

2023-03-19 Meditation for the Fourth Sunday 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,

Mass in B minor – Gloria: Gloria and Et in terra pax BWV 232

Lyrics: Latin Mass Ordinary

Music: Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Artists: Netherlands Bach Society, Jos von Veldhoven (dir.)

Hana Blažíková, soprano 1

Anna Reinhold, soprano 2

David Erler, alto

Thomas Hobbs, tenor

Peter Harvey, bass

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3FLbiDrn8IE> (the entire Mass)

Live performance on December 15, 2016, Grote Kerk, Naarden, Netherlands

4. *Gloria* and *Et in terra pax* [Luke 2:14]

[Orchestral introduction using the full chamber orchestra, including 3 straight trumpets and 2 timpani.]

[Both the solo voices and then the choir briefly quote from the gospel of Luke:]

Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Glory to God in the highest.

[Orchestra briefly recalls the final measures of its opening music.]

[Choir now expands on Luke's exuberant words of praise:]

Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Glory to God in the highest.

[Suddenly the music becomes more peaceful, no trumpets or drums.]

Et in terra pax hominibus bonæ voluntatis.

And on earth, peace to people of goodwill.

[A quiet, peaceful orchestral interlude, over a sustained low note (E).]

[The soprano soloist now introduces a new fugue theme, which other voices will imitate; each time you hear “Et in terra pax” it is likely the fugue theme.]

Et in terra pax hominibus bonæ voluntatis.

And on earth, peace to people of goodwill.

[Choir now enters, and eventually returns to the fugue theme.]

Et in terra pax hominibus bonæ voluntatis.

And on earth, peace to people of goodwill.

[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.

Evan

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