

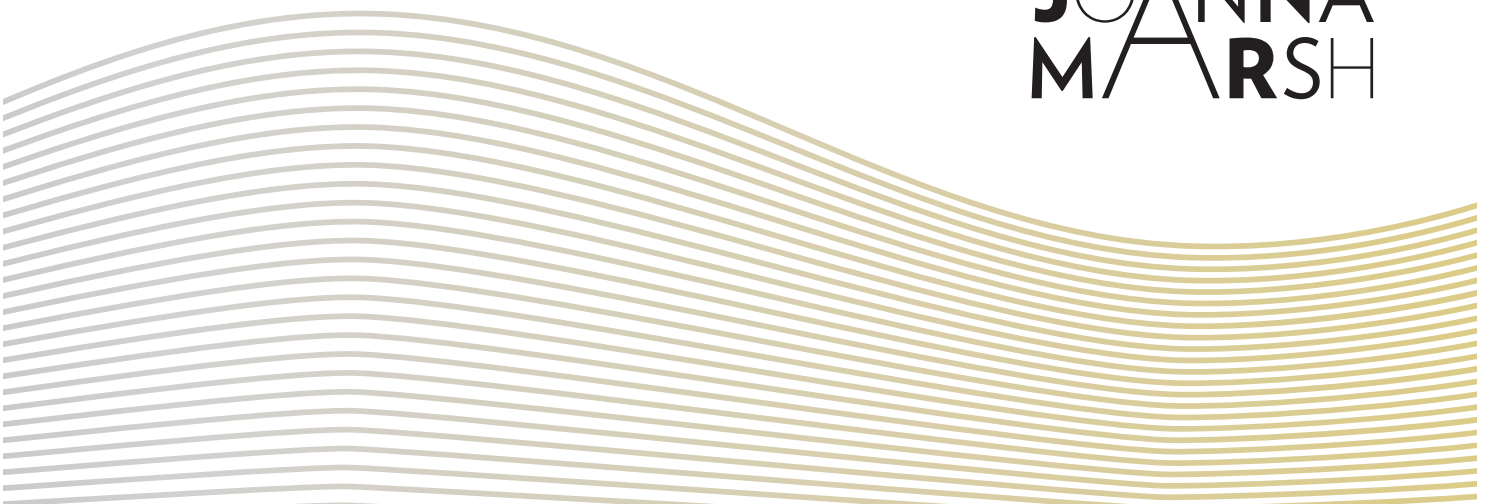
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Duration c.5'30"

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Malcolm Guite

Receive this cross of ash upon your brow,
Brought from the burning of Palm Sunday's cross.
The forests of the world are burning now
And you make late repentance for the loss.
But all the trees of God would clap their hands
The very stones themselves would shout and sing
If you could covenant to love these lands
And recognise in Christ their Lord and king.
He sees the slow destruction of those trees,
He weeps to see the ancient places burn,
And still you make what purchases you please,
And still to dust and ashes you return.
But Hope could rise from ashes even now
Beginning with this sign upon your brow.

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Calm ♩ = 112

SOPRANO

ALTO *p* Re - ceive _____ this

TENOR *p* Re - ceive, _____ re - ceive _____

BASS

Calm ♩ = 112

SOPRANO

ALTO Solo *mf* Re - ceive _____ this cross of ash, _____ this

TENOR

BASS

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cross _ of ash

pp Brought, _____

u - pon your brow, _____

cross of ash u - pon your brow, _____

Tutti p Brought from the

p Brought from the burn - ing, brought from the

p Brought from the burn - ing, brought from the

Solo
mf

rit.

The
brought from the burn - ing
Brought from the burn - ing Palm Sun - day's cross.
Brought from the burn - ing

rit.

burn - ing of Palm Sun - day's cross.
burn - ing of Palm Sun - day's cross.
burn - ing of Palm Sun - day's cross.

18 *a tempo*

Tutti
mp

for - ests of the world, the for - ests of the
the world, for - ests of the
The world, of the world, the
The for - ests of the world
the world, the for - ests of the
The for - ests of the world, the
the world, of the world,
of the world,

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mf world are burn - ing, burn - ing
f world are burn - ing now, burn - ing, burn - ing now
mf world burn - ing, burn - ing
 burn - ing now
mf world are burn - ing, burn - ing
f world are burn - ing, burn - ing now, burn - ing now
mf of the world burn - ing, burn - ing now
 of the world burn - ing, burn - ing now

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mp And you make late re - pen - tance burn - (n), burn -
mp And you make late re - pen - tance,
mp And you make late re - pen - tance,
p subito you
mp burn - (n), burn -
p you make
p burn - (n), burn -
p

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- (n), burn - (n) and you make

Tutti *mf* *f* *pp* *f*

late re - pen - tance, and you make

Tutti *mf* *f* *mp* *f*

late re - pen - tance, you make

mp

for the loss,

- (n) re - pen - tance burn - (n), burn - (n) you make

mf *f* *mp* *mp* *f*

re - pen - tance for the loss, and you make

- (n) and you make

mp

for the loss,

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late re - pen - tance for loss.

mf *mp*

late re - pen - tance for the loss, for

mp

late re - pen - tance for the loss, for the loss,

mp

for the loss,

late re - pen - tance, re - pen - tance

p

late re - pen - tance, re - pen - tance for

mp

late re - pen - tance, re - pen - tance for the loss,

mp

for the loss,

45

Excitedly

the loss.

the loss, the loss. But all the trees of God

the loss.

for the loss.

the loss, for the loss. All the

the loss, for the loss.

the loss.

The

The

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p animated clap their hands, *mp* clap their hands *mp* The

trees

mf would clap their hands, *Tutti p* clap their hands

trees The

clap their hands, their hands *pp* The

trees The stones

The stones

trees *mp animated* The ve - ry stones

55

mf
stones would shout, would shout and sing

mp
stones

mf
would shout and sing

animated
mf
stones would shout and sing, shout, would shout and sing

mf
stones would shout and sing If you could

mp
mf animated
would shout and sing If you could

mp
If you could

animated
would shout and sing

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co - ven - ant And

to love these lands, if you could co - ven - ant

to love these lands, if you could co - ven - ant

to love these lands

co - ven - ant to love these lands

co - ven - ant, if you could co - ven - ant And

co - ven - ant, if you could co - ven - ant And re - cog -