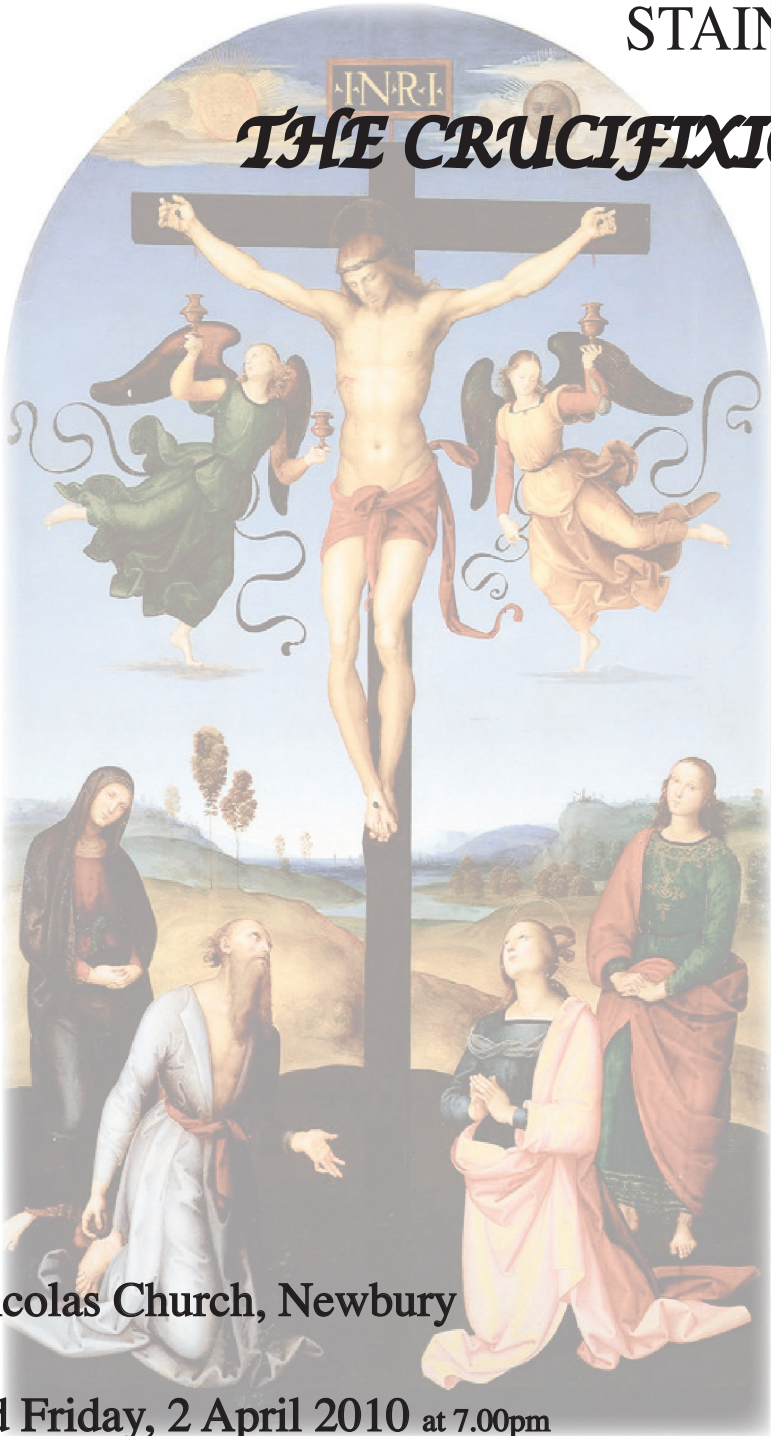


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# *THE CRUCIFIXION*



St Nicolas Church, Newbury

Good Friday, 2 April 2010 at 7.00pm

**John Stainer** (1840 - 1901)

# The Crucifixion

A MEDITATION ON THE  
SACRED PASSION OF THE  
HOLY REDEEMER

*text selected and written by*  
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*Newbury Chamber Choir*  
(musical director: Edward Lambert)

*with members of*

*St Nicolas Church Choir, Newbury  
& St Mary's Church Choir, Thatcham*

**Paul Robinson** (*tenor*)  
**Ian Caddy** (*bass*)

**Tim Cooke** (*organ*)

The *Newbury Chamber Choir* is pleased to collaborate with local church choirs to present this performance of *The Crucifixion* during Holy Week. We are joined by two soloists who enjoy an international reputation on the concert platform and operatic stage.

*by kind permission of the Churchwardens*

1. **And they came to a place named Gethsemane**
2. **The Agony**
3. **Processional to Calvary**
4. **And when they were come**
5. **The Mystery of the Divine Humiliation**

*(The audience is invited to sing the hymns while remaining seated)*

Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow,  
Where the Blood of Christ was shed,  
Perfect man on thee was tortured,  
Perfect God on thee has bled.

Here the King of all the ages,  
Throned in light ere worlds could be  
Robed in mortal flesh is dying,  
Crucified by sin for me.

This - all human thought surpassing -  
This is earth's most awful hour,  
God has taken mortal weakness!  
God has laid aside His Power!

*(choir only)* Who shall fathom that descending,  
From the rainbow-circled throne,  
Down to earth's most base profaning,  
Dying desolate alone.

From the “Holy, Holy, Holy,  
We adore Thee, O most High,”  
Down to earth’s blaspheming voices  
And the shout of “Crucify”.

6. **He made Himself of no reputation**
7. **The Mystery of the Divine Humiliation**
8. **And as Moses lifted up the serpent**
9. **God so loved the world**
10. **Litany of the Passion**

Holy Jesu, by Thy passion,  
By the woes which none can share,  
Borne in more than kingly fashion,  
By Thy love beyond compare:  
Crucified I turn to Thee,  
Son of Mary, plead for me.

By the treachery and trial,  
By the blows and sore distress,  
By desertion and denial,  
By Thine awful loneliness:  
Crucified I turn to Thee,  
Son of Mary, plead for me.

*(choir only)* By the path of sorrows dreary,  
By the Cross, Thy dreadful load,  
By the pain, when, faint and weary,  
Thou didst sink upon the road:

Crucified I turn to Thee,  
Son of Mary, plead for me.

By the Spirit which could render  
Love for hate and good for ill,  
By the mercy, sweet and tender,  
Poured upon Thy murderers still:  
Crucified I turn to Thee,  
Son of Mary, plead for me.

11. **Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them'**

12. **So Thou liftest Thy divine petition**

13. **The Mystery of Intercession**

Jesus, the Crucified, pleads for me,  
While He is nailed to the shameful tree,  
Scorned and forsaken, derided and curst,  
See how His enemies do their worst!  
Yet, in the midst of the torture and shame,  
Jesus, the Crucified, breathes my name!  
Wonder of wonders, oh! how can it be?  
Jesus, the Crucified, pleads for me!

Jesus is dying in agony sore,  
Jesus is suffering more and more,  
Jesus is bowed with the weight of His woe,  
Jesus is faint with each bitter throe.  
Jesus is bearing it all in my stead,  
Pity Incarnate for me has bled;  
Wonder of wonders, oh! how can it be?  
Jesus, the Crucified, pleads for me!

**14. And one of the malefactors**

**15. The Adoration of the Crucified**

I adore Thee, I adore Thee!  
Glorious ere the world began;  
Yet more wonderful Thou shinest,  
Though divine, yet still divinest  
In Thy dying love for man.

I adore Thee, I adore Thee!  
Thankful at Thy feet to be;  
I have heard Thy accent thrilling,  
Lo! I come, for Thou art willing  
Me to pardon, even me.

I adore Thee, I adore Thee!  
Born of woman yet divine:  
Stained with sins I kneel before Thee,  
Sweetest Jesu, I implore Thee  
Make me ever only Thine.

**16. When Jesus therefore saw His mother**

**17. Is it nothing to you?**

**18. The Appeal of the Crucified**

**19. After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished**

**20. For the love of Jesus**

All for Jesus - all for Jesus,  
This our song shall ever be;  
For we have no hope, nor Saviour,  
If we have not hope in Thee.

All for Jesus - Thou wilt give us  
Strength to serve Thee, hour by hour;  
None can move us from Thy presence,  
While we trust Thy love and power.

*(choir only)*

All for Jesus - Thou hast loved us;  
All for Jesus - Thou hast died;  
All for Jesus - Thou art with us;  
All for Jesus Crucified.

All for Jesus - all for Jesus -  
This the Church's song must be;  
Till, at last, her sons are gathered  
One in love and one in Thee.

Amen.

*(The audience is invited to contribute to the substantial costs of this concert by giving generously to the retiring collection)*

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*Concerto for Viola*

*Missa 'Christ lag in Todesbanden'*

*Concerto for Recorder & Bassoon*

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