

Apostle & Martyr



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Good Friday

# THE SOLEMN LITURGY OF GOOD FRIDAY

**Organ Prelude** Chorale Prelude on "Wenn wir in höchsten Nöten sein" (BWV 641) *J.S.* 

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

The sacred ministers enter in silence and prostrate themselves before the Altar.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, we beseech thee graciously to behold this thy family for which our Lord Jesus Christ was contented to be betrayed, and given up into the hands of wicked men, and to suffer death upon the Cross; who now liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.** 

#### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah (52: 13-53: 12)

Behold, my servant shall act wisely;

he shall be high and lifted up,

and shall be exalted.

As many were astonished at you—

his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance,

and his form beyond that of the children of mankind—

so shall he sprinkle many nations;

kings shall shut their mouths because of him;

for that which has not been told them they see,

and that which they have not heard they understand.

Who has believed what he has heard from us?

And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

For he grew up before him like a young plant,

and like a root out of dry ground;

he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,

and no beauty that we should desire him.

He was despised and rejected by men;

a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief;

and as one from whom men hide their faces

he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

Surely he has borne our griefs

and carried our sorrows:

yet we esteemed him stricken,

smitten by God, and afflicted.

But he was wounded for our transgressions;

he was crushed for our iniquities;

upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,

and with his stripes we are healed.

All we like sheep have gone astray;

we have turned—every one—to his own way;

and the Lord has laid on him

the iniquity of us all.

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,

yet he opened not his mouth;

like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth. By oppression and judgement he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people? And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him: he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the Lord shall prosper in his hand. Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

Reader People

The Word of the Lord Thanks be to God.

#### **Psalm 31: 6, 13-19, 28** *In te, Domine, speravi.*

Into thy hands I commend my spirit; / for thou hast redeemed me, O LORD, thou God of truth. I am become a reproach because of all mine enemies, / and especially unto my neighbours; And they of mine acquaintance are afraid of me; / and they that see me in the street flee from me.

I am clean forgotten, as a dead man out of mind; / I am become like a broken vessel. For I have heard the whispering of the multitude, and fear is on every side; / while they conspire

together against me, and plot to take away my life.

But my hope hath been in thee, O LORD; / I have said, 'Thou art my God.'

My times are in thy hand; / deliver me from the hand of mine enemies, and from them that persecute me.

Show thy servant the light of thy countenance, / and save me for thy mercy's sake. Be strong, and let your heart take courage, / all ye that put your trust in the LORD.

#### A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews (4: 14-16, 5: 7-9)

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet

without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him.

Reader The Word of the Lord People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 545 Horsley

- THERE is a green hill far away,
   Outside a city wall,
   Where the dear LORD was crucified,
   Who died to save us all.
- We may not know, we cannot tell
   What pains he had to bear,
   But we believe it was for us
   He hung and suffered there.
- He died that we might be forgiven,
   He died to make us good.
   That we might go at last to heaven,
   Saved by his precious Blood.
- 4. There was no other good enough
   To pay the price of sin,
   He only could unlock the gate
   Of heaven, and let us in.
- 5. O dearly, dearly has he loved,
  And we must love him too,
  And trust in his redeeming Blood,
  And try his works to do.

#### The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

At that time: Pilate therefore took Jesus, and scourged him. And the soldiers platted a crown of thorns, and put it on his head: and they put on him a purple robe, and said: Hail, King of the Jews. And they smote him with their hands. Pilate therefore went forth again, and saith unto them: Behold, I bring him forth to you, that ye may know that I find no fault in him. Then came Jesus forth, wearing the crown of thorns, and the purple robe. And Pilate saith unto them: Behold the man. When the chief priests therefore and officers saw him, they cried out, saying: Crucify him, crucify him. Pilate saith unto them: Take ye him, and crucify him: for I find no fault in him. The Jews answered him: We have a law, and by our law he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of God. When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he was the more afraid. And went again into the judgmenthall: and saith unto Jesus: Whence art thou? But Jesus gave him no answer. Then saith Pilate unto him: Speakest thou not unto me? Knowest thou not that I have power to crucify thee, and have power to release thee? Jesus answered: Thou couldest have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above. Therefore he that delivered me unto thee hath the greater sin. And from thenceforth Pilate sought to release him. But the Jews cried out saying: If thou let this man go, thou art not Cæsar's friend. Whosoever maketh himself a king speaketh against Cæsar. When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he brought Jesus forth, and sat down in the judgment-seat in a place that is called the pavement, but in the Hebrew Gabbatha. And it was the Preparation of the Passover, and about the sixth hour, and he saith unto the Jews: Behold your King. But they cried out: Away with him, away with him, crucify him. Pilate saith unto them: Shall I crucify your King? The chief priests answered: We have no king but Cæsar. Then delivered he him therefore unto them to be crucified. And they took Jesus, and led him away.

Please stand.

And he, bearing his cross, went forth into a place called the place of a skull, which is called in the Hebrew, Golgotha: where they crucified him, and two other with him, on either side one, and Jesus in the midst. And Pilate wrote a title: and put it on the cross. And the writing was: JESUS OF NAZARETH THE KING OF THE JEWS. This title then read many of the Jews, for the place where Jesus was crucified was night o the city: and it was written in Hebrew, and Greek, and Latin. Then said the chief priests of the Jews to Pilate: Write not, the King of the Jews, but that he said: I am King of the Jews. Pilate answered: What I have written, I have written. Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took his garments, and made four parts: to every soldier a part, and also his coat. Now the coat was without seam, woven from the top throughout. They said therefore among themselves: Let us not rend it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be. That the Scripture might be fulfilled, which saith: They parted my raiment among them: and for my vesture they did cast lots. These things therefore the soldiers did. Now there stood by the cross of Jesus, his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother: Woman, behold thy son. Then saith he to the disciple: Behold thy mother. And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home. After this, Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, saith: I thirst. Now there was set a vessel full of vinegar: and they filled a sponge with vinegar, and put it upon hyssop, and put it to his mouth. When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said: It is finished. And he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.

Please kneel for a moment of reflection, then stand.

The Jews therefore, because it was the Preparation, that the bodies should not remain upon the cross on the Sabbath day, (for that sabbath-day was an high day,) besought Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away. Then came the soldiers, and brake the legs of the first, and of the other which was crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus, and saw that he was dead already, they brake not his legs: but one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water. And he that saw it bare record, and his record is true: and he knoweth that he saith true, that ye might believe. For these things were done, that the Scripture should be fulfilled: A bone of him shall not be broken. And again another Scripture saith: They shall look on him whom they pierced.

Homily Fr Stewart Murray

# Offertory Hymn 139

Passion Chorale

- O SACRED head, surrounded
   By crown of piercing thorn!
   O bleeding head, so wounded,
   Reviled, and put to scorn!
   Death's pallid hue comes o'er thee,
   The glow of life decays,
   Yet angel-hosts adore thee,
   And tremble as they gaze.
- I see thy strength and vigour
   All fading in the strife,
   And death with cruel rigour
   Bereaving thee of life;

- O agony and dying!
  O love to sinners free!
  JESU, all grace supplying,
  O turn thy face on me.
- 3. In this thy bitter Passion,
  Good Shepherd, think of me
  With thy most sweet compassion,
  Unworthy though I be:
  Beneath thy Cross abiding
  For ever would I rest,
  In thy dear love confiding,
  And with thy presence blest.

#### THE SOLEMN PRAYERS

#### For the Ministry and Witness of the Church

Celebrant ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed

and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers, which we offer before thee for all members in thy holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry, they may truly and devoutly

serve thee; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

People Amen.

Celebrant Let us bend the knee.

Please kneel in a moment of silent prayer

Arise.

#### For Peace in our World

Celebrant ALMIGHTY God, from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed: Kindle, we pray thee, in

the hearts of all people the true love of peace, and guide with thy pure and peaceable wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth; that in tranquility thy kingdom may go forward, till the earth is filled with the knowledge of thy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

Celebrant Let us bend the knee.

Please kneel in a moment of silent prayer

Arise.

#### For the Sick and for All who care for the Sick

Celebrant ALMIGHTY God, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ went about doing good, and healing all

manner of sickness and disease among the people: Continue, we beseech thee, this his gracious work among us; cheer, heal, and sanctify the sick; grant to the physicians, surgeons, and nurses wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience; and send down thy blessing upon all who labour to

prevent suffering and to forward thy purposes of love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

Celebrant Let us bend the knee.

Please kneel in a moment of silent prayer

Arise.

## For the Extension of the Church in the World

Celebrant ALMIGHTY God, who by thy Son Jesus Christ didst give commandment to the Apostles that

they should go into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature: Grant to us whom thou hast called into thy Church, a ready will to obey thy Word; and fill us with a hearty desire to make thy way known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations; through Jesus Christ

our Lord.

People Amen.

Celebrant Let us bend the knee.

Please kneel in a moment of silent prayer

Arise.

#### THE VENERATION OF THE CROSS

During the hymn a veiled Crucifix is brought in procession into the sanctuary.

Hymn 829 Vexilla Regis

- THE royal banners forward go,
   The Cross shines forth in mystic glow;
   Where he in flesh our flesh who made,
   Our sentence bore, our ransom paid.
- 2. There whilst he hung, his sacred side By soldier's spear was opened wide, To cleanse us in the precious flood Of water mingled with his Blood.
- 3. Fulfilled is now what David told
  In true prophetic song of old,
  How GOD the heathen's King should be;
  For GOD is reigning from the Tree.
- 4. O Tree of glory, Tree most fair, Ordained those holy limbs to bear, How bright in purple robe it stood, The purple of a SAVIOUR'S Blood!
- 5. Upon its arms, like balance true, He weighed the price for sinners due, The price which none but he could pay, And spoiled the spoiler of his prey.
- 6. To thee, Eternal THREE in ONE, Let homage meet by al be done: As by the Cross thou dost restore, So rule and guide us evermore. Amen.

Please kneel.

The Crucifix is unveiled in the sanctuary and raised aloft three times.

Celebrant Behold, the wood of the Cross, whereon was hung the world's Salvation.

People O come, let us worship.

The Reproaches Plainsong

Cantors

O my people, what have I done unto thee? Or wherein have I wearied thee? Testify against me.

Because I brought thee forth from the land of Egypt: thou hast prepared a Cross for thy Saviour.

Agios O Theos. Holy God.

Agios, Ischyros. Holy, Mighty.

Agios Anthanatos, eleison imas. Holy and Immortal, have mercy upon us.

Because I led thee through the desert forty years, and fed thee with manna, and brought thee into a land exceeding good: thou hast prepared a Cross for thy Saviour.

Agios O Theos ...

What more could I have done for thee that I have not done? I indeed did plant thee, O my vineyard, with exceeding fair fruit: and thou art become very bitter unto me: for vinegar, mingled with gall, thou gavest me when thirsty: and hast pierced with a spear the side of thy Saviour.

Agios O Theos ...

I gave thee a royal sceptre: and thou hast given unto my head a crown of thorns.

O my people, what have I done unto thee? Or wherein have I wearied thee? Testify against me.

I exalted thee with great power: and thou hast hanged me upon the gibbet of the Cross.

O my people, what have I done unto thee? Or wherein have I wearied thee? Testify against me.

Hymn 129 Pange lingua

SING, my tongue, the glorious battle,
 Sing the ending of the fray;
 Now above the Cross, the trophy,
 Sound the loud triumphant lay:
 Tell how CHRIST, the world's redeemer,
 As a Victim won the day.

- 2. Tell how, when at length the fullness
  Of the appointed time was come,
  He, the Word, was born of woman,
  Left for us his FATHER'S home,
  Showed to men the perfect manhood,
  Shone as light amidst the gloom.
- 3. Thus, with thirty accomplished,
  Went he forth from Nazareth,
  Destined, dedicate, and willing,
  Wrought his work, and met his death;
  Like a lamb he humbly yielded
  On the Cross his dying breath.
- 4. Faithful Cross, thou sign of triumph,
  Now for man the noblest Tree,
  None in foliage, none in blossom,
  None in fruit thy peer may be;
  Symbol of the world's redemption,
  For the weight that hung on thee!
- 5. Unto GOD be praise and glory:
   To the FATHER and the SON,
   To the eternal SPIRIT, honour
   Now and evermore be done;
   Praise and glory in the highest,
   While the timeless ages run. Amen.

### MASS OF THE PRE-SANCTIFIED

Please kneel as the Reserved Sacrament is brought from the Altar of Repose.

Celebrant Let us pray for the coming of the kingdom in the words our Saviour taught us:

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

#### The Prayer of Humble Access

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, Trusting in our own righteousness, But in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy So much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, Whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, So to eat the Flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, And to drink his Blood, That our sinful bodies may be made clean by his

Body, And our souls washed through his most precious Blood, And that we may evermore dwell in him, And he in us. Amen.

#### **Prayers after Communion**

All

Celebrant Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God,

We pray thee to set thy passion, cross, and death between thy judgment and our souls, now and in the hour of our death. Give mercy and grace to the living, pardon and rest to the departed, to thy Holy Church peace and concord, and to us sinners, everlasting life and glory; who with the Father and the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest ever one God, world without end. Amen.

Celebrant

Send down thine abundant blessing, Lord, upon thy people who have devoutly recalled the death of thy dearly beloved Son, in the sure and certain hope of the Resurrection. Grant them pardon; bring them comfort. May their faith grow stronger and their eternal salvation be assured. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

The Sanctuary remains in darkness and the clergy and people depart in silence.



Lamentation of Christ, Mattias Grünewald (c.1470-1528)

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