

2023-04-06 Meditation for Thursday in the Sixth 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,*

### **Mass in B minor – Agnus Dei** BWV 232

Lyrics: Latin Mass Ordinary

Music: Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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

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

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

David Erler, alto

#### 1. *Agnus Dei* (Aria for Alto and unison violins, with continuo)

[Ritornello, featuring the unison violins with organ and cello continuo; 8 measures]

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis.*

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.

[Abbreviated ritornello; 4 measures]

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[Closing ritornello; 4 measures]

[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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