

St Simon Zelotes



GOOD FRIDAY ONLINE

Friday 3 April 2026
12 noon

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Introit

O sacred head surrounded

O sacred head surrounded
by crown of piercing thorn!
O bleeding Head, so wounded,
so shamed and put to scorn!
Death's pallid hue comes o'er thee,
the glow of life decays,
yet angel hosts adore thee
and tremble as they gaze.

In this, thy bitter passion,
good Shepherd, think of me
with thy most sweet compassion,
unworthy though I be:
beneath thy cross abiding
for ever would I rest,
in thy dear love confiding,
And with thy presence blest.

Paul Gerhardt (1607-1676); Trans. Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877).

Music: J.S. Bach. CCLI Licence No. 1891688

Reading: Isaiah 52:13-53.12

¹³ See, my servant will act wisely; he will be raised and lifted up and highly exalted.

¹⁴ Just as there were many who were appalled at him—

his appearance was so disfigured beyond that of any human being
and his form marred beyond human likeness—

¹⁵ so he will sprinkle many nations, and kings will shut their mouths because of him.

For what they were not told, they will see,
and what they have not heard, they will understand.

53 ¹ Who has believed our message

and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

² He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground.

He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him,
nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

³ He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain.

Like one from whom people hide their faces
he was despised, and we held him in low esteem.

⁴ Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering,
yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted.

⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities;

the punishment that brought us peace was on him,
and by his wounds we are healed.

⁶ We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way;
and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.



⁷ He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. ⁸ By oppression and judgment he was taken away. Yet who of his generation protested? For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was punished.

⁹ He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth.

¹⁰ Yet it was the Lord's will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the Lord makes his life an offering for sin, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the Lord will prosper in his hand. ¹¹ After he has suffered, he will see the light of life and be satisfied; by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities. ¹² Therefore I will give him a portion among the great, and he will divide the spoils with the strong, because he poured out his life unto death and was numbered with the transgressors. For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Welcome and Introduction

Hymn

Glory be to Jesus

1 Glory be to Jesus,
who, in bitter pains,
poured for me the life-blood
from his sacred veins.

2 Grace and life eternal
in that blood I find:
blest be his compassion,
infinitely kind.

3 Blest, through endless ages,
be the precious stream
which, from endless torments,
did the world redeem.

4 Abel's blood for vengeance
pleaded to the skies,
but the blood of Jesus
for our pardon cries.

5 Oft as it is sprinkled
on our guilty hearts,
Satan in confusion
terror-struck departs

6 Oft as earth exulting
wafts its praise on high,
angel-hosts rejoicing
make their glad reply.

7 Lift ye then your voices;
swell the mighty flood;
louder still and louder
praise the precious blood.



'Yet it was the Lord's will to crush him' - Isaiah 53:10

Reading: Luke 22:39-44

³⁹ Jesus went out as usual to the Mount of Olives, and his disciples followed him. ⁴⁰ On reaching the place, he said to them, 'Pray that you will not fall into temptation.' ⁴¹ He withdrew about a stone's throw beyond them, knelt down and prayed, ⁴² 'Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done.' ⁴³ An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him. ⁴⁴ And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground.

Reflection

Silence

Prayer

Hymn

I stand amazed

1 I stand amazed in the presence
of Jesus the Nazarene
and wonder how he could love me,
a sinner condemned, unclean!

*How marvellous! how wonderful!
this my song shall ever be:
how marvellous! how wonderful
is my Saviour's love for me!*

2 For me he prayed in the garden
and bowed to the will divine;
he had no tears for his own griefs,
but sweat drops of blood for mine.

How marvellous! how wonderful...

3 He took my sins and my sorrows,
he made them his very own,
he bore the burden to Calvary
and suffered and died alone.

*How marvellous! how wonderful...
this my song shall ever be:
how marvellous! how wonderful
is my Saviour's love for me!*

4 When with the ransomed in glory
his face I at last shall see,
my joy will be through the ages
to sing of his love for me.

How marvellous! how wonderful...

Charles H Gabriel (1856-1932); CCLI Licence No. 1891688



'He was numbered with the transgressors' - Isaiah 53:12

Reading: Galatians 3:10-14

¹⁰ For all who rely on the works of the law are under a curse, as it is written: 'Cursed is everyone who does not continue to do everything written in the Book of the Law.'¹¹ Clearly no one who relies on the law is justified before God, because 'the righteous will live by faith.'¹² The law is not based on faith; on the contrary, it says, 'The person who does these things will live by them.'¹³ Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: 'Cursed is everyone who is hung on a pole.'¹⁴ He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit.

Reflection

Silence

Prayer

Choir: Surely, he hath borne our griefs

Surely He hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows!
He was wounded For our transgressions,
He was bruised for our iniquities;
the Chastisement of our peace was upon Him.

Words: Isaiah 53: 4-5. Music: G.F. Handel. CCLI Licence No. 1891688

'By his knowledge my servant will justify many' - Isaiah 53:11

Reading: Romans 3:21-26

²¹ But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. ²² This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. ²⁵ God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood – to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished ²⁶ – he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.



Reflection

Hymn

Vain are the hopes

1 Vain are the hopes the sons of men
upon their own works have built;
their hearts by nature are unclean,
their actions full of guilt.

2 Silent let Jew and Gentile stand,
without one vaunting word;
and, humbled low, confess their guilt
before heav'n's righteous Lord.

3 No hope can on the law be built
of justifying grace;
the law, that shows the sinner's guilt,
condemns him to his face.

4 Jesus! how glorious is thy grace!
when in thy name we trust,
our faith receives a righteousness
that makes the sinner just.

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Silence

Prayer

Choir: Praise be to thee Lord Jesus

Praise to Thee, Lord Jesus, who in bitter pain,
On the cross did suffer, and for our sake wast slain.
Thou reignest with God the Father in Eternity,
Lead us, erring sinners, unto heav'n and Thee.
Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy.

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**‘Therefore, I will give him a portion among the great
and he will divide the spoils with the strong’ - Isaiah 53:12**

Reading: Philippians 2:5-11

⁵ In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:
⁶ who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; ⁷ rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death – even death on a cross! ⁹ Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Reflection

Silence

Prayer

Choir: Greater love

Many waters cannot quench love,
neither can the floods drown it.
Love is strong as death.
Greater love hath no man than this,
that a man lay down his life for his friends.
Who his own self bare our sins in his own Body on the tree,
that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness.
Ye are washed, ye are sanctified,
ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus.
Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation,
that ye should shew forth the praises
of him who hath called you out of darkness
into his marvellous light.
I beseech you, brethren, by the mercies of God,
that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice,
holy, acceptable unto God,
which is your reasonable service.



Final prayer

Hymn

Crown him with many crowns

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| <p>1 Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heav'nly anthem drowns
all music but its own;
awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless king
through all eternity.</p> <p>2 Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above,
in beauty glorified:
no angel in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends each burning eye
at mysteries so bright.</p> | <p>3 Crown Him the Lord of peace,
whose pow'r a sceptre sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
absorbed in prayer and praise:
his reign shall know no end,
and round his pierced feet
fair flow'rs of paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.</p> <p>4 Crown him the Lord of years,
the Potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
for thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.</p> |
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Blessing