

GOOD FRIDAY STORY

Geschichte zum Charfreytage

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JOHANN CHRISTIAN GEISLER (1765)

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PRELUDE (instrumental)

I. Recitative: And when they came unto the place called Golgotha/they gave Him vinegar mingled with gall to drink./When He had tasted it, He would not drink it./And there they nailed Him to the cross/and with Him two condemned delinquents/one to His right and one to His left/and Jesus in the middle./Thus came to pass the Scripture where it's written:/He was counted among the *evildoers*.

1. Choir and Congregation:

Cue:

evil do - ers. My heart will bless the mo - ment When

it be - held His tor - ment On Gol - go - tha, my Lord be praised.

II. Recitative: And then Jesus said: Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.

2a. Chorus [$\text{♩} = 104$]

S. *mp*

He has borne the sins of man - y, He has borne the fail - ings of

A. *mp*

He has borne the sins of man - y, He has borne the fail - ings of

T. *mp*

He has borne the sins of man - y, He has borne the fail - ings of

B. *mp*

He has borne the sins of man - y, He has borne the fail - ings of

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man - y, and for His per - se - cu - tors He plead - ed, for His per - se - cu - tors He

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plead - ed, He plead - ed, He plead - ed, and He prayed for those who railed and re - viled Him.

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2b. Choir and Congregation: (*spoken*)

O Lamb of God which takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

(*The following is read*)

And the people stood beholding. And the rulers also with them derided Him, saying: He saved others; let Him save Himself, if He be the Christ, the chosen of God. And the soldiers also mocked Him, coming to Him to offer Him vinegar, and saying, If thou be the King of the Jews, save thyself.

- III. Recitative: And then one of the two outlaws/who were crucified with Him/cursed and railed Him, too, and said:/"If you're Christ, then save yourself and us!"/The other one spoke and answered him, scolded him and said:/"Have you no fear of God in you/when you yourself must die for your offenses?/We two have deserved this/for we receive the just punishment for our deeds./This man here has done no wrong and nothing unseemly!"/And he said to Jesus/"Lord, remember me when you come into your kingdom."/And Jesus said to him:/"Truly, truly I say to you,/this very day you shall be in Paradise with me."