

Paul and Silas in Prison

(Acts 16: 25-34)

for organ

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The World Premiere was given by the composer
at a service in St Paul's Church, Worksop
on March 5th 2010

For the first performance, the passage from Acts 16, verses 25 to 35 was first read, after which the following was spoken:

..... there follows an organ meditation of about two-and-a-half minutes, based on the reading we have just heard.

It is based on the following nine key points:

- ... it is about midnight;
- ... Paul and Silas are praying and singing;
- ... the earthquake happens;
- ... the chains come loose and the prison doors open;
- ... Paul tells the jailer "We are all here";
- ... the jailer falls to the ground, trembling;
- ... Paul and Silas speak the word of the Lord;
- ... there follows baptisms and a meal;
- ... everyone present is filled with joy.

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1 ".... about midnight"

Sw. { *p*

Gt. "*Paul & Silas praying & singing*"

mf legato

mp

Sw. *f*

Gt. "*The earthquake*"

f Box closed

Gt. { *non legato*

Box open

Gt. Solo (8' reed)

".... chains come loose; prison doors open"

"..... we are all here"

"..... the jailer fell trembling....."

"Paul & Silas spoke the word of the Lord"

25

Gt. { *legato* } (Gt.) { Sw. *mp* } Gt. (or Solo) *mf liricamente*

31

"..... baptisms; meal"

rall.

35

Gt. (or Solo) *mf* *legato* Sw. *mp* rall.

"..... filled with joy"

43 **A tempo** **poco rall.** **Short** **A tempo**

Sw. { *legato crescendo*

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