

GOOD FRIDAY MEDITATION

Good Friday, April 22, 2011 at Noon

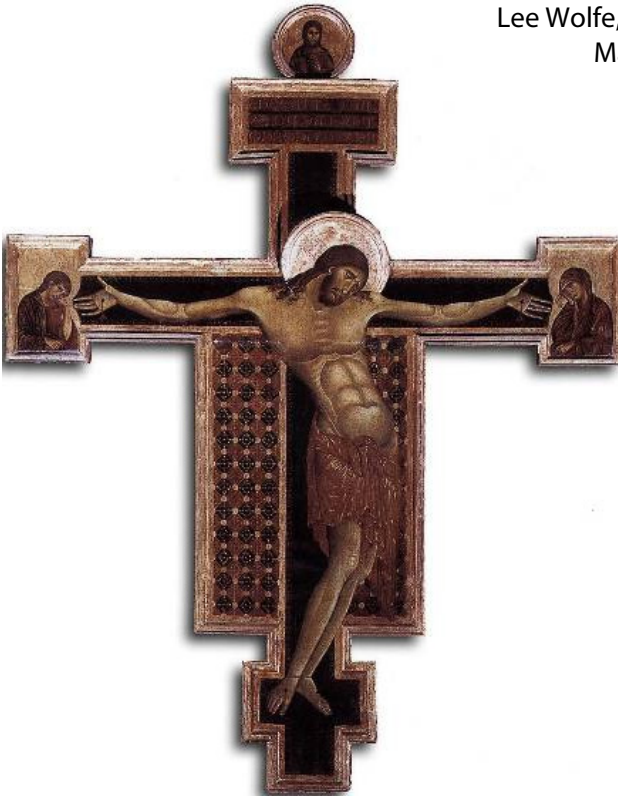
Stabat Mater by Giovanni Battista Pergolesi

Soloists: Jenny Spence and Anne Whattoff, *Sopranos*

Mary Karo and Natalka Kytasty, *violin*

Lee Wolfe, *viola*; Jenny Epler, *cello*;

Martin Green, *Harpsichord*



Officiant: The Very Rev. Scott Richardson, *Dean*

Meditations: The Rt. Rev. James R. Mathes,
Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of San Diego

Whoever you are, wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith, we welcome you!

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Kindly silence phones and other electronic devices.

All stand as the ministers and other participants enter in silence.

When all have arrived at their places, a priest addresses the people:

Blessed be God.

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

THE COLLECT

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.

§ *Please be seated.*

Stabat Mater

Giovanni Battista Pergolesi (1710-1736)

I. *Stabat Mater dolorosa
Iuxta crucem lacrimosa
Dum pendebat Filius.*

At the cross her station keeping,
stood the mournful mother weeping,
close to Jesus to the last.

II. *Cuius animam gementem
Contristatam et dolentem
Pertransiit gladius.*

Through her soul, of joy bereaved,
bowed with anguish, deeply grieved,
now at length the sword hath passed.

III. *O quam tristis et afflicta
Fuit illa benedicta
Mater unigeniti!*

Oh how sad and sore distressed
was that mother highly blessed,
of the sole-begotten One!

§ *Please stand.*

SOLEMN COLLECT

O GOD, our heavenly Father, you sent your Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved and brought with him into paradise as he brought the penitent thief; that all who believe in him might be delivered from the power of sin and death, and become heirs with him of everlasting life. **Amen.**

§ *Please be seated. Profound silence is kept.*

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Stabat Mater

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| IV. <i>Quae moerebat et dolebat,
Pia Mater, dum videbat
Nati poenas incliti.</i> | Christ above in torment hangs;
She beneath beholds the pangs
Of her dying glorious Son. |
| V. <i>Quis est homo qui non fleret,
Matrem Christi si videret
In tanto supplicio?
Quis non posset contristari,
Christi Matrem contemplari
Dolentem cum Filio?
Pro peccatis suae gentis
Vidit Iesum in tormentis,
Et flagellis subditum.</i> | Is there one who would not weep,
Whelm'd in miseries so deep
Christ's dear Mother to behold?
Can the human heart refrain
From partaking in her pain,
In that Mother's pain untold?
Bruis'd, derided, curs'd, defil'd,
She beheld her tender child
All with bloody scourges rent. |
| VI. <i>Vidit suum dulcem natum
Moriendo desolatum
Dum emisit spiritum.</i> | For the sins of His own nation,
Saw Him hang in desolation,
Till His spirit forth He sent. |

§ *Please stand.*

SOLEMN COLLECT

ALMIGHTY AND EVER-LIVING GOD, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers along with those of the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

§ *Please be seated. Profound silence is kept.*

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| VII. <i>Eja Mater, fons amoris
Me sentire vim doloris
Fac, ut tecum lugeam.</i> | O thou Mother! fount of love!
Touch my spirit from above;
Make my heart with thine accord. |
| VIII. <i>Fac, ut ardeat cor meum
In amando Christum Deum
Ut sibi complaceam.</i> | Make me feel as thou hast felt;
Make my soul to glow and melt
With the love of Christ our Lord. |
| IX. <i>Sancta Mater, istud agas,
Crucifixi fige plagas
Cordi meo valide.
Tui nati vulnerati,
Tam dignati pro me pati,
Poenas mecum divide.
Fac me tecum, pie, flere,
Crucifixo condolere,
Donec ego vixero.
Juxta crucem tecum stare,
Et me tibi sociare
In planctu desidero.
Virgo virginum praeclara,
Mihi jam non sis amara
Fac me tecum plangere.</i> | Holy Mother! pierce me through;
In my heart each wound renew
Of my Saviour crucified.
Let me share with thee His pain,
Who for all my sins was slain,
Who for me in torments died.
Let me mingle tears with thee,
Mourning Him who mourn'd for me,
All the days that I may live.
By the cross with thee to stay,
There with thee to weep and pray,
Is all I ask of thee to give.
Virgin of all virgins best,
Listen to my fond request
Let me share thy grief divine. |

§ *Please stand.*

SOLEMN COLLECT

ALMIGHTY GOD, kindle, we pray, in every heart especially those who are forsaken, lost, and lonely, the peace of your love and guide with your wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth; that they may hear the voice of the lost and the forsaken so that in tranquility your dominion may increase, until the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

§ *Please be seated. Profound silence is kept.*

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| X. | <i>Fac, ut portem Christi mortem
Passionis fac consortem,
Et plagas recolare.
Fac me plagis vulnerari,
Fac me cruce inebriari,
Et cruore Filii.</i> | Let me, to my latest breath,
In my body bear the death
Of that dying Son of thine.
Wounded with His every wound,
Steep my soul till it hath swoon'd
In His very blood away. |
| XI. | <i>Inflammatum et accensum
Per te, Virgo, sim defensum
In die iudicii.
Fac me cruce custodiri
Morte Christi praemuniri
Confoveri gratia</i> | Be to me, O Virgin, nigh,
Lest in flames I burn and die,
In His awful Judgment day.
Christ, when Thou shalt call me hence,
Be Thy Mother my defense,
Be Thy cross my victory. |
| XII. | <i>Quando corpus morietur,
Fac, ut animae donetur
Paradisi gloria. Amen.</i> | While my body here decays,
May my soul Thy goodness praise,
Safe in Paradise with Thee. |
| XIII. | <i>Amen, amen</i> | Amen, amen |

§ *Please stand.*

SOLEMN COLLECT

GRACIOUS GOD, the comfort of all who suffer, the strength of all who sorrow: Let the cry of those in thirst for mercy and need come to you, that they may find your mercy present with them in all their afflictions; and give us, we pray, the strength to serve them for the sake of him who thirsted on the cross for us, and suffered; your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

§ *Please remain standing. Profound silence is kept.*

CONCLUDING PRAYER *(said by all)*

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 the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The ministers and musicians depart in silence.

Excerpt from a message from the Presiding Bishop...

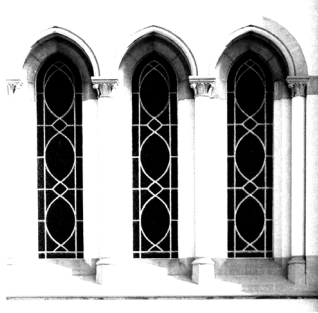
Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

For almost a century, the Good Friday Offering has been a source of support, love, and hope for our brothers and sisters in the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East. ... This offering expresses our own commitment to seek and serve Christ in all persons and to walk with the church of the Middle East as they continue to work toward justice, reconciliation, and peace. Through our prayers for and support of these churches, we are helping to realize God's vision of shalom. ... Please join with me in giving thanks for the work of the Good Friday Offering by generously sharing the gifts we have been given with our sisters and brothers throughout the Middle East.

I remain, Your servant in Christ,
Katharine Jefferts Schori

*A freewill offering to support the work of the Anglican Church
in Jerusalem will be received at the Cathedral entrance.*

*The Cathedral will remain open
for silent meditation until 3:00 p.m.*



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