

Silent Meditation

Introit

“O Vos Omnes” Pablo Casals
*O ye people that are passing by me and see me,
 behold and see and consider if there can be any sorrow as mine.
 O ye people, is it nothing to you?*

Call to Worship and Invocation

Minister: *Blessed be the name of the Lord our God,*

People: who redeems us from sin and death.

Minister: *For us and for our salvation, Christ became obedient
 unto death, even on the cross.*

People: Blessed be the name of the Lord.

Minister: *Let us pray.*

**People: Merciful God, you gave your Son to suffer the shame
 of the cross. Save us from hardness of heart, that,
 seeing him who died for us, we may repent,
 confess our sin, and receive your overflowing love,
 in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Hymn 218. “Ah, Holy Jesus”

Scripture Lesson

John 18:1—19:42 New Testament, page 105

*Stand as you are able.

Cantata

“Stabat Mater” Francis Poulenc

- I. The mother was standing full of sorrow, weeping near the cross, while on it her Son was hanging.
- II. A sword pierced her sighing soul, saddened and suffering.
- III. O how sad and afflicted was that blessed one, the mother of the only begotten!
- IV. The virtuous mother was lamenting and grieving, while she saw the punishments of her glorious Son.
- V. Who is there who would not weep to see the mother of Christ in such torture? Who cannot be saddened, to contemplate the mother of Christ grieving with her Son? For the sins of his people, she saw Jesus placed in torments and scourges.
- VI. She saw her sweet Son dying desolate while he sent forth his spirit.
- VII. Ah mother, fountain of love, make me feel the force of your sorrow, so that I may mourn with you.
- VIII. Make my heart be on fire in loving Christ, my God, so that I may please him also.
- IX. Holy mother, do that, fix strongly on my heart the wounds of the crucified one. Share with me the punishments of your wounded Son who so deigned to suffer for me. Make me truly weep with you, to suffer with the crucified one, as long as I shall live. I wish to stand near the cross with you, to share willingly in the lamentation. Distinguished virgin of virgins, be not bitter to me now: let me grieve with you.

- X. Make me bear the death of Christ, make me be a sharer of his passion and recollect his blows. Make me wounded with the blows, to be inebriated by this cross because of love of the Son.
- XI. Kindled and inflamed for you, virgin, may I be defended on the day of judgment. Christ, when I must go hence, let me come for the sake of your mother to the palm of victory.
- XII. When my body dies, grant that the glory of paradise be given to my soul. Amen!

Offering

Offertory Anthem

“O Crux” Mark Jennings

*O cross, more radiant than the stars,
celebrated throughout the earth,
beloved of the people,
holier than all things,
which alone was found worthy
to bear the light of the world:
blessed tree, blessed nails,
blest the weight you bore.
Save the flock which today
is gathered to praise you.*

Litany for Good Friday

Minister: *O crucified Jesus, Son of the Father,
conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
eternal Word of God,*

People: we worship you.

Minister: *O crucified Jesus, holy temple of God,
dwelling place of the Most High, gate of heaven,
burning flame of love,*

People: we worship you.

Minister: *O crucified Jesus, sanctuary of justice and love,
full of kindness, source of all faithfulness,*

People: we worship you.

Minister: *O crucified Jesus, ruler of every heart,
in you are all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge,
in you dwells all the fullness of the Godhead,*

People: we worship you.

Minister: *Jesus, Lamb of God,*

People: have mercy on us.

Minister: *Jesus, bearer of our sins,*

People: have mercy on us.

Minister: *Jesus, redeemer of the world,*

People: grant us peace.

Minister: *Almighty God, look with mercy on your family
for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing
to be betrayed and to be given over to the hands
of sinners and to suffer death on the cross;
who now lives and reigns with you and
the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.*

*Hymn 221. “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

Benediction

Tolling of the Bells

*The bells toll thirty-three times, once for each year of Jesus’ life on earth.
When the bells cease, the congregation departs in silence.*

Continue with us on our journey to Easter

Holy Saturday | March 26

8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil
Beginning in the courtyard
Shannon J. Kershner presiding

Easter Sunday | March 27

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service at Oak Street Beach
Hardy H. Kim preaching

8:00, 9:30, 11:30 a.m. Easter Services
Shannon J. Kershner preaching

9:30 a.m. Children’s Service
in the Gratz Center, Floor 4

12:30 p.m. Easter Brunch in Borwell Dining Room
(Advance-purchase tickets required)

4:00 p.m. Easter Jazz Service with Communion
Layton Williams preaching

Worship Leaders

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John W. W. Sherer *Organist and Director of Music*

Thomas Gouwens *Associate Organist*

The Morning Choir; Carla Janzen, Laura Perkett,
and Kathryn Weber, *soloists*

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