

2025-03-12 Meditation for Wednesday in the First 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,

### ***Sunrise Mass for Choir and String Orchestra: Gloria—The Sunrise***

Lyrics: Mass Ordinary

Music: Ola Gjeilo (b. 1978; composed 2007)

Artists: Bel Canto Choir Vilnius, Sofia Vokalensemble, the Lithuanian Chamber Orchestra, Egidijus Kaveckas (dir.)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1004Y0mJOHI> (the Gloria begins at 5:00)

[Introduction by the string orchestra, depicting the slow dawning of sunrise.]

[The composer imagined angels singing in this dream-like manner, which then slowly grows to fill the spheres.]

*Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

Glory to God in the highest.

*Et in terra pax hominibus bonæ voluntatis.*

And on earth peace to men of goodwill.

[Faster, full ensemble, forte for these heavenly words of praise and adoration.]

*Laudamus te. Benedicimus te.*

We praise you. We bless you.

*Adoramus te. Glorificamus te.*

We adore you. We glorify you.

*Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam.*

We give you thanks because of your great glory.

*Domine Deus, Rex cœlestis,*

Lord God, King of heaven,

*Deus Pater omnipotens.*

God the Father almighty.

*Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe.*

Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son.  
*Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris.*  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father.

[Brief break before singing the words of this intense prayer.]

*Qui tollis peccata mundi,*  
You who takes away the sins of the world,  
*miserere nobis.*

have mercy on us.

*Qui tollis peccata mundi,*  
You who takes away the sins of the world,  
*suscipe deprecationem nostram.*

receive our prayer.

*Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,*  
You who sits at the right hand of the Father,  
*miserere nobis.*

have mercy on us.

[Brief break as we return to the atmospheric music for these words of adoration.]

*Quoniam tu solus sanctus.*

For you alone are holy.

*Tu solus Dominus.*

You alone are Lord.

*Tu solus Altissimus, Jesu Christe.*

You alone are the most high, Jesus Christ.

*Cum Sancto Spiritu in gloria Dei Patris.*

With the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father.

[Amen is sung softly four times.]

*Amen.*

Amen.

[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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