

WORCESTER COLLEGE CHAPEL
THE WAY OF THE CROSS

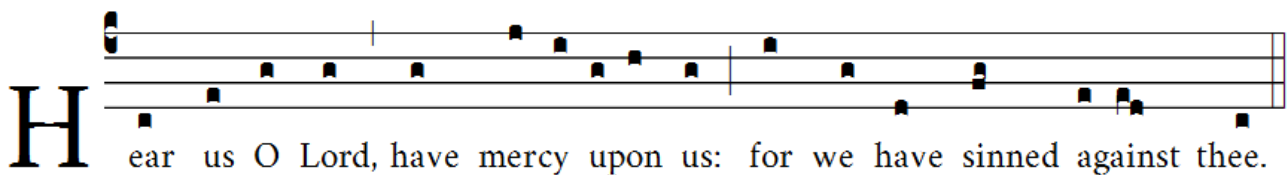
Music and Readings for Lent

11 March 2021

Before the service, Alexander Wilson Wilson, Organ Scholar, plays Durch Adams Fall ist ganz verderbt (BuxWV 183) by Dieterich Buxtehude.

A cantor sings the

LENT PROSE



Hear us O Lord, have mercy upon us: for we have sinned against thee.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.'

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God,
who in your tender love towards the human race
sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
to take upon him our flesh
and to suffer death upon the cross:
grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility,
and also be made partakers of his resurrection;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Holy God, holy and strong, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.
We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,
because by your holy Cross you have redeemed the world.



THE AGONY IN THE GARDEN (Mark 14.32—36)

A reading from the Gospel according to Mark.

They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, 'Sit here while I pray.' He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. And he said to them, 'I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake.' And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. He said, 'Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want.'

Lord, grant us your strength and wisdom, that we may seek to follow your will in all things.

Amen. Holy God, holy and strong, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

Oliver Dickie, tenor, sings

WHERE'ER YOU WALK
from Semele by G.F. Handel (HWV 58)



JESUS IS BETRAYED BY JUDAS (Mark 14.43—46)

A reading from the Gospel according to Mark.

Immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, 'The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard.' So when he came, he went up to him at once and said, 'Rabbi!' and kissed him. Then they laid hands on him and arrested him.

Lord, grant us the courage of our convictions, that our lives may faithfully reflect the good news you bring.

Amen. Holy God, holy and strong, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

Penelope Hilder Jarvis, contralto, sings

O REST IN THE LORD
from Elijah (op. 7) by Felix Mendelssohn



JESUS IS CONDEMNED BY THE SANHEDRIN (Mark 14.55—64)

A reading from the Gospel according to Mark.

Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for testimony against Jesus to put him to death; but they found none. For many gave false testimony against him, and their testimony did not agree. Some stood up and gave false testimony against him, saying, 'We heard him say, "I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands".' But even on this point their testimony did not agree. Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus, 'Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?' But he was silent and did not answer. Again the high priest asked him, 'Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?' Jesus said, 'I am; and "you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power", and "coming with the clouds of heaven".' Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, 'Why do we still need witnesses? You have heard his blasphemy! What is your decision?' All of them condemned him as deserving death.

Lord, grant us your sense of righteousness, that we may never cease to work to bring about the justice of the kingdom that you promised.

Amen. Holy God, holy and strong, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

Henry Whiteway-Reynolds, treble, sings

PIE JESU

from the Requiem by Gabriel Fauré



PETER DENIES JESUS (Mark 14.72)

A reading from the Gospel according to Mark. At that moment the cock crowed for the second time. Then Peter remembered that Jesus had said to him, 'Before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times.' And he broke down and wept.

Lord, grant us the gift of honesty, that we may not fear to speak the truth even when difficult. Amen. Holy God, holy and strong, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

Ivan Chetverikov, treble, sings

AVE MARIA

by Charles Gounod



JESUS IS JUDGED BY PILATE (Mark 15.14—15)

A reading from the Gospel according to Mark.

Pilate asked them, 'Why, what evil has he done?' But they shouted all the more, 'Crucify him!' So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Lord, grant us discernment, that we may see as you see, not as the world sees.
Amen. Holy God, holy and strong, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

Ivo Schuman, treble, sings

AVE REGINA CAELORUM
by Charles Gounod



JESUS IS SCOURGED AND CROWNED WITH THORNS (Mark 15.17—19)

A reading from the Gospel according to Mark.

And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And they began saluting him, 'Hail, King of the Jews!' They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him.

Lord, grant us patience in times of suffering, that we may offer our lives as a sacrifice of praise. Amen. Holy God, holy and strong, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

Abi Watkinson, contralto, sings

THE CRUCIFIXION
from Hermit Songs (op. 29) by Samuel Barber



JESUS TAKES UP THE CROSS (Mark 15.20)

A reading from the Gospel according to Mark.

After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

Lord, grant us strength of purpose, that we may faithfully bear our crosses each day.
Amen. Holy God, holy and strong, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

Zoe Dixon, soprano, sings

BRICH MEIN HERZ, ZERFLIESS IN TRÄNEN
from Brockes Passion (HWV 48) by G.F. Handel



Silence is kept. All join in praying
We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,
because by your holy Cross you have redeemed the world.

The Choir sing

KYRIE ELEISON
from the Communion Service in E (Collegium Regale) by Harold Darke
accompanied by Giles Longstaff

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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

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.

Silence is kept.

After the service, Alexander Wilson plays Durch Adams Fall ist ganz verderbt by Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck.