

2026-04-03 Meditation for Good Friday is now available
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[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,

Vexilla Regis, WAB 51 (1892)

Lyrics: Saint Venantius Fortunatus (c. 530-c. 600/609)

Trans : John Mason Neal (1851)

Music : Anton Bruckner (1824-1896)

Artists: Polyphony, Stephen Layton (dir.)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6_whZkamm4k&list=RD6_whZkamm4k&start_radio=1

1. *Vexilla regis prodeunt:*

The Royal Banner forward goes,
Fulget crucis mysterium
The mystic Cross refulgent glows:
Quo carne carnis conditor,
Where He, in flesh, flesh who made,
Suspensus est patibulo.
Upon the tree of pain is laid.

6. *O Crux ave, spes unica,*

O Cross! all hail! sole hope, abide
Hoc passionis tempore
With us now in this Passiontide:
Auge piis justitiam,
New grace in pious hearts implant,
Reisque dona veniam.
And pardon to the guilty grant.

7. *Te, summa Deus Trinitas,*

Thee, mighty Trinity! One God!
Collaudet omnis spiritus:
Let every living creature laud;

Quos per crucis mysterium

Whom by the Cross Thou dost deliver,
Salvas, rege per sæcula. Amen.

O guide and govern now and ever! 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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