



Agnus Dei (The Lamb of God) by Francisco de Zurbaran, Spanish 1598 - 1664

*"He was led as a sheep to the slaughter,
and like a lamb dumb before the shearer, so opened he not his mouth." Isaiah 53:7b*

**The Triduum: Good Friday
29 March 2024
7:00 pm**

GOOD FRIDAY

The ministers and people enter in silence to resume the service.

THE COLLECT FOR GOOD FRIDAY

Presider Blessed be our God.

People For ever and ever. Amen

Presider: 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 WORD OF GOD

All sit

FROM THE HEBREW BIBLE

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

See, my servant shall prosper; he shall be exalted and lifted up, and shall be very high. Just as there were many who were astonished at him—so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of mortals—so he shall startle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of him; for that which had not been told them they shall see, and that which they had not heard they shall contemplate. Who has believed what we have heard? 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, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. 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. They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb

with the rich, 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 with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the LORD shall prosper. Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM

Psalm 22 *Deus, Deus meus*

- 1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? *
and are so far from my cry and from the words of my distress?
- 2 **O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; *
by night as well, but I find no rest.**
- 3 Yet you are the Holy One, *
enthroned upon the praises of Israel.
- 4 **Our forefathers put their trust in you; *
they trusted, and you delivered them.**
- 5 They cried out to you and were delivered; *
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.
- 6 **But as for me, I am a worm and no man, *
scorned by all and despised by the people.**
- 7 All who see me laugh me to scorn; *
they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,
- 8 **"He trusted in the LORD; let the LORD deliver him; *
let God rescue him, if God delights in him."**
- 9 Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, *
and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.
- 10 **I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; *
you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.**

11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near, *
and there is none to help.

THE EPISTLE

Hebrews 10:16-25

The Holy Spirit testifies saying, "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds," he also adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more." Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

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THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO ST. JOHN JOHN 18:1-19:42

The Passion according to John

William Byrd (1540-1623)

According to a long tradition, the Saint John Passion is being sung in three voices, in a setting by one of the greatest composers of the English church.

The customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted.

The congregation may remain seated until indicated to stand.

The Passion of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,
as it is written in the Gospel of St. John.

When Jesus had spoken these words, he went forth with his disciples across the Kidron valley, where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place; for Jesus often met there with his

disciples. So Judas, procuring a band of soldiers and some officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, went there with lanterns and torches and weapons. Then Jesus, knowing all that was to befall him, came forward and said to them, "Whom do you seek?" They answered him, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus said to them, "I am he." Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. When he said to them, "I am he," they drew back and fell to the ground. Again he asked them, "Whom do you seek?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus answered, "I told you that I am he; so, if you seek me, let these men go." This was to fulfil the word which he had spoken, "Of those whom thou gavest me I lost not one." Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's slave and cut off his right ear. The slave's name was Malchus. Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword into its sheath; shall I not drink the cup which the Father has given me?"

So the band of soldiers and their captain and the officers of the Judaeans seized Jesus and bound him. First they led him to Annas; for he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year. It was Caiaphas who had given counsel to the Judaeans that it was expedient that one man should die for the people.

Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did another disciple. As this disciple was known to the high priest, he entered the court of the high priest along with Jesus, while Peter stood outside at the door. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to the maid who kept the door, and brought Peter in. The maid who kept the door said to Peter, "Are not you also one of this man's disciples?" He said, "I am not." Now the servants and officers had made a charcoal fire, because it was cold, and they were standing and warming themselves; Peter also was with them, standing and warming himself.

The high priest then questioned Jesus about his disciples and his teaching. Jesus answered him, "I have spoken openly to the world; I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all the people come together; I have said nothing secretly. Why do you ask me? Ask those who have heard me, what I said to them; they know what I said." When he had said this, one of the officers standing by struck Jesus with his hand, saying, "Is that how you answer the high priest?" Jesus answered him, "If I have spoken wrongly, bear witness to the wrong; but if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?" Annas then sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. They said to him, "Are not you also one of his disciples?" He denied it and said, "I am not." One of the servants of the high priest, a kinsman of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, "Did I not see you in the garden with him?" Peter again denied it; and at once the cock crowed. Then they led Jesus from the house of Caiaphas to the praetorium. It was

early. They themselves did not enter the praetorium, so that they might not be defiled, but might eat the passover. So Pilate went out to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this man?" They answered him, "If this man were not an evildoer, we would not have handed him over." Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and judge him by your own law." The Judaeans said to him, "It is not lawful for us to put any man to death." This was to fulfil the word which Jesus had spoken to show by what death he was to die.

Pilate entered the praetorium again and called Jesus, and said to him, "Are you the King of the Judaeans?" Jesus answered, "Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?" Pilate answered, "Am I a Judaeen? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me; what have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingship is not of this world; if my kingship were of this world, my servants would fight, that I might not be handed over to the authorities; but my kingship is not from the world." Pilate said to him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I have come into the world, to bear witness to the truth. Every one who is of the truth hears my voice." Pilate said to him, "What is truth?"

After he had said this, he went out to the Judaeans again, and told them, "I find no crime in him. But you have a custom that I should release one man for you at the Passover; will you have me release for you the King of the Judaeans?" They cried out again, "Not this man, but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas was a robber.

Then Pilate took Jesus and scourged him. And the soldiers plaited a crown of thorns, and put it on his head, and arrayed him in a purple robe; they came up to him, saying, "Hail, King of the Judaeans!" and struck him with their hands. Pilate went out again, and said to them, "See, I am bringing him out to you, that you may know that I find no crime in him." So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Behold the man!" When the chief priests and the officers saw him, they cried out, "Crucify him, crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him, for I find no crime in him." The authorities answered him, "We have a law, and by that law he ought to die, because he has made himself the Son of God." When Pilate heard these words, he was the more afraid; he entered the praetorium again and said to Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave no answer. Pilate therefore said to him, "You will not speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you, and power to crucify you?" Jesus answered him, "You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from above; therefore he who delivered me to you has the greater sin."

Upon this Pilate sought to release him, but the Judaeans cried out, "If you release this man, you are not Caesar's friend; every one who makes himself a king sets

himself against Caesar." When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called The Pavement, and in Hebrew, Gabbatha. Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover; it was about the sixth hour. He said to the Judaeans, "Behold your King!" They cried out, "Away with him, away with him, crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar." Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.

Please stand as you are able.

So they took Jesus, and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called the place of a skull, which is called in Hebrew Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. Pilate also wrote a title and put it on the cross; it read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Judaeans." Many of the Judaeans read this title, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. The chief priests of the Judaeans then said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Judaeans,' but, 'This man said, I am King of the Judaeans.'" Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written."

When the soldiers had crucified Jesus they took his garments and made four parts, one for each soldier; also his tunic. But the tunic was without seam, woven from top to bottom; so they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be." This was to fulfil the scripture,

"They parted my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots."

So the soldiers did this. But standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother, and the disciple whom he loved standing near, 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 to his own home.

After this Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfil the scripture), "I thirst." A bowl full of vinegar stood there; so they put a sponge full of the vinegar on hyssop and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the vinegar, he said, "It is finished"; and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Since it was the day of Preparation, in order to prevent the bodies from remaining on the cross on the sabbath (for that sabbath was a high day), the Judaeans asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away. So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with him; but when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did

not break his legs. But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. He who saw it has borne witness—his testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth—that you also may believe. For these things took place that the scripture might be fulfilled, “Not a bone of him shall be broken.” And again another scripture says, “They shall look on him whom they have pierced.”

After this Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly, for fear of the Jewish authorities, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus, and Pilate gave him leave. So he came and took away his body. Nicodemus also, who had at first come to him by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pounds' weight. They took the body of Jesus, and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews. Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb where no one had ever been laid. So because of the Jewish day of Preparation, as the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.

[Thanks to our Lord Jesus Christ, who has redeemed us through His Passion from damnation.]

MEDITATION

A time of silence for reflection follows.

HYMN AFTER THE MEDITATION Ah, Holy Jesus Hymnal #158

THE SOLEMN REPROACHES

The people may sit or kneel.

Presider Dear People of God: Our heavenly Father sent his Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved; that all who believe in him might be delivered from the power of sin and death, and become heirs with him of everlasting life.

Cantor O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?
Answer me.
I led you out of slavery into freedom, and delivered you through the waters of rebirth,
but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

All sing

We a - dore you, O Christ, and we bless you,
be - cause by your ho - ly cross you have re - deemed the world.

Setting: Mode 1 melody; adapt. Bruce E. Ford (b. 1947).
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Cantor O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?
Answer me.
Forty years I led you through the desert,
Feeding you with manna on the way;
I saved you from the time of trial and gave you my body, the bread of
heaven,
but you have prepared a cross for our Savior.

Cantor O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?
Answer me.
I led you on your way in a pillar of cloud and fire,
but you led me to the judgment hall of Pilate;
I guided you by the light of the Holy Spirit,
but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**All sing We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,
Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

Cantor O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?
Answer me.
I planted you as my fairest vineyard, but you brought forth bitter fruit;
I made you branches of the vine and never left your side,
but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Cantor O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?
Answer me.
I poured out saving water from the rock, but you gave me vinegar to
drink;
I poured out my life and gave you the new covenant in my blood,
but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

All sing .. (b)

We a - dore you, O Christ, and we bless you,
 be - cause by your ho - ly cross you have re - deemed the world.

Cantor O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?
 Answer me.

I gave you a royal scepter, but you gave me a crown of thorns;
 I gave you the kingdom and crowned you with eternal life,
 but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Cantor O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?
 Answer me.

I struck down your enemies, but you struck my head with a reed;
 I gave you my peace, but you draw the sword in my name,
 and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**All sing We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,
 Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

Cantor O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?
 Answer me.

I opened the waters to lead you to the promised land,
 but you opened my side with a spear;
 I washed your feet as a sign of my love,
 but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Cantor O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?
 Answer me.

I lifted you up to the heights,
 but you lifted me high on a cross;
 I raised you from death and prepared for you the tree of life,
 but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**All sing We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,
 Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

Cantor O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?
Answer me
I grafted you into my people Israel, but you made them scapegoats for
your own guilt, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Cantor O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?
Answer me.
I came to you in the least of your brothers and sisters,
but I was hungry and you gave me no food,
thirsty and you gave me no drink,
a stranger and you did not welcome me,
naked and you did not clothe me,
sick and in prison and you did not visit me,
and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Silence

Presider O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably
on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by
the effectual working of your providence, carry out in
tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and
know that things which were cast down are being raised up,
and things which had grown old are being made new, and that
all things are being brought to their perfection by him through
whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

VENERATION OF THE CROSS

*During the music the Presider will begin the veneration of the cross.
Anyone who wishes may come to the rail and bow or kneel,
drop a nail in the bucket, and/or touch the cross.*

MUSIC AT THE VENERATION

Jesu, Grant Me This, I Pray

Music: Song 13, Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

Fauxbourdons, Edward C. Bairstow (1874-1946)

Text: 17th C. Latin hymn, trans. H.W. Baker

1 Jesu, grant me this, I pray, ever in thy heart to stay;
let me evermore abide hidden in thy wounded side.

2 If the evil one prepare, or the world, attempting snare,
I am safe when I abide in thy heart and wounded side.

3 If the flesh, more dangerous still, tempt my soul to deeds of ill,
naught I fear when I abide in thy heart and wounded side.

4 Death will come one day to me; Jesu, cast me not from thee:
dying let me still abide in thy heart and wounded side.

Chorale Prelude on *Herzliebster Jesu*, BWV 1093

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

HYMN O Sacred Head, sore wounded Hymnal #168

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

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, for ever and ever. Amen.
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THE CLOSING COLLECT

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**

This service will continue tomorrow at 7:00 p.m.

Please do not take your bulletin with you, as it will be used for all three services.

You may hand it to an usher or place it on the table in the Narthex as you leave in silence.