. Revelation 21:4 Darby

<sup>50</sup> Revelation 22:1 Weymouth

<sup>51</sup> Revelation 22:1 Douay Rheims

<sup>52</sup> Revelation 22:2 Darby

<sup>53</sup> Revelation 22:2 WEB

<sup>54</sup> Revelation 22:2 Weymouth

<sup>55</sup> Revelation 22:2 World English Bible

<sup>56</sup> John 3:16 BSB

<sup>57</sup> John 3:18 World English Bible

<sup>58</sup> John 3:18 World English Bible

<sup>59</sup> John 3:18 Weymouth

<sup>60</sup> cf. Revelation 21:8 World English Bible

### ***Scene 5: The Beginning***

J: Behold, Jesus is coming soon! His reward is with him, to give to each person according to what he or she has done.<sup>61</sup> Blessed are those who have the right to the tree of life, and may enter in by the gates into the city.<sup>62</sup>

M: A God of faithfulness without deceit, just and right is he.<sup>63</sup>

J: The Lord is worthy to receive glory and honour and power.<sup>64</sup>

M: Declare the greatness of our God!<sup>65</sup> He is the Rock.<sup>66</sup>

J: He has created all things.<sup>67</sup>

M: All his ways are righteousness.<sup>68</sup>

J: He is the Word who came in the flesh.<sup>69</sup>

M: The LORD your God is a consuming fire.<sup>70</sup>

J: He is the bright and morning star.<sup>71</sup>

J: The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let him that hears say, "Come."<sup>72</sup> He who is thirsty, let him come.<sup>73</sup> And whoever will, let him take the water of life, freely.<sup>74</sup>

Both: He is Alpha...

J: ...and Omega,...

Both: ...the beginning...

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<sup>61</sup> cf. Revelation 22:12 BSB

<sup>62</sup> Revelation 22:14 World English Bible

<sup>63</sup> Deuteronomy 32:4b Darby

<sup>64</sup> cf. Revelation 4:11 Darby

<sup>65</sup> cf. Deuteronomy 32:3 BSB: "For I will proclaim the name of the LORD. Ascribe greatness to our God!"

<sup>66</sup> Deuteronomy 32:4 Darby

<sup>67</sup> cf. Revelation 4:11 Webster: "...for thou hast created all things..."

<sup>68</sup> Deuteronomy 32:4b Darby

<sup>69</sup> John 1:14 Weymouth

<sup>70</sup> Deuteronomy 4:24 BSB

<sup>71</sup> Revelation 22:16 Darby

<sup>72</sup> Revelation 22:17 Darby

<sup>73</sup> Revelation 22:17 World English Bible

<sup>74</sup> Revelation 22:17 Webster

J: ...and the end,

Both: ...the first...

J: ...and the last.<sup>75</sup>

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<sup>75</sup> Revelation 22:13 Webster