



The Crucifixion

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A Liturgical Performance for Good Friday

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Saint Fin Barre's Cathedral Choir

29th March 2024
at 8.00pm

The Crucifixion: A Meditation on the Sacred Passion of the Holy Redeemer

Music by John Stainer

Words by Reverend J. Sparrow-Simpson

All stand as the clergy enter.

The Dean greets all present and introduces the performance.

The Dean continues:

We meet in the presence of God
**who knows our needs,
hears our cries,
feels our pain,
and heals our wounds.**

The Dean offers the Collect of the Day

Almighty Father,

look with mercy on this your family

for which our Lord Jesus Christ was content to be betrayed

and given up into the hands of sinners

and to suffer death upon the cross;

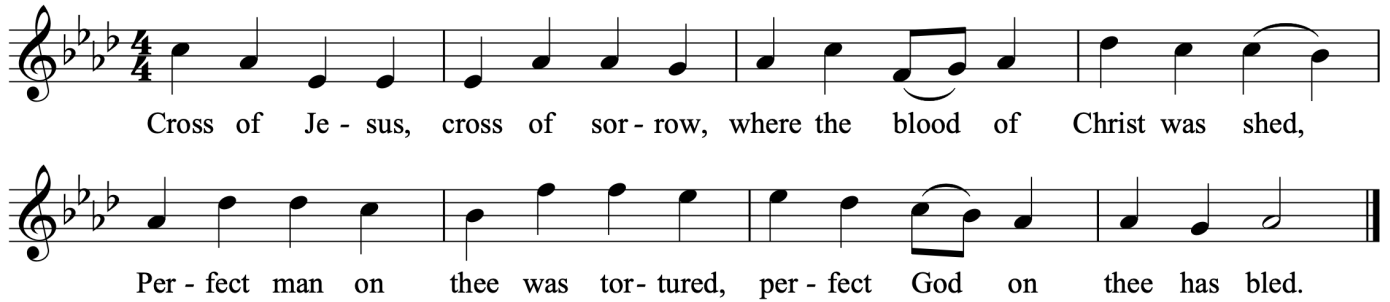
who is alive and glorified with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

The performance begins.

- 1. And they came to a place named Gethsemane**
- 2. The agony**
- 3. Processional to Calvary**
- 4. And when they were come**
- 5. The mystery of the divine humiliation**

All stand and sing:



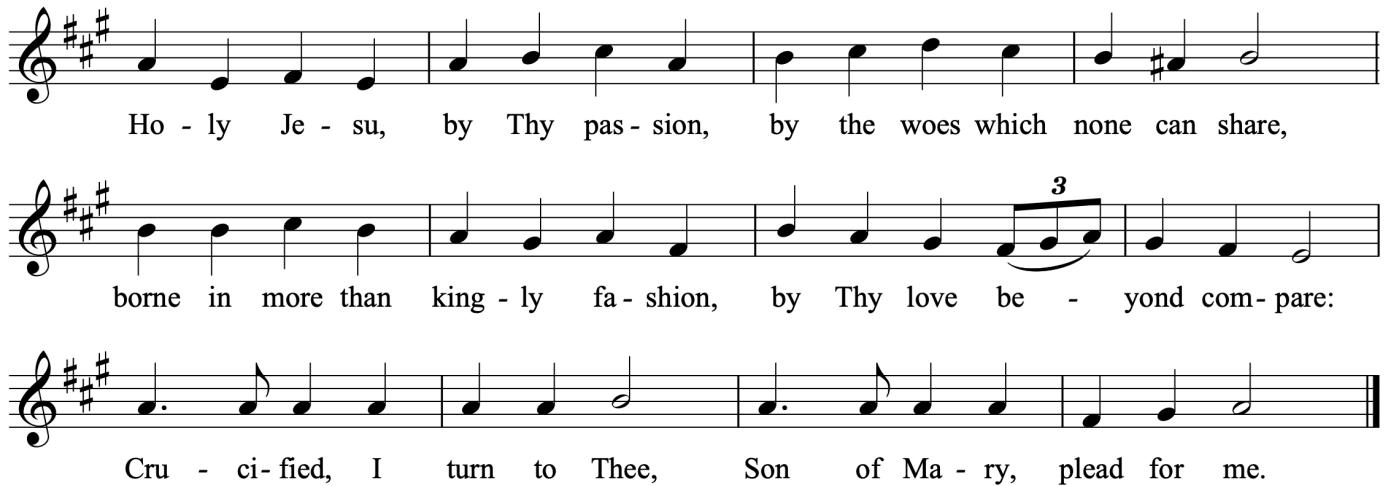
Cross of Je - sus, cross of sor - row, where the blood of Christ was shed,
Per - fect man on thee was tor - tured, per - fect God on thee has bled.

2. Here the King of all the ages,
Throned in light ere worlds could be,
Robed in mortal flesh is dying,
Crucified by sin for me.
3. O mysterious condescending!
O abandonment sublime!
Very God himself is bearing
All the sufferings of time!
4. Who shall fathom that descending,
From the rainbow-circled throne,
Down to earth's most base profaning,
Dying desolate alone.
5. From the "Holy, Holy, Holy,
We adore thee, O most high,"
Down to earth's blaspheming voices
And the shout of "Crucify!"
6. Cross of Jesus, Cross of sorrow,
Where the blood of Christ was shed
Perfect man on thee was tortured,
Perfect God on thee has bled.

All are seated at the end of the hymn.

6. **He made himself of no reputation**
7. **The majesty of the divine humiliation**
8. **And as Moses lifted up the serpent**
9. **God so loved the world**
10. **Litany of the Passion**

All stand and sing:



Ho - ly Je - su, by Thy pas - sion, by the woes which none can share,
borne in more than king - ly fa - shion, by Thy love be - yond com - pare:
Cru - ci - fied, I turn to Thee, Son of Ma - ry, plead for me.

2. By the treachery and trial,
By the blows and sore distress,
By desertion and denial,
By thine awful loneliness:
Crucified, I turn to thee,
Son of Mary, plead for me.
3. By thy look so sweet and lowly,
While they smote thee on the face,
By thy patience, calm and holy,
In the midst of keen disgrace:
Crucified, I turn to thee,
Son of Mary, plead for me.
4. By the hour of condemnation,
By the blood which trickled down
When, for us and our salvation,
Thou didst wear the robe and crown:
Crucified, I turn to thee,
Son of Mary, plead for me.
5. By the Spirit which could render
Love for hate and good for ill,
By the mercy, sweet and tender,
Poured upon thy murderers still:
Crucified, I turn to thee,
Son of Mary, plead for me.

All are seated at the end of the hymn.

11. Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them'

12. So thou liftest thy divine petition

13. The mystery of intercession

All stand and sing:

Je - sus, the cru - ci - fied, pleads for me, while he is nailed to the
shame - ful tree, scorned and for - sa - ken, de - ri - ded and curst,
see how his e - ne - mies do their worst! Yet, in the midst of the
tor - ture and shame, Je - sus, the cru - ci - fied, breathes my name!
Won - der of won - ders, oh! how can it be?
Je - sus, the cru - ci - fied, pleads for me!

2. Lord, I have left thee, I have denied,
Followed the world in my selfish pride;
Lord, I have joined in the hateful cry,
Slay him, away with him, crucify!
Lord, I have done it, oh! Ask me not how;
Woven the thorns for thy tortured brow:
Yet in his pity so boundless and free,
Jesus, the Crucified, pleads for me!


3. Jesus is dying, in agony sore,
 Jesus is suffering more and more,
 Jesus is bowed with the weight of his woe,
 Jesus is faint with each bitter throe.
 Jesus is bearing it all in my stead,
 Pity Incarnate for me has bled;
 Wonder of wonders it ever must be
 Jesus, the Crucified, pleads for me!

All are seated at the end of the hymn.

14. And one of the malefactors

15. The adoration of the crucified

All stand and sing:



I a - dore Thee, I a - dore Thee! Glo - rious ere the world be -
 gan; yet more won - der - ful Thou shi - nest, though di -
 vine, yet still di - vi - nest in Thy dy - ing love for man.

2. I adore thee, I adore thee!
 Thankful at thy feet to be;
 I have heard thy accent thrilling,
 Lo! I come, for thou art willing
 Me to pardon, even me.

3. I adore thee, I adore thee!
 Born of woman yet divine:
 Stained with sins I kneel before thee,
 Sweetest Jesu, I implore thee
 Make me ever only thine.

All are seated at the end of the hymn.

16. When Jesus therefore saw his mother

17. Is it nothing to you?

18. The appeal of the crucified

19. After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished

20. For the love of Jesus

All stand and sing:

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: "All for Je - sus, all for Je - sus, this our song shall e - ver be;". The second staff contains the melody for the second line of lyrics: "for we have no hope, nor Sa - viour, if we have not hope in thee." The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with quarter and eighth notes.

2. All for Jesus - thou wilt give us
Strength to serve thee hour by hour;
None can move us from thy presence,
While we trust thy love and power.
3. All for Jesus - at thine altar
Thou wilt give us sweet content;
There, dear Lord, we shall receive thee
In the solemn Sacrament.
4. All for Jesus - thou hast loved us;
All for Jesus - thou hast died;
All for Jesus - thou art with us;
All for Jesus crucified.
5. All for Jesus - all for Jesus –
This the Church's song must be;
Till, at last, her sons are gathered
One in love and one in thee.
Amen.

The Choir, Soloists and Clergy leave the Nave during this hymn

All leave quietly, reflecting the silence of the Tomb.

Donations would be most welcome in the collection baskets at the door.

EASTER SERVICES 2024

Tomorrow - Holy Saturday

- 12 noon Eucharist of the Pre-sanctified
- 8.00p.m. The Vigil, Address and First Eucharist of Easter
Celebrant: Very Revd Nigel Dunne (Dean of Cork)
Preacher: Revd Martin Steele (Dean's Vicar)

Sunday EASTER DAY

- 11.15a.m. Festal Choral Eucharist
Celebrant and Preacher – The Bishop
- 3.30p.m. Festal Choral Evensong
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