

1 Corinthians 15:50-57

I declare to you, brothers and sisters, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed—in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true:

*Death has been swallowed up in victory.
Where, O death, is your victory?
Where, O death, is your sting?*

*The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.
But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through
our Lord Jesus Christ.*

1 Cô-rinh-tô 15:50-57

Hỡi anh em, tôi đoán quyết rằng thịt và máu chẳng hưởng nước Đức Chúa Trời được, và sự hay hư nát không hưởng sự không hay hư nát được. Đây là sự mâu nhiệm tôi tỏ cho anh em: Chúng ta không ngủ hết, nhưng hết thảy đều sẽ biến hóa, trong giây phút, trong nháy mắt, lúc tiếng kèn chót; vì kèn sẽ thổi, kẻ chết đều sống lại được không hay hư nát, và chúng ta đều sẽ biến hóa. Và, thể hay hư nát này phải mặc lấy sự không hay hư nát, và thể hay chết này phải mặc lấy sự không hay chết. Khi nào thể hay hư nát này mặc lấy sự không hay hư nát, thể hay chết này mặc lấy sự không hay chết thì được ứng nghiệm lời Kinh Thánh rằng:

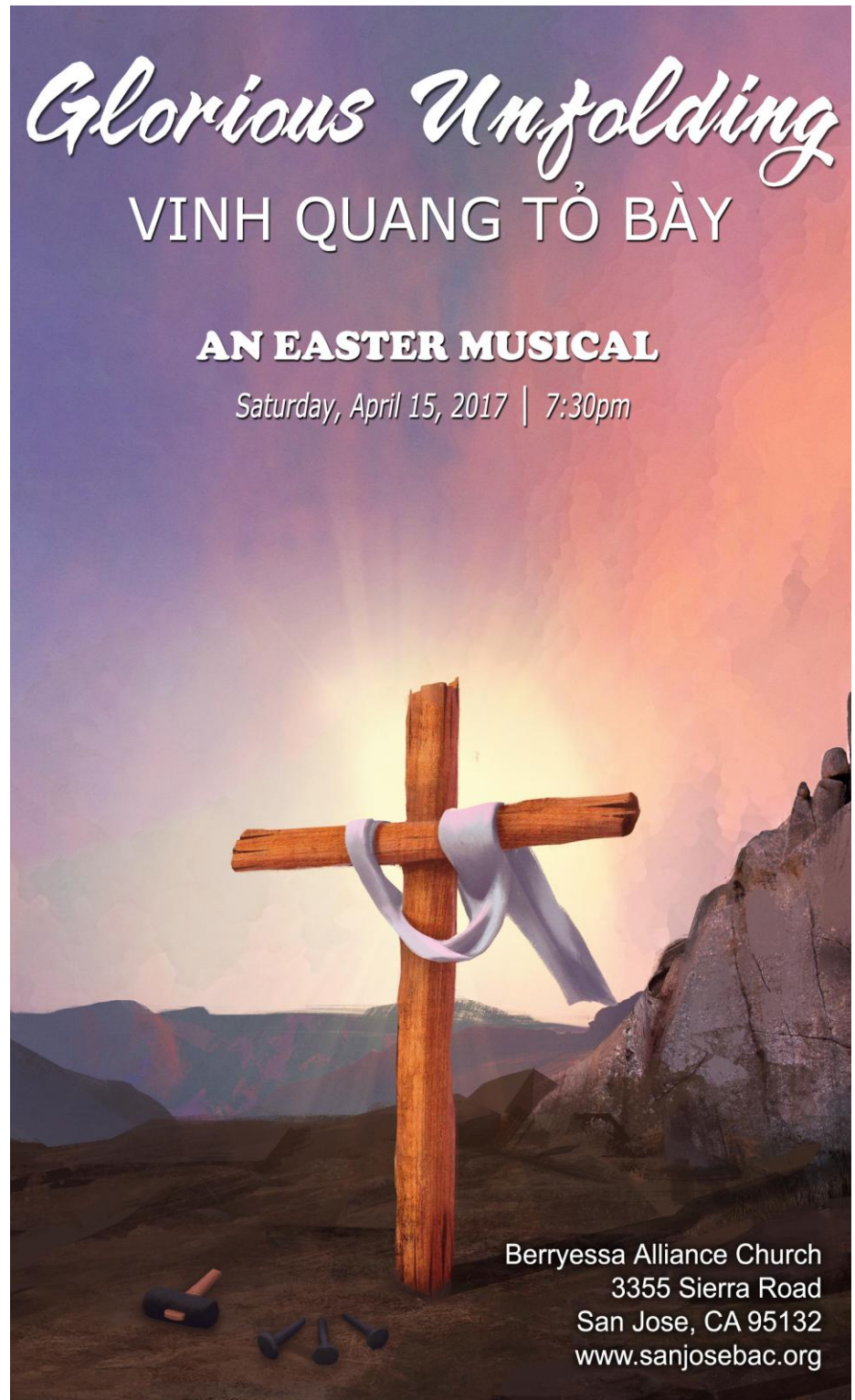
*Sự chết đã bị nuốt mất trong sự thắng.
Hỡi sự chết, sự thắng của mày ở đâu?
Hỡi sự chết, cái nọc của mày ở đâu?*

*Cái nọc sự chết là tội lỗi, sức mạnh tội lỗi là luật pháp.
Nhưng, tạ ơn Đức Chúa Trời đã cho chúng ta sự thắng,
nhờ Đức Chúa Jê-sus Christ chúng ta.*

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*"He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain
that which he cannot lose." - Jim Elliot*

*"Một người không ngu dại, khi biết buông đi điều mình không thể
giữ, để nắm được điều mình không thể mất." - Jim Elliot*



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Prologue: About 64 AD, Peter, an Apostle of Christ

Mở Đầu: Khoảng Năm 64 SC, Sứ Đồ Phi-e-rơ

Peter writes to persecuted Christians scattered throughout several Roman provinces. It is an appeal to Christians to “stand fast” in the gospel and to rejoice in whatever sufferings they are called upon to endure for their faith.

Scene 1: 64 AD - Slaves under persecution

Màn 1: Năm 64SC – Các nô lệ bị bách hại

Under the watchful eye of a Roman guard, Christian slaves are commanded to deny their faith or die, “You believe in this somewhat Savior fraud, You deserve now punishment, You will walk to death and I will not stop 'Til all of you are gone.”

The first slave is asked to reply and boldly declares his faith, “I believe in Jesus...the Son of God...He died and rose again...and paid for us all...He’s here now standing in our midst...with the power to heal and the grace to forgive.” Punished for his refusal to obey the guard, the slave is beaten and ushered away. The remaining slaves stand united against unbelief and are led away to their execution.

Scene 2: 1952 - Modern Day persecuted Christian

Màn 2: 1952 – Sự bách hại thời hiện đại

American missionary to Ecuador, Jim Elliot, sings about his calling to serve Christ. “*In my mother’s womb, you have chosen me. Your love has called my name.*” His wife, Elisabeth, bids him farewell on his journey. On January 8, 1956, tribal warriors kill Elliot and his four companions.

In his journal entry, he expresses his belief that work dedicated to Jesus was more important than his life. “*He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain that which he cannot lose.*” This is the quote that is most often attributed to Elliot.

While their deaths were tragic, the love of Christ shown through the forgiveness by the wives of these men towards the ones who killed them opened up their hearts to the Gospel. Jim’s life was not a waste, in fact, God used his death to bring life through salvation to many Aucas and encouragement and inspiration to thousands of believers worldwide.

Scene 3: 30 AD - Jesus, the God of all Grace, Heals the Sick

Màn 3: 30 SC – Chúa Giê-xu, Đấng Chữa Lành Tật Bệnh

Jairus, a synagogue leader, approaches Jesus to heal his daughter who was at the point of death. On his way to Jairus’ home, Jesus sees a lame man and heals him miraculously. He also heals a blind man and a woman who has bleeding for twelve years. In gratitude, the woman tells of his “amazing grace” and “*my chains are gone, I’ve been set free.*”

Arriving at Jairus’ home, the mother appears with the dead child, declaring, “*It is too late.*” However, Jesus brings the child back to life and the villagers sing “*This is Amazing Grace.*”

Scene 4: Modern Day Healing of a Sick Girl

Màn 4: Sự Chữa Lành Thời Hiện Đại

At the hospital, a girl with a terminal disease waits with her mother to hear the news from their doctor. Miraculously, the doctor cannot explain the normal results of the latest test. Healed, the girl sings of her freedom from fear, “*I’m no longer a slave to fear. I am a child of God.*”

Scene 5: Jesus Crucifixion

Màn 5: Chúa Giê-xu Bị Đóng Đinh

For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son that whoever has faith in Him may not perish but have eternal life. Through Him, the world would be saved. He died for us that we may live eternally, be freed from bondage, fear, sickness, and that even “*death is swallowed up in victory.*”

Scene 6: Heaven: The Glorious Unfolding (1 Cor 15:50-57)

Màn 6: Thiên Đàng: Vinh Quang Tỏ Bày (1 Cô 15:50-57)

*This is going to be a glorious unfolding
Just you wait and see and you will be amazed
We’ve just got to believe the story is so far from over
So hold on to every promise God has made to us
And watch this glorious unfolding*

“*Our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body....we will all be changed— in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye,... the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.*”