

# Good Friday Vigil

*The Church of St John the Evangelist, Adelaide*

A reading of the Passion of our Lord according to St Luke  
with choral meditations from  
Sergei Rachmaninoff's *All Night Vigil* – also known as *Vespers* –  
and a plainchant setting of Psalm 51.

*Lumina Vocal Ensemble*

## Welcome and opening sentence

Jesus said:

Now is the judgement of this world, now shall the ruler of this world be cast out; and I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself. <sup>John 12.31</sup>

### 6. Богородице Дево, радуйся (*Bogorodishche Devo, raduysya*) / Ave Maria

Rejoice, virgin mother of God, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, for you have borne the Saviour of our souls.

### 1. Приидите, поклонимся (*Priidite, poklonimsya*)

O Come, Let Us Worship (*Venite adoremus*)

Amen. Come, let us worship God, our King. Come, let us adore and bow down to Christ our God and King. Come, let us adore and bow down to the same Christ the King and our God. Come, let us adore and bow down to Him.

**First reading** – Luke 19. 29-40 – Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem

### 2. Благослови, душе моя (*Blagoslovi, dushe moya*)

Praise the Lord, O my soul (*Benedic anima mea*)

Amen. Bless the Lord, my soul. Blessed are You, Lord. O Lord my God, exceedingly great are You. You are clothed with honor and majesty. On the mountains water stands. Your works are wonderful, Lord. In the midst of the mountains there will be water. In Your wisdom, You have created all. Glory to You, Lord, who created everything.

**Second reading** – Luke 22.1-30 – The preparation of the Passover, the institution of the Lord's Supper, and the dispute between the disciples about greatness.

### 3. Блажен муж (*Blazhen muzh*) / Blessed is the Man (*Beatus vir*)

Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked. Alleluia. The Lord knows the way of the righteous, and the way of the wicked will perish. Alleluia. Serve the Lord with fear and rejoice in Him with trembling. Alleluia. Blessed is he who puts his trust in Him. Alleluia. Arise, Lord, save me, my God. Alleluia. The Lord is the saviour of the people of His blessing. Alleluia. Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever more. Amen. Alleluia. Glory to You, God.

**Third reading** – Luke 22.31-46 – Jesus predicts Peter’s denial, purse, bag and sword, and Jesus prays on the Mount of Olives

4. **Свете тихий** (*Svete tikhiy*) / Gentle Light

Gentle light, immortal glory of our holy Father in heaven, Holy, blessed, Jesus Christ! Those who come from the sunset, have seen the evening light. Gentle light, holy glory, worthy to be sung by undefiled voices. Gentle light, holy glory, You are worthy at all times, Son of God, who gives life: the whole world glorifies You. Sing to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, God.

**Fourth reading** – Luke 22.47-65 – The betrayal and arrest of Jesus, Peter denies Jesus, and Jesus is mocked and beaten.

5. **Ныне отпускаеши** (*Nyne otpushchayeshi*) / Nunc dimittis

Now let Your servant depart in peace, Lord, by Your word; My eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have prepared, In view of all the people, A light revealed to all tongues and to the glory of Your people, Israel.

**Fifth reading** – Luke 22.66 – 23.24 – Jesus before the Council, before Pilate, before Herod, and then Jesus is sentenced to death.

8. **Хвалите имя Господне** (*Khvalite imya Gospodne*)  
Praise be the name of the Lord (*Laudate Dominum*)

Praise the name of the Lord. Alleluia. Praise, Rabbi, Lord. Blessed be the Lord out of Zion, who inhabits Jerusalem. Give praise unto the Lord, as a blessing. As in the age of His grace. Alleluia to the God of heaven. Alleluia, alleluia.

**Sixth reading** – Luke 23.26-49 – The Crucifixion and death of Jesus.

10. **Воскресение Христово видеvше** (*Voskreseniye Khristovo videvshe*)  
The Veneration of the Cross

Having beheld the resurrection of Christ, we worship the holy Lord Jesus, like us but sinless. We worship your cross, Christ, and your holy resurrection we sing and glorify: You are our God, even if we don’t know how to name Your name. Come, you faithful, bow to the holy resurrection: through the cross has come joy to the whole world; bless the Lord always! Sing His resurrection, He endured crucifixion, died to destroy death.

**Psalm 51** – Plainchant

*Seventh reading* – Luke 23.50-56 – The burial of Jesus.

9. **Благословен еси, Господи** (*Blagosloven yesi, Gospodì*)

Blessed be the Lord

Blessed are You, Lord, teach me Your righteousness.

The Angel host was astonished, when they saw you among the dead, yet you destroyed its power, Saviour; and you yourself delivered Adam and brought us freedom from hell.

Blessed are You, Lord, teach me Your righteousness.

Why do you mix sweet-smelling ointment with tears, young women? Shining from the grave, the Angel spoke: you see the tomb and now understand: the Saviour is risen from the grave.

Blessed are You, Lord, teach me Your righteousness.

Very early the women carrying myrrh were met by an angel, who said: your crying is over, tell the apostles what you have seen.

Blessed are You, Lord, teach me Your righteousness.

When the women with spices came to your tomb, they cried; but the angel said to them, why do you look for the living among the dead? For God has raised Him from the dead.

Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Worship the Father and His Son, and the Holy Spirit, Holy Trinity three in one, as proclaimed by the seraphim: Holy, holy, holy Lord, now and forever and ever. Amen. Holy virgin, gave life to the one who saved Adam from sin. You gave joy to Eve instead of sorrow. Those who have fallen from life you showed righteousness, from You, incarnate God and man.

Alleluia, Glory to You, God.

**Closing prayer**

Loving God,  
look with mercy on this your family,  
for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed  
and to be given into the hands of sinners,  
and to suffer death upon the cross;  
who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.