

Saturday 28 March, 2020  
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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: £25 & £32 (booking fees 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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#### TICKETS

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interval drink, programme)

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