



April 2, 2021
Good Friday

(Broadcast available beginning 3:00 p.m. Friday)

GREETING

ANTHEM

O Love

E. Hagenberg
Chancel Quartet

O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe, that in thy ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.

O Joy that seeks me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain, that morn shall tearless be.

OPENING PRAYER

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 53:3-8

He was despised and rejected by others;
a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity;
and as one from whom others hide their faces
he was despised, and we held him of no account.
Surely he has borne our infirmities
and carried our diseases;
yet we accounted him stricken,
struck down by God, and afflicted.
But he was wounded for our transgressions,
crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the punishment that made us whole,
and by his bruises we are healed.
All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have all turned to our own way,
and the Lord has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.
He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he did not open his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.
By a perversion of justice he was taken away.
Who could have imagined his future?
For he was cut off from the land of the living,
stricken for the transgression of my people.

SOLO

The Crucifixion
from *The Hermit Songs*

S. Barber
Amy Cuomo

At the cry of the first bird they began to crucify Thee, O Swan!
Never shall lament cease because of that. It was like the parting of day from night.
Ah, sore was the suffering borne by the body of Mary's Son,
but sorer still to Him was the grief which for His sake came upon His Mother.

SECOND LESSON

Mark 15:6-20

Now at the festival Pilate used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. Then he answered them, 'Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?' For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate spoke to them again, 'Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?' They shouted back, 'Crucify him!' Pilate asked them, 'Why, what evil has he done?' But they shouted all the more, 'Crucify him!' So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And they began saluting him, 'Hail, King of the Jews!' They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

ANTHEM

Crucifixus
from the *Credo* of the *B Minor Mass*

J.S. Bach/arr. C. Young
Chancel Quartet

Crucifixus etiam pro nobis sub Pontio Pilato: passus et sepultus est.
Crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate: he suffered, and was buried.

THIRD LESSON

Mark 15:21-32

They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, 'The King of the Jews.' And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, 'Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!' In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, 'He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe.' Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

ANTHEM

Carol of the Hill

S. Paulus
Chancel Quartet

On my ground with a crown of thorn, He died for us who for us was born.
The tree that flowered is cold and bare; no songs, no singing anywhere;
O Bethlehem, Ah Jerusalem.
Second Adam Song of Man, into my earth your life's blood ran.
Now from this earth new trees will grow with fruits, with flowers I swear it so.
O Bethlehem, Ah Jerusalem.

For you I shall wear a crown of trees, and birds will sing from among their leaves,
for you I shall wear a crown of trees, now sing birds sing, from among your leaves.

O Jerusalem.

FOURTH LESSON

Mark 15:40-41

There were also women looking on from a distance; among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. These used to follow him and provided for him when he was in Galilee; and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem.

DUET

Stabat Mater Dolorosa
from *Stabat Mater*

G.B. Pergolesi
Kate Roberts & Amy Cuomo

Stabat mater dolorosa juxta crucem lacrymosa, dum pendebat filius.

There stood the Mother grieving beside the cross weeping, while on it hung her Son.

FIFTH LESSON

Mark 15:33-39

When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, 'Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?' which means, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, 'Listen, he is calling for Elijah.' And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, 'Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.' Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, 'Truly this man was God's Son!'

PRAYER

**Almighty God,
your Son Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross
so that he might draw the whole world to himself.
Grant that we, who glory in his death for our salvation,
may also glory in his call to take up our cross and follow him;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

ANTHEM

God So Loved the World
from *The Crucifixion*

J. Stainer
Chancel Quartet

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son,
that whoso believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life.
God so loved the world.

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