

2023-03-10 Meditation for Friday in the Second Week of Lent is now available at: <https://pgimf.org/meditations/>

[The opening theme song with a poetic paraphrase begins:]

*Ich bete an die Macht der Liebe,*  
O Pow'r of love, all else transcending,  
*Die sich in Jesu offenbart;*  
In Jesus present evermore,  
*Ich geb' mich hin dem freien Triebe,*  
I worship thee, in homage bending,

### ***Requiem: Libera me***

Lyrics: Traditional texts for Mass for the Faithful Departed

Music: Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)

Artists: Atlanta Symphony Orchestra and Chorus, Robert Shaw (dir.)

Judith Blegen (soprano), James Morris (Bass)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UnilUPXmipM> (entire Requiem)

[Baritone soloist]

*Libera me, Domine, de morte æterna,*  
Deliver me, O Lord, from eternal death

*In die illa tremenda:*  
on that fearful day;

*Quando cæli movendi sunt et terra*  
When the heavens and earth shall be moved,  
*Dum veneris judicare sæculum per ignem.*  
When you will come to judge the world by fire.

[Choir]

*Tremens factus sum ego, et tímeo*  
I was made to tremble, and I fear,  
*Dum discussio venerit atque ventura ira.*  
Awaiting the day of account and the wrath to come.

[Suddenly brass instruments announce the coming day of judgment]

*Dies illa, dies iræ,*  
That day, that day of wrath,  
*Calamitatis et miserix,*  
Calamity and misery,  
*Dies illa, dies magna et amara valde.*  
On that day, that day of great and exceeding bitterness,

*Requiem æternam dona eis, Domine,*  
Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord,  
*Et lux perpetua luceat eis.*  
and let perpetual light shine upon them.

[In unison, the choir softly repeats the bass soloist's earlier music and words,  
with the orchestra's pizzicato and the ominous beat of the timpani.]

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[Baritone soloist returns to his opening theme.]

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[Closing words to our theme song:]

*O! dass diess jeder Sünder wüsste,*  
O! that every sinner would know this,  
*Sein Herz wohl bald dich lieben müsste.*  
His heart must soon surely love You.

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