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St. Mary's Episcopal Church

A parish in the Diocese of Pennsylvania

April 7, 2023, 3:00 PM- Good Friday



The cantata “The Seven Last Words of Christ” will take the part of the scripture readings and the homily for this Good Friday liturgy; it becomes the Liturgy of the Word. The text of the cantata is taken from the Gospels; the music was composed by Theodore Dubois (1837-1924) for chorus, soloists, and orchestra. The cantata reflects the emotional drama of French operatic music of the nineteenth century. Dr. Turk will be transcribing the orchestra instrumental parts to organ accompaniment, augmented by two additional instruments, harp and timpani.

During the singing of the First Word, a large, wooden cross will be brought into the church and placed at the chancel steps. The congregation is invited, at any time during the cantata, to quietly, individually, go to the cross, to pray, make an act of reverent devotion, or simply stand or kneel, and then return to the pew.

In the final movement (Seventh Word), there is a dramatic instrumental interval, musically depicting a thunder storm, splitting of rocks, graves opening, and the rending of the Veil of the Temple from top to bottom. This was the immense curtain that separated the Holy of Holies from the main portion of the temple. During this ‘Storm Interval’ the clergy and acolytes will move to the side chapel where the Reserve Sacrament was placed at the end of the Thursday liturgy, for the all-night vigil. As the “storm music” abates and diminishes, the Sacrament will be brought in solemn procession, back to the high altar while the choir sings the final words of the cantata, “Christ we do all adore Thee”.

The Congregation is invited to stand when the Procession of the Sacrament comes through the main aisle.

Celebrant Blessed be our God.

People **For ever and ever. Amen.**

Celebrant

Let us pray.

Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Seven Last Words of Christ

Theodore Dubois

Introduction

Soprano Solo

O ye people traveling on 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 to-day call me Mara.

First Word

Baritone and Tenor Soli, with Chorus

Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.

And the people clamor'd: He is death-guilty; take him, take him, let us crucify him! Be his blood on us, and on our children! Then they did crucify Jesus, and the two thieves, one at His right hand, the other at His left hand.

Second Word

Duet for Tenor and Baritone, with Chorus

Verily, thou shalt be in Paradise to-day with me. Amen, so I tell thee.

Hear me, O Lord, and remember me, when Thou comest into Thy kingdom.

Third Word

Soli for Soprano, Tenor, Baritone, with Chorus

See, O woman! Here behold thy Son beloved.

See yon mother, bow'd in anguish, Who beside the cross doth languish, Where on high her son is borne;
See yon mother, bow'd in anguish, Who beside the cross doth languish,
Is there mortal, who not feeleth To behold her where she kneeleth, So woeful, and all forlorn?

Fourth Word

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 betray'd me. Even the vine that I have chosen, and that I have planted: wherefore art thou now so strangely turned into bitterness, that I by thee am crucified?

Fifth Word

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: Vah! 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 art king over Israel, save thyself, then!

Sixth Word

Tenor Solo, and Chorus

Father, into Thy hands I commend my soul.

For Thou art my God and my Father; Thou art my Saviour.

Into Thy hands I commend my soul.

Seventh Word

Solo for Soprano, Tenor and Baritone, with Chorus

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 coved 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.

(Storm interval)

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

Holy Communion

Confession of Sin

All kneel.

Celebrant

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister and People

Most merciful God we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

Please be seated.

Lord's Prayer – *Said by All*

*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.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.*

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Music at Communion – *Domine Deus, Agnus Dei* *Alto solo and Chorus*

Antonio Vivaldi

Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris. (Qui tollis peccata)

Domine Deus, Rex coelestis, (Qui tollis peccata)

Domine Fili unigenite, (Qui tollis peccata)

Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris, (Qui tollis peccata mundi)

Miserere, (Agnus Dei) miserere, (Filius Patris), miserere nobis.

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father (Thou who takest away the sins...)

Lord God, Heavenly King (Thou who takest away the sins...)

Lord, only begotten Son of the Father, (Thou who takest away the sins...)

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father (Thou who takest away the sins of the world.)

Have mercy, (Lamb of God), have mercy (Son of the Father), have mercy upon us.

1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you
 2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Were you
 *3 Were you there when they pierced him in the side? Were you
 4 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you

there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Oh!
 there when they nailed him to the tree? Oh!
 there when they pierced him in the side? Oh!
 there when they laid him in the tomb? Oh!

Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble,
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 trem-ble. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Closing Prayer

All kneel.

Celebrant: Let us pray,

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, we pray you to set your passion, cross, and death between your judgment and our souls, now and in the hour of our death. Give mercy and grace to the living; pardon and rest to the dead; to your holy Church peace and concord; and to us sinners everlasting life and glory; for with the Father and Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please remain kneeling while the church bells are tolled 33 times, one toll for every year of Jesus' life. Please leave the church in silence. The liturgy will continue with the Great Easter Vigil at 6:00 pm on the evening of Holy Saturday.

St. Mary's Choir and Guests

(Soloist/Section leader)*

Soprano

Lois Brunet
Marjorie Doerr
Toni Hoffacker
Jeanne Iannotta
Beth Kelleher
Monica Ziglar *
Collette Anderson
Rebecca Shimer

Tenor

Craig Hoogstraten
Jason Garcia-Kakuk *
Scott Ziglar
Brenton Megee
Jerry Schauer

Altos

Kerry Ann Erickson-Felps *
Kerry Gibson
Caroline Kidder
Yoshiko Seavey
Carole Latimulder
Kaitlyn Tierney
Gloria Turk

Bass

Darryl Behrmann
Peter Busch
Kyle Chastulik *
David Lander
Bob Mickel
Dave Seavey
Mark Hightower
Michael Kreuger

Rong Tan, Harp

William Wozniak, Timpani

Dr. Gordon Turk, Organist-Director

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Term 2024

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Erlis Wickersham
Kathy Buckley

Term 2025

Katie Crawford, *People's Warden*
Neal Fulton, *Rector's Warden*
Scott Scheidt
Bob Mickel

Term 2026

Bob Stevens
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