



BACH VESPERS

SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 2022 AT 7:00 P.M.

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WELCOME TO THE CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER!

We are in the heart of downtown Toronto and we gather to celebrate on the traditional lands of the Wendat, Haudenosaunee, and Anishinaabe Nations, including the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. Our beautiful building connects us to the rich heritage of our city while also drawing us deeper into the roots of our Anglican tradition. Just as the streetscape around us has evolved over the years, our members have changed to reflect the growing, vibrant, and progressive Christian community found at the Redeemer today.

We come from a variety of faith traditions (and sometimes no faith tradition at all), and we like it that way. We are students, workers, retired, homeless, not limited by sexual orientation, gender identity or personal history. We are at the very beginning of our life with Jesus, and we are deeply steeped in a life complicated by faith. We open our doors to worship God and to learn about Jesus, and how all of this might just transform our lives.

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Welcome to our service called Bach Vespers, a contemporary Anglican worship for the evening which includes a cantata and rich hymns of the Lutheran church.

Program Notes

This evening we will hear two of the seven cantatas that make up Membra Jesu Nostri patientis sanctissima (The most holy limbs of our suffering Jesus). We know this oratorio, or cycle of cantatas was composed by Dietrich Buxtehude in 1680, though the occasion for the composition remains unknown. Buxtehude draws on the words of 13th century poet Arnulf von Löwen. The cycle of cantatas stands as a broad work, though each cantata can easily stand alone in its own right. Each cantata focuses on a distinct body part of Jesus; the feet, the knees, the hands, the side, the breast, the heart, and the face. The poetry and continuo(bass) line remains a constant through the entire work, with variation occurring in voicing and instrumentation. Each cantata follows a similar path of instrumental ritornellos and vocal arias, sandwiched together by chorus.

A Special Thank You To Our Musicians This Evening:

Church of the Redeemer Choir Vocal Soloists: Tamara Mitchell, Mariea Extavour, Catharin Carew, Karen Weigold John Cowling, Mark Rainey, Will Reid, Paul Oros, Michael Broder Jill Daley, Violin Dan Norman, Conductor Prelude: Chromatic study on the name of BACH - Walter Piston (1894-1976)

Introductory Responses



Officiant: Humble and riding on a donkey, acclaimed by crowds and car-olled by chil-dren,



People: We greet you and we cheer you.



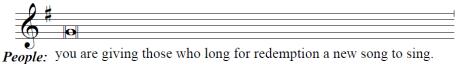
Officiant: Moving from the peace of the countryside to the corri-dors of pow'r,

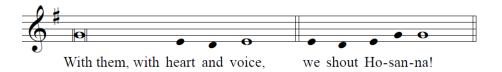


People: We sa - lute you, Christ our Lord.



Officiant: You are giving the beasts of burden a new dignity; you are giving majes-ty a new face;





Hymn: #99 (Common Praise) "Break, Day of God, O Break



- 1. Break, day of God, O break! The night has lin-gered long. Our hearts with sigh-ing
- 2. Break, day of God, O break! The earth with strife is worn; the hills with thun-der
- 3. Break, day of God, O break, like to the days a bove! Let pu ri ty a



wake: bright we weep for sin and wrong: O and morn - ing shake: hearts of the peo - ple break, day of God, sweet mourn: faith, and hope, 10! We - wake, and and love. But the see



star, draw near; O Sun of Right-eous-ness, ap - pear. day of peace, and bid the shout of war-riors cease. bright-ening sky; the gold-en morn is draw-ing nigh.

First Reading

Reader: A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear

to listen as those who are taught.

The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious,

I did not turn backwards.

I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;

I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me.

It is the Lord GOD who helps me;

who will declare me guilty?

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Song: Bist du bei mir (BWV 508) - J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Isaiah 50.4-9a

Bist du bei mir, geh ich mit Freuden Zum Sterben und zu meiner Ruh.

Ach, wie vergnügt wär so mein Ende,

Es drückten deine schönen Hände

Mir die getreuen Augen zu.

Be thou with me and I'll go gladly To death and on to my repose.

Ah, how my end would bring contentment,

If, pressing with thy hands so lovely,

Thou wouldst my faithful eyes then close.

Second Reading

Reader: A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians.

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God,

did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,

but emptied himself,

taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Canata: "Ad latus (To the Side)" (Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707))

Sonata

All:

Chorus

Surge, amica mea, Arise, my love, speciosa mea, et veni, my beautiful one, and come, columba mea in foraminibus petrae, my dove in the clefts of the rock, in caverna maceriae. in the hollow of the cliff.

Aria (S)

Salve latus salvatoris,
in quo latet mel dulcoris,
in quo patet vis amoris,
ex quo scatet fons cruoris,
qui corda lavat sordida.

Hail, side of the Saviour,
in which the honey of sweetness is hidden,
in which the power of love is exposed,
from which gushes the spring of blood
that cleans the dirty hearts.

Philippians 2.5-11

Aria (ATB)

Ecce tibi appropinquo,
parce, Jesu, si delinquo,
verecunda quidem fronte,
ad te tamen veni sponte
scrutari tua vulnera.

Lo I approach You,
Pardon, Jesus, if I sin,
With reverent countenance
freely I come to You
to behold Your wounds.

Aria (S)

Hora mortis meus flatus intret Jesu, tuum latus, hinc expirans in te vadat, ne hunc leo trux invadat, sed apud te permaneat.

In the hour of death, may my soul Enter, Jesus, Your side

Hence dying may it go into You,

Lest the cruel lion seize it, But let it dwell with You.

Chorus (da capo: Surge amica mea)

Reflection: Nate Wall

Canata: "Ad faciem (To the Face)" (Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707))

Sonata

Chorus

Illustra faciem tuam super servum tuum, Let Your face shine upon Your servant, salvum me fac in misericordia tua. save me in Your mercy.

Aria (ATB)

Salve, caput cruentatum, totum spinis coronatum, conquassatum, vulneratum, arundine verberatum facie sputis illita.

Hail, bloodied head, all crowned with thorns, beaten, wounded, struck with a cane, the face soiled with spit.

Aria (A)

Dum me mori est necesse, noli mihi tunc deesse, in tremenda mortis hora veni, Jesu, absque mora, tuere me et libera.

When I must die, do not then be away from me, in the anxious hour of death come, Jesus, without delay, protect me and set me free!

Chorus

Cum me jubes emigrare, Jesu care, tunc appare, o amator amplectende, temet ipsum tunc ostende in cruce salutifera. When You command me to depart, dear Jesus, then appear,
O lover to be embraced,
then show Yourself
on the cross that brings salvation.

Chorus

Amen

Hymn at the Collection: #24 (Common Praise) "Abide with Me"



- 1. A bide with me: fast falls the e ven-tide; the dark ness deep ens; 2. Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit tle day; earth's joys grow dim, its
 - 3. I need thy pres-ence ev-ery pass-ing hour; what but thy grace can 4. I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless; ills have no weight, and
- 5. Hold thou thy cross be fore my clos-ing eyes; shine through the gloom, and



Lord, with me a - bide. When oth - er help - ers and com-forts fail. glo - ries pass a - way; and de - cay change in all a - round I guide and stay can the tempt-er's power? Who like thy - self my foil tears no bit - ter - ness. Where is death's sting? where, grave, thy vic - toearth's vain shad-ows the skies; heaven's morn-ing breaks, and point me



flee. Help of the help-less, 0 a - bide with me. thou, who chang-est 0 not, a - bide with me. see: be? Through cloud and sun-shine, Lord, a - bide with me. tri-umph still, if thou a - bide with me. ry? I flee: in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

TEXT: Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847). MUSIC: William Henry Monk (1823-1889).

The Prayers of the People

Leader: Let us pray to the Father, who loved the world so much that he sent his only Son to give us life.

Holy God, Simon from Cyrene was forced to carry the cross for your Son.

Give us grace to lift heavy loads from those we meet

and to stand with those condemned to die.

A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or add them over in the chat box

Leader: Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, graciously hear us.

Leader: Your Son watched the soldiers gamble to share his clothes.

Transform the hearts of those who make a profit from their victims, and those whose hearts are hardened by their work.

A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or add them over in the chat box

Leader: Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, graciously hear us.

Leader: The thief, who was crucified with Jesus,

was promised a place in your kingdom.

Give pardon and hope, healing and peace to all who look death in the face.

A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or add them over in the chat box

Leader: Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, graciously hear us.

Leader: From the cross Jesus entrusted Mary his mother

and John his disciple to each other's care.

Help us also to care for one another

and fill our homes with the spirit of your love.

A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or add them over in the chat box

Leader: Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, graciously hear us.

Leader: In Mary and John your Son created a new family at the cross.

Fill our relationships, and those of new families today,

with mutual care and responsibility, and give us a secure hope for the future.

A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or add them over in the chat box

Leader: Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, graciously hear us.

Leader: The centurion was astonished to see your glory in the crucified Messiah. Open the eyes of those who do not know you to see in your Son the meaning of life and death.

A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or add them over in the chat box

Leader: Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, graciously hear us.

Leader: Joseph of Arimathaea came to take your Son's body away.

Give hope and faith to the dying and bereaved, and gentleness to those who minister to them.

A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or add them over in the chat box

Leader: Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, graciously hear us.

Leader: Simon and Joseph, Mary and John became part of your Church in Jerusalem.

Bring into your Church today a varied company of people,

to walk with Christ in the way of his passion

and to find their salvation in the victory of his cross.

Leader: Lord of the Church,

All: hear our prayer, and make us one in heart and mind to serve you in Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer (McNeil Robinson)

Officiant



Gathering our prayers and praises in-to one, let us pray as our Sa-viour taught us.





Our Fa-ther in heav-en, hal-lowed be your name, your king-dom come, your will be done,



on earth as in heav-en. Give us to-day our dai-ly bread, For-give us our sins



as we for-give those who sin a-gainst us. Save us from the time of trial,



and de-liv-er us from e-vil. For the king-dom, the pow-er, and the glo-ry are yours,

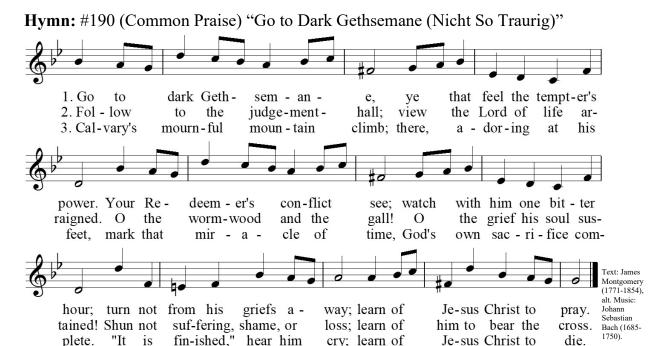


now and for ev-er. A-men.

The Collect

Priest: Almighty and everliving God, in tender love for all our human race you sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take our flesh and suffer death upon a cruel cross.

May we follow the example of his great humility, and share in the glory of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.



There is no Dismissal at the end of this, or any other, liturgy in Holy Week. For we have not been dismissed; nor shall we be until God has finished working our redemption for us.

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HOLY WEEK AT REDEEMER

Monday to Wednesday, April 11 to 13, 12:15 PM & 6:00 PM – Mid-Week services
Holy Eucharist (except Wednesday at 6:00 PM: A Service of Darkness)

Monday to Wednesday, April 11 to 13, 11:14 AM & 5:15 PM – Private Confession Wednesday, April 13, 6:00 PM – Service of Darkness

Thursday, April 14, 7:30 PM - Maundy Thursday service

Friday, April 15, 9:30 AM & 12:00 PM – Good Friday services
Dramatic Liturgy for All Ages followed by Mass of the Pre-Sanctified

Saturday, April 16, 9:00 PM – Holy Saturday service Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 17, 9:30 AM & 11:15 AM – Easter Day services