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THREE HOURS' REFLECTION ON THE PASSION AND DEATH OF JESUS CHRIST

GOOD FRIDAY

MARCH, 29, 2024

12:00 P.M.

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Sept Paroles du Christ sur la Croix

Théodore Dubois
(1837-1924)

Introduction

Soprano Solo

O all ye who travel upon the highway, hearken to me, and behold me:
was e'er sorrow like unto my sorrow?

For the Lord Almighty hath dealt bitterly with me.
Call me now no more Naomi, from today call me Mara.

Stand

Hymn: How Great Thou Art



1. O Lord, my God, when I in awe - some won - der
2. When through the woods and that for - est glades I wan - der
3. And when I think that God, his Son I not spar - ing,
Con - sid - er all the worlds thy hands have made,
And hear the birds sing sweet - ly in the trees;
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
I see the stars, I hear the roll - ing thun - der,
That on the cross from my loft - y moun - tain gran - deur
burd - en glad - ly bear - ing,
Thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played;
And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;
He bled and died to take a - way my sin;
Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to thee; How great thou

art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior
 God, to thee; How great thou art! How great thou art!

Kneel

Reader We gather here on this Good Friday to keep vigil and pray with our Savior during the hours of His Passion. May the time we spend this afternoon draw us closer to the suffering Christ.

*In order to maintain a reverent pace while praying together,
 please pause at each slash mark (/).*

All Lord Jesus, / you ask us to carry our cross each day. / We have not always followed Your teachings, Your way of life, and yet You love us without conditions. /

Today we come to you in our weakness. / Give us courage to stand by You in Your agony, now and whenever a share in that suffering enters our own lives. / Help us to do the Father's will, / and make us selfless in our charity towards all.

Reader Jesus said: "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow Me..."

All Lord, help us to follow You.

Reader Jesus said: "Love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you..."

All Lord, help us to follow You.

Reader Jesus said: "Unless you turn and become like little children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven..."

All Lord, help us to follow You.

Reader Jesus said: "Woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation; woe to you who are filled now, for you will be hungry..."

All Lord, help us to follow You.

Sit

Introduction

Reverend Monsignor James C. Vlaun
C.E.O. and President of Catholic Faith Network
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Hymn: Soul of My Savior



1. Soul of my Sav - ior sanc - ti - fy my breast,
2. Strength and pro - tec - tion may his Pas - sion be,



Bod - y of Christ, be thou my sav - ing guest;
O bless - ed Je - sus, hear and an - swer me;



Blood of my Sav - ior bathe me in thy tide;
Deep in thy wounds, Lord, hide and shel - ter me;



Wash me, ye wa - ters gush - ing from his side.
So shall I nev - er, nev - er part from thee.

THE FIRST WORD

Reading

Luke 23:33,34

When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him and the criminals there, one on his right, the other on his left. Then Jesus said: **‘Father, forgive them, they know not what they do.’**

Sit

First Word

Baritone and Tenor Soli, with Chorus

Father forgive them, for they know not what they do.
And the people clamored: He is death-guilty;
take him, take him, let us crucify him!
Be his blood on us, and on our children!
They did crucify Jesus, and the two thieves,
one on His right, the other on His left hand.

Reflection

Response

Kneel

Reader Though He was in the form of God, Jesus did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped. Rather, He emptied Himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, He humbled Himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.

All At the name of Jesus/ every knee must bow,/ and tongue confess/ that Jesus Christ is Lord,/ to the glory of God the Father.

Reader Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name which is above every other name. So that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

All At the name of Jesus/ every knee must bow,/ and tongue confess/ that Jesus Christ is Lord,/ to the glory of God the Father.

Reader Almighty and everlasting God, you willed that our Savior should become man and undergo the torment of the cross as an example of humility for all humanity. Grant that we may follow in His suffering as to share in His glorious resurrection. We ask this through the same Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Stand

Hymn: O Sacred Head Surrounded

PASSION CHORALE

1. O Sa - cred Head, sur - round - ed By crown of pierc - ing thorn!
 2. I see thy strength and vig - or All fad - ing in the strife,
 O bleed - ing Head, so wound - ed, Re - viled and put to scorn!
 And death with cru - el rig - or, Be - reav - ing thee of life;
 Death's pal - lid hue comes o'er thee, The glow of life de - cays,
 O ag - o - ny and dy - ing! O love to sin - ners free!
 Yet an - gel hosts a - dore thee, And trem - ble as they gaze.
 Je - sus, all grace sup - ply - ing, O turn thy face on me.

THE SECOND WORD

Reading

Luke 23:39-43

Now one of the criminals hanging there reviled Jesus, saying ‘Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us.’ The other, however, rebuking him, said in reply, ‘Have you no fear of God, for you are subject to the same condemnation? And indeed, we have been condemned justly, for the sentence we received corresponds to our crimes, but this man has done nothing criminal.’ Then he said, ‘Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.’ He replied to him, **‘Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.’**

Sit

Second Word

Duet for Tenor and Baritone, with Chorus

Verily, thou shalt be in Paradise today with me. Amen, so I tell thee.
Hear me, O Lord, and remember me, when Thou comest into Thy kingdom.

Reflection

Response

Kneel

Reader Lord Jesus, on the night before You suffered You said to Your apostles: “This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”
You brought good tidings to the poor.

All Let us be Your messengers to the poor.

Reader You healed the sick.

All Let us bring them your help and consolation.

Reader Lovingly You called the children to You.

All May our example/ lead them to goodness and truth.

Reader You love the sinner even while hating the sin.

All Keep us/ from harsh judgments of others.

Reader You have taken upon Yourself our burdens.

All Give us the grace/ to bear the burdens of one another.

Reader Lord God, keep us in Your love so that on the day of judgment we may come to You in Joy. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Hymn: Ah, Holy Jesus

HERZLIEBSTER JESU



1. Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of -
 2. Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up -
 3. Lo, the good Shep - herd for the sheep is
 4. For me, kind Je - sus, was thine In - car -
 5. There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not



pend - ed, That man to judge thee hath in hate pre -
 on thee? A - las, my trea - son, Je - sus, hath un -
 of - fered; The slave hath sin - ned, and the Son hath
 na - tion; Thy mor - tal sor - row, and thy life's ob -
 pay thee, I do a - dore thee, and will ev - er



tend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed, by thine
 done thee 'Twas I, Lord Je - sus, I it
 suf - fered; For man's a - tone - ment, while he
 la - tion; Thy death of an - guish and thy
 pray thee, Think on thy pi - ty and thy



own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.
 was de - nied thee: I cru - ci - fied thee.
 noth - ing heed - eth, God in - ter - ceed - eth.
 bit - ter Pas - sion, For my sal - va - tion.
 love un - swerv - ing, Not my de - serv - ing.

THE THIRD WORD

Reading

John 19:25-27

Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary of Magdala. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved he said to his mother, '**Woman, behold, your son.**' Then he said to the disciple, '**Behold, your mother.**' And from that hour the disciple took her into his home.

Third Word

Soli for Soprano, Tenor, Baritone, with Chorus

See, O women! here behold thy Son beloved.
 See you mother, bow'd in anguish, Who beside the cross doth languish,
 Where on high her son is borne.
 Is there mortal, who no feeleth To behold her where she kneeleth,
 So woeful, and all forlorn?

Reflection**Response***Kneel*

Reader Holy Mary, you were conceived without the stain of Adam's sin.

All Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee!

Reader In faith you conceived in your womb God and man, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee!

Reader Blessed Virgin, true Mother of the eternal Word, your own heart was pierced by a sword even while you did the will of the Father.

All Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee!

Reader Blessed Virgin, you stood at the foot of our Savior's cross.

All Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee!

Reader You were assumed into heaven as a foreshadowing of our own destiny.

All Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee!

Reader Almighty Father, Your Son Jesus suffered the depths of human suffering in His agony on the cross. Strengthen our faith so that, like Mary, we may ponder the mystery of our redemption and persevere until You call us to Yourself. We ask this through the same Christ, our Lord.

All Amen.

Sit

*The collection, now taken up in silence, is for
 the support of St. Patrick's Cathedral.*

THE FOURTH WORD

Reading

Mark 15:33-34

And at three o'clock Jesus cried out in a loud voice, 'Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?' which is translated, '**My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?**'

Fourth Word

Sit
Baritone Solo

God, my Father, why hast Thou forsaken me?
All those who were my friends, all have now forsaken me,
and they that hate me do now prevail against me;
and he whom I have cherished, he hath betrayed me.
Even the vine that I have chosen, and that I have planted:
wherefore at thou now so strangely turned into bitterness,
that I by thee am crucified?

Reflection

Response

Kneel

Reader As we remember the Passion of our Lord, let us join ourselves with Him as He prayed the 22nd Psalm.

My God, my God, why have You forsaken me? You are far from my prayer, from the words of my cry. O God, I cry out by day and You answer not; by night and there is no relief for me.

**All Lamb of God,/ You take away the sins of the world./
Have mercy on us.**

Reader I am a worm, not a man; the scorn of me, despised by the people. All who see me scoff at me. They mock me with parted lips, they wag their heads.

**All Lamb of God,/ You take away the sins of the world./
Have mercy on us.**

Reader I am like water poured out; all my bones are racked. They have pierced my hands and my feet; I can count all my bones.

**All Lamb of God,/ You take away the sins of the world./
Have mercy on us.**

Reader They look on and gloat over me; They divide my garments among them, and for my vesture they cast lots. Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing!

All **Lamb of God,/ You take away the sins of the world./
Have mercy on us.**

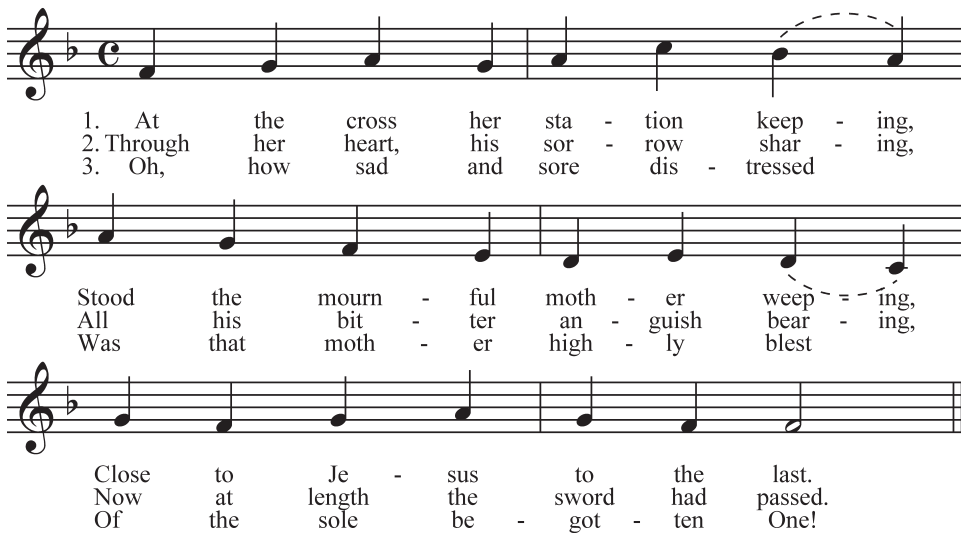
Reader Lord Jesus Christ, You experienced fully the weakness of our humanity and were even betrayed by Your friends. By your blessed passion be our comfort, our protection and our strength in our weakness. You who live and reign for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

Stand

Hymn: At the Cross Her Station Keeping

STABAT MATER DOLOROSA



1. At the cross her sta - tion keep - ing,
2. Through her heart, his sor - row shar - ing,
3. Oh, how sad and sore dis - tressed

Stood the mourn - ful moth - er weep - ing,
All his bit - ter an - guish bear - ing,
Was that moth - er high - ly blest

Close to Je - sus to the last,
Now at length the sword had passed,
Of the sole be - got - ten One!

THE FIFTH WORD

Reading

John 19:28, 29

After this, aware that everything was now finished, in order that the Scripture might be fulfilled, Jesus said, **‘I thirst.’** There was a vessel filled with common wine. So they put a sponge soaked in wine on a sprig of hyssop and put it to his mouth.

Fifth Word, Sitio

Chorus, and Soli for Tenor and Baritone

I am athirst!

And the Jews then passing by him, all did rail upon him,
and wagging their heads at him, they said unto him:

Ah! Thou wouldst fain destroy the temple; if thou be Jesus, Son of the Father,
now from the cross descend thou, that we behold it,
and believe on thee when we behold it.
If thou are king over Israel, save yourself, then!

Reflection**Response***Kneel*

Reader Let us pray to the Father, asking for the grace to drink the cup which He offers us.
Make us strong with the faith of our father Abraham.

All Father, Your will be done.

Reader Make us single-minded with the dedication of Moses.

All Father, Your will be done.

Reader Make us faithful with the fidelity of Ruth.

All Father, Your will be done.

Reader Enlighten us with the wisdom of Solomon.

All Father, Your will be done.

Reader Make us bold with the courage of Esther.

All Father, Your will be done.

Reader Fill us with the zeal of John the Baptist

All Father, Your will be done.

Reader Unite us with the confession of Peter.

All Father, Your will be done.

Reader Give us the fortitude of Paul.

All Father, Your will be done.

Reader Form us as you did the Virgin Mary.

All Father, Your will be done.

Hymn: Hail True Cross

1. Gall he drinks; His strength sub - du - ing, Reed and thorn and
2. Hail true cross, of beau - ty rar - est, King of all

nail and spear. Plot His gen - tle frame's un - do - ing;
for - est trees; Leaf and flow'r and fruit thou bear - est

Blood and wa - ter thence ap - pear, With their cleans - ing
Med - i - cine for world's di - sease; Fair - est wood, and

tide re - new - ing Earth and sea and star - ry sphere.
i - ron fair - est Yet more fair, Who hung on these.

THE SIXTH WORD

Reading

Luke 23:44-46

It was now about noon and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon because of an eclipse of the sun. Then the veil of the temple was torn down the middle. Jesus cried out in a loud voice, '**Father, into your hands I commend my spirit**'; and when he said this he breathed his last.

Sixth Word

Tenor Solo, and Chorus

Father, into Thy hands I commend my soul.
For Thou are my God and my Father; Thou are my Savior.
Into Thy hands I commend my soul.

Reflection

Response

Kneel

Reader When you come to serve the Lord, prepare yourself for trials.

All **Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit.**

Reader Be sincere of heart and steadfast, undisturbed in time of adversity.

All **Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit.**

Reader Cling to the Lord, forsake Him not; thus will your fortune be great.

All **Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit.**

Reader Accept whatever befalls you, in crushing misfortune be patient.

All **Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit.**

Reader Trust God and He will help you; make straight your ways and hopes in Him.

All **Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit.**

Reader You who fear the Lord, trust Him and your reward will not be lost.

All **Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit.**

Reader You who fear the Lord, hope for good things, for lasting joy and mercy.

All **Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit.**

Reader Consider the generations long past, and understand; has anyone hoped in the Lord and been disappointed?

All **Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit.**

Reader O Lord our God, Your faithfulness and kindness to us will never end. Grant us the gift of unwavering trust in the promises You have made to us. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

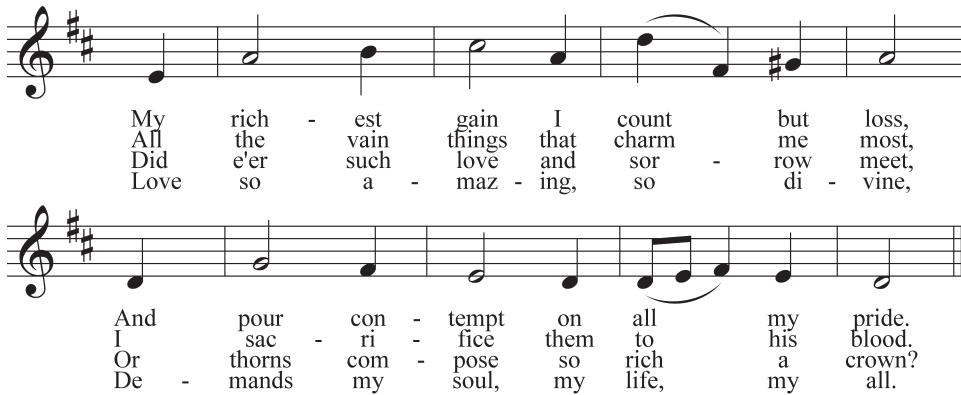
Stand

Hymn: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

ROCKINGHAM

1. When I sur - vey the won - drous cross
2. For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast
3. See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
4. Were the whole realm of na - ture mine,

On which the Prince of glo - ry died,
Save in the and death of Christ, my God;
Sor - row and love flow min - gled down!
That were a pres - ent far too small;



My rich - est gain I count but loss,
 All the - vain things that charm me most,
 Did e'er such love and sor - row meet,
 Love so a - maz - ing, so di - vine,
 And pour con - tempt on all my pride,
 I sac - ri - fice them to his blood,
 Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?,
 De - mands my soul, my life, my all.

THE SEVENTH WORD

Reading

John 19:29, 30

When Jesus had taken the wine, he said, '**It is finished.**' And bowing his head, he handed over the spirit.

Seventh Word

Solo for Soprano, Tenor and Baritone, with Chorus

Sit

And with a loud voice Jesus cried, exclaiming, It is finished!

And He did bow His head, and rendered up His spirit.

And it was about the sixth hour; and the sun was darkened,
 and darkness covered the earth until about the ninth hour;
 and the veil of the temple was rent, and all the earth did quake;
 and the rocks were rent, and all the graves were opened wide.

Christ, we do all adore Thee, and we do praise Thee for ever;
 for on the holy cross has thou the world from sin redeemed.

Reflection

1. Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
 Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
 Oh! sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
 Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
2. Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?
 Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?
 Oh! sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
 Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?
3. Were you there when they pierced Him in the side?
 Were you there when they pierced Him in the side?
 Oh! sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
 Were you there when they pierced Him in the side?
4. Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?
 Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?
 Oh! sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
 Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?

Response

Kneel

Reader Like a sapling He grew up in front of us, like a root in arid ground. Without beauty, without majesty we saw Him, no looks to attract our eyes.

All We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You,/ because by Your holy cross/ You have redeemed the world.

Reader A thing despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and familiar with suffering.

All We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You,/ because by Your holy cross/ You have redeemed the world.

Reader And yet ours were the sufferings He bore, ours the sorrows He carried. But we thought of Him as someone punished, struck by God and brought low.

All We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You,/ because by Your holy cross/ You have redeemed the world.

Reader Yet He was pierced through for our faults, crushed for our sins. On Him lies a punishment that brings us peace and through his wounds we are healed.

All We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You,/ because by Your holy cross/ You have redeemed the world.

Reader Lord Jesus Christ, by Your holy and glorious wounds guard us and keep us from all evil and bring us to the victory You have won for us. You live and reign for ever and ever.

All Amen.

Sit

Conclusion

Stand

The Lord's Prayer

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 those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
Amen.

Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace!
The Lord is with thee.
Blessed are thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners
now and at the hour of our death.
Amen.

Glory Be

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.
Amen.

Hymn: Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim,



Till all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.



1. Come Chris - tians, fol - low where the Mas - ter trod,
2. Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
3. Each new - born fol - l'wer of the Cru - ci - fied
4. O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
5. So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:



Our King vic - to - rious, Christ the Son of God.
The hosts of God in con - quering ranks com - bine.
Bears on the brow the seal of him who died.
Your death has brought us life e - ter - nal - ly.
Praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!



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