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PRELUDE: "O Sacred Head Now Wounded" (J.S. Bach)

[Robert Galbreath, Jr.]

INTRODUCTION: "Where We Left Last Night"

FIRST READING: JESUS BROUGHT BEFORE THE STATE

Matthew 27:1-14 (Inclusive Bible)

At daybreak, all the chief priests and the elders of the people took formal action against Jesus to put him to death. They bound him and led him away to be handed over to Pilate, the governor. When he saw that Jesus had been condemned, Judas, who had betrayed Jesus, felt remorse. He took the thirty pieces of silver back to the chief priests and elders, and said, "I have sinned! I have betrayed innocent blood!" "What's that to us?" they answered. "That's your affair!" So Judas flung the money into the sanctuary and left. Then he went off and hanged himself. The chief priests picked up the silver, observing, "It's against the Law to deposit this in the Temple treasury, since it is blood money." After some discussion, they used the money to buy Potter's Field as a cemetery for foreigners. That is why that field, even today, is called Blood Field. On that occasion, what was said through Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled: "They took thirty pieces of silver, the price for the One whose price was set by the children of Israel, and they paid it out for Potter's Field just as the Most High commanded me." Then Jesus was arraigned before Pontius Pilate, the governor, who questioned him. "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus replied, "You say that I am." Yet when Jesus was accused by the chief priests and elders, he made no reply. Pilate said to Jesus, "Surely you hear how many charges they bring against you?" But Jesus did not answer Pilate on a single count, much to the governor's surprise.

LAMENT FOR A BROKEN WORLD: "We Lay Our Broken World"

We lay our broken world, In sorrow at your feet, Haunted by hunger, war and fear, Oppressed by power and hate. Where human life seems less, That profit, might and pride, Though to unite us all in you, You lived and loved and died.

We bring our broken towns, Our neighbors hurt and bruised; You show us how old pain and wounds, For new life can be used.

We bring our broken hopes, For lives of dignity; Workless and overworked you love, And call us to be free.

We bring our broken loves, Friends parted, families torn; Then in your life and death we see, That love must be reborn.

We bring our broken selves, Confused and closed and tired; Then through your gift of healing grace, New purpose is inspired.

O Spirit, on us breathe, With life and strength anew; Find in us love, and hope and trust, And lift us up to you.

SECOND READING: JESUS IS SENTENCED

Matthew 27:15-26 (Inclusive Bible)

Now, on the occasion of a festival, the governor was accustomed to release one prisoner, whomever the crowd would designate. At the time they were holding a notorious prisoner named Barabbas. So when the crowd gathered, Pilate asked them, "Which one do you wish me to release for you? Barabbas? Or Jesus, the so-called Messiah?" Pilate knew, of course, that it was out of jealousy that they had handed Jesus over. While Pilate was still presiding on the bench, his wife sent him a message: "Have nothing to do with that innocent man. I had a dream about him last night which has been troubling me all day long." But the chief priests and elders convinced the crowds that they should ask for Barabbas, and have Jesus put to death. So when the governor asked them, "Which one do you wish me to release for you?" they all cried, "Barabbas!" Pilate said to them, "Then what am I to do with Jesus, the so-called Messiah?" "Crucify him!" they all said. "Why? What crime has he committed?" Pilate asked. But they only shouted louder, "Crucify him!" Pilate finally realized that he was getting nowhere with this—in fact, a riot was breaking out. Pilate called for water and washed his hands in front of the crowd, declaring as he did so, "I am innocent of this man's blood. The responsibility is yours." The whole crowd said in reply, "Let his blood be on us and on our children." At that, Pilate released Barabbas to them. But he had Jesus whipped with a cat-o'-nine-tails, then handed him over to be crucified.

HYMN: "Were you there when they crucified my Lord?"

THIRD READING: JESUS IS MOCKED

Matthew 27:27-31 (Inclusive Bible)

The governor's soldiers took Jesus inside the Praetorium and assembled the whole cohort around him. They stripped off his clothes and wrapped him in a scarlet military cloak. Weaving a crown out of thorns, they pressed it onto his head and stuck a reed in his right hand. Then they began to mock Jesus by dropping to their knees, saying, "All hail, King of the Jews!" They also spat at him. Afterward they took hold of the reed and struck Jesus on the head. Finally, when they had finished mocking him, they stripped him of the cloak, dressed him in his own clothes and led him off to crucifixion.

HYMN: "Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?"

FOURTH READING: JESUS IS CRUCIFIED

Matthew 27:32-38 (Inclusive Bible)

On their way out, they met a Cyrenian named Simon, whom they pressed into service to carry the cross. Upon arriving at a site called Golgotha—which means Skull Place—they gave Jesus a drink of wine mixed with a narcotic herb, which Jesus tasted but refused to drink. Once they had nailed Jesus to the cross, they divided his clothes among them by rolling dice; then they sat

down and kept watch over him. Above his head, they put the charge against him in writing: "The is Jesus, King of the Jews." Two robbers were crucified along with Jesus, one at his right and one at his left.

HYMN: "Were you there when they mocked him as God's Son?"

FIFTH READING: JESUS IS CRUCIFIED

Matthew 27:39-44 (Inclusive Bible)

People going by insulted Jesus, shaking their heads and saying, "So you are the one who was going to destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days! Save yourself, why don't you? Come down off that cross if you are God's Own!" The chief priests, the religious scholars and the elders also joined in the jeering: "He saved others but he cannot save himself! So he's the King of Israel! Let's see him come down from that cross, and then we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God rescue him now, if God is happy with him! After all, he claimed to be God's Own!" The robbers who had been crucified with Jesus jeered at him in the same way.

HYMN: "Were you there when the Earth began to guake?"

SIXTH READING: JESUS IS CRUCIFIED

Matthew 27:45-54 (Inclusive Bible)

At noon, a darkness fell over the whole land until about three in the afternoon. At that hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, Iama sabachthani?" which means, "My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?" This made some of the bystanders who heard it remark, "He is calling for Elijah!" One of them hurried off and got a sponge. He soaked the sponge in cheap wine and, sticking it on a reed, tried to make Jesus drink. The others said, "Leave him alone. Let's see whether Elijah comes to his rescue." Once again, Jesus cried out in a loud voice, then he gave up his spirit. Suddenly, the curtain in front of the Holy of Holies was ripped in half from top to bottom. The earth quaked, boulders were split and tombs were opened. Many bodies of holy ones who had fallen asleep were raised. After Jesus' resurrection, they came out of their tombs and entered the holy city, and appeared to many. The centurion and his cohort, who were standing guard over Jesus' body, were terror-stricken at seeing the earthquake and all that was happening, and said, "Clearly, this was God's Own!"

SPECIAL MUSIC: "I Only Want to Say" from Jesus Christ Superstar (Andrew Lloyd Webber/Tim Rice) featuring Ronnie Lyall (Jesus)

SEVENTH READING: THE BURIAL OF JESUS

Matthew 27:56-61 (Inclusive Bible)

A group of women were present, looking on from a distance. These were the same women who had followed Jesus from Galilee as ministers to him. Among them were Mary of Magdala; Mary, the mother of James and Joseph; and the mother of Zebedee's children. When evening fell, a wealthy man from Arimathea named Joseph, who had become a disciples of Jesus, came to request the body of Jesus; Pilate issued an order for its release. Taking the body, Joseph wrapped it in fresh linen and laid it in his own tomb, which had been hewn out of a rock. Then Joseph rolled a huge stone across the entrance of the tomb and went away. But Mary of Magdala and the other Mary remained sitting there, facing the tomb.

THE THIRD ANOINTING: BURYING THE PAST

HOLY VESSELS THEME SONG: "Threshold"

Vessels, holy and whole, Broken, needing the One Open, body and soul, Healer, come. The next day—the one following the Day of Preparation—the chief priests and the Pharisees called at Pilate's residence and said, "We recall that, while he was still alive, the impostor made the claim, 'After three days I will rise again.' Therefore, please issue an order to keep the tomb under surveillance until the third day. Otherwise, Jesus' disciples might go and steal his body and tell the people, 'Jesus has been raised from the dead!' This final deception would be worse than the first." Pilate said to them, "You have a guard. Go and secure the tomb as best you can." So they went to seal the tomb and post a guard.

BLESSING

HOLY VESSELS THEME SONG: "Threshold"

Vessels, holy and whole, Broken, needing the One Open, body and soul, Healer, come.

[We end in silence.]

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We spend the Saturday, which is also known as 'Holy Saturday' in silence and meditation as we prepare to celebrate the joy of Easter with loud Alleluias! Rev. Alka will lead a **short SONrise service from the lake on Easter Sunday morning at 6:15am**. Here is the link for the Easter SONrise service. Meeting ID: 810 6544 0729; Passcode: 552103.

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Lenten Devotional

This Lenten devotional (curated by Lydia Marchese) has been prepared and shared with us by "The Inclusive Collective," (IC) the campus ministry at the University of Illinois at Chicago and Northern Illinois University. We invite you to use this as your daily devotion, or in addition to what you have already been using. We are grateful to the Inclusive Collective for sharing this with us.

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