Music for Palm Sunday

Organ Concerto No. 2 by Joseph Rheinberger

Christopher Urban, organist

and

“The Seven Last Words of Christ”

A Lenten Cantata by Theodore Dubois

Presented by the Choirs and Orchestra of

First Presbyterian Church of Arlington Heights

Royce Eckhardt, conductor

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Welcome and Opening Prayer
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Joseph Rheinberger (1839-1901)

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Christopher Urban, organ

Joseph Rheinberger was born in the Principality of Lichtenstein. When seven years old, he served as organist in his parish church and at the age of eight composed a mass for three voices. In 1867 became professor of organ and composition at the Munich Conservatory. Among his two hundred compositions are oratorios, two operas, cantatas for soli, chorus, orchestra overtures, and chamber music for various combinations of instruments. Most important of all his instrumental works are his twenty sonatas for organ and two concertos for organ and orchestra, the most notable productions in this form since Felix Mendelssohn.

*HYMN 221
“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

“The Seven Last Words of Christ”
Theodore Dubois (1837-1924)
Katy Wells, soprano; Nick Pulikowski, tenor; Adam Hendrickson, bass; Lynn Stolley, narrator
Royce Eckhardt, conductor

Théodore Dubois was choirmaster at the Church of the Madeleine in Paris, and in 1871 took over from César Franck as choirmaster at the Basilica of Sainte-Clotilde. He won the Prix de Rome in 1861. In 1877, Dubois returned to the Church of the Madeleine, succeeding Camille Saint-Saëns as organist there. Dubois was also director of the Paris Conservatoire and was later succeed by Gabriel Faure. A composer of opera, symphonies, ballets and chamber music, Dubois also composed many religious works. He is best known for his “Seven Last Words of Christ,” composed in 1867. Dubois selected Bible verses from the Latin Vulgate translation of the Bible and texts from traditional prayers of the Catholic Church.

At the conclusion of The Seven Last Words, the audience is requested to observe a brief moment of silence before acknowledging the singers and musicians with your applause.
THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST LIBRETTO

Introduction - Soprano Solo
O all ye who travel upon the highway, hearken to me, and behold me: was e’er sorrow like unto my sorrow? Lamentations 1:12
For the Lord Almighty hath dealt bitterly with me. Call me now no more Naomi, from today call me Mara. Ruth 1:20

First Word - Baritone and Tenor Solo, with Chorus
Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do. Luke 23:34
And the people clamor’d: He is death-guilty; Matthew 26:66
Take him, take him, let us crucify him! Mark 15:13
Be his blood on us, and on our children! Matthew 27:25
Then they did crucify Jesus, and the two thieves, one at His right hand, the other at His left hand. Luke 23:33

Second Word - Duet for Tenor and Baritone, with Chorus
Verily, thou shalt be in Paradise today with me. Amen, so I tell thee. Luke 23:43
Hear me, O Lord, and remember me, when Thou comest into Thy kingdom. Luke 23:42

Third Word - Solos for Soprano, Tenor, Baritone with Chorus
See, O woman! Here behold thy son beloved. John 19:26-27
(from Stabat Mater dolorosa, 13th century hymn):
See you mother, bow’d in anguish who beside the cross doth languish,
Where on high her son is borne; is there mortal, who not feeleth
to behold her where she kneeleth, so woeful, and all forlorn?

Fourth Word - Baritone Solo
God, my Father, why hast Thou forsaken me? Matthew: 27:46 and Mark 15:34
All those who were my friends, all have now forsaken me, and they that hate me do now prevail against me; and he whom I have cherished, he hath betray’d me. (Based on the Book of Lamentations, Tenebrae for Maundy Thursday)
Even the vine that I have chosen, and that I have planted: wherefore art thou now so strangely turned into bitterness that I by thee am crucified? (Based on the Book of Lamentations, Tenebrae for Maundy Thursday)

Fifth Word - Chorus, and Solos for Tenor and Baritone
I am athirst! John 19:28
And those then passing by him, all did rail upon him, and wagging their heads at him, they said unto him:
Ahh! Thou wouldst fain destroy the temple; if thou be Jesus, Son of the Father, now from the cross descend thou, that we behold it, and believe on thee when we behold it. If thou art king over Israel, save thyself, then! Mark 15:29-30

Sixth Word - Tenor Solo and Chorus
Father, into Thy hands I commend my soul. Luke 23:46
For Thou art my God and my Father; Thou art my Savior. Psalm 89:26

Seventh Word - Solo for Soprano, Tenor and Baritone, with Chorus
And with a loud voice Jesus cried, exclaiming:
“It is finished!” And He did bow His head, and rendered up His spirit. John 19:30
And it was about the sixth hour; and the sun was darkened, and darkness covered the earth, until about the ninth hour; and the veil of the temple was rent, and all the earth did quake; Luke 23:44
and the rocks were rent, and all the graves were opened wide. from Matthew 27:52
Prayer from the Stations of the Cross
Christ, we do all adore Thee, and we do praise Thee forever;
for on the holy cross hast thou the world from sin redeemed.

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