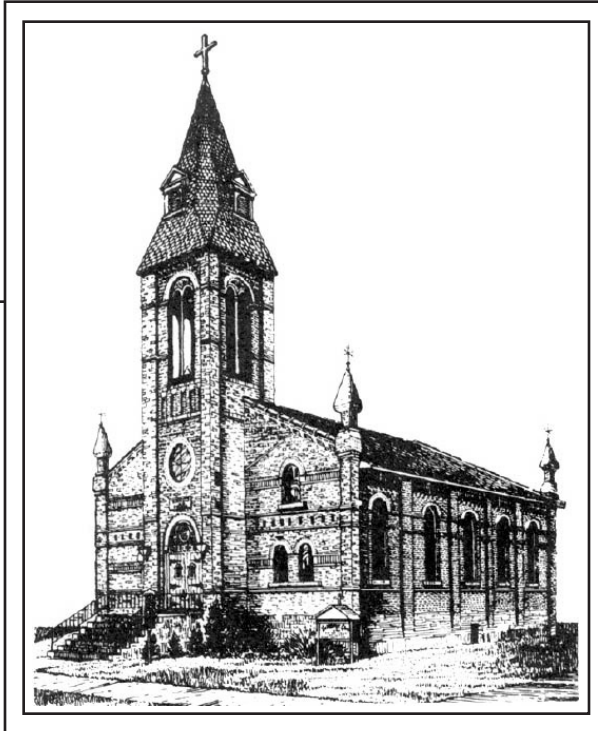


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“THIS SORROW – IT BURNS INSIDE ME”



One day during the 90’s, I was driving my car with the radio tuned to a classical station, when a song was played the likes of which I have never heard. It featured three orchestral pieces with the well-known soprano Dawn Upshaw in Henryk Górecki’s *Symphony of Sorrowful Songs*, also known as his *Symphony No. 3*. It was haunting, dark, rich and so moving. It felt like deep breathing in one long pervasive, unrelenting lament of sorrow and sadness. It was the most pleading music I had ever heard at the time and since. The version I heard was the 1992 *Nonesuch* recording by the London Sinfonietta which climbed to the top of the classical music charts in North America and the UK and eventually around the world. To this day I cannot listen to it without the stirring of great emotion within me – from where and why I do not know – and I am moved to tears as my respiratory system rhythmically reacts to the movement and tempo of the piece. As I listened to it, I felt that it was a continuous expression of great sorrow and the earth’s own grief, and by the third piece wondered if the entirety of it would end in a crescendo of this, heaving, weighty music. And suddenly I heard a change, a note of hope, a resurrection of sorts. At its dramatic conclusion I sat in silence, my breathing still in tune with this hauntingly beautiful symphony that became the fodder of much inner contemplation and reflection. I am reminded of the words of Ralph Waldo Emerson –

“Sorrow looks back, worry looks around, faith looks up”.

In a 1992 interview with the composer Henryk Górecki in Katowice, Poland, on his *Symphony of Sorrowful Songs*, Górecki reflected on the suppression of his music by the Communists, his reasons for composing the Third Symphony, and the atrocities of war, past and present. He said:

“You have to understand it was forbidden to mention my name. Górecki did not exist. My works were banned. They took away my passport. Even in 1984, when we tried to perform my ‘Beatus Vir’ in Katowice Cathedral, it was prohibited. I was deleted from Polish culture. They thought I was a dangerous man. This was my world.

The only way to confront this horror, to forget, but you could never forget, was through music. Looking back, our situation in Poland, the world today – it’s the same; also, a nightmare.

Crushing us.

Somehow, I had to take a stand as a witness, and as a warning.

In 1970 I found a book about the German occupation. It was about the notorious Gestapo prison in Zakopane. Among the mountains and lakes and icons just south of here, where I used to live and wrote this Symphony, and in the footnotes, there was an

example of the different messages scratched on the walls of the prison. All prisons have such writings, but I found one particular message from a young girl. Very simple words. It was well known that if you finished up in this prison this meant certain death. And this young girl had written nothing tragic, nothing melodramatic, not ‘I am innocent’; or ‘Kill them’. Simply, ‘Mama, don’t cry’.

There is so much evil around us. We have to try and look for something positive. Even in the worst person, you hope to find something good. This is absolutely important. My Third Symphony... yes, it is tragic, but not in the sense of tragedy. I wanted to express a sorrow. I have no words to say what I mean... the war, the rotten times under Communism... our life today, the starving, Bosnia... What madness! And why? Why? This sorrow, it burns inside me. I cannot shake it off...”.

Henryk died in 2010 but left a great musical legacy that will live on, I think, until the Lord comes. The weeping in me that this symphony induces is the same as that of Jesus whom, it is recorded in scripture, wept three times. He wept at the death of Lazarus, His friend. He wept at the coming destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD. He wept in the Garden of Gethsemane over His great passion and death which would atone for all the evils and disobedience to God of sinful, wayward, and often cruel humanity.

Another musically rich and gorgeous piece by Górecki is his choral music tribute to St. Pope John Paul II and his motto *Totus Tuus* (Totally Yours), reflecting the Polish born popes loss of his own mother when he was a young boy and his great love for Mary, the Mother of Jesus – his ever-loving Mother in heaven who was a great help and consolation to him throughout his life and papacy. The 1987 song was written by to celebrate John Paul II’s third pilgrimage to Poland as Pope.

Totus tuus sum Maria,
Mater nostri Redemptoris.
Virgo Dei, virgo pia
Mater mundi Salvatoris.
Totus tuus sum, Maria!

I am completely yours,
Mary, Mother of our Redeemer.
Virgin Mother of God, loving virgin,
Mother of the Saviour of the world.
I am completely yours, Mary!

Górecki’s Marian tribute conjures in my mind the afterlife passage to God in the Eternal as I picture myself rising up in weightless flotation amidst the ethereal sound of angelic choirs in the praise of God. It is moving, glorious, powerful, exultant and otherworldly. The entire album Henryk Gorecki Totus Tuus is filled with heavenly pieces with the sound image and echo of angelic voices.

***For in much wisdom is much sorrow,
and those who increase knowledge increase sorrow.***

Ecclesiastes 1:18

(Fr. Charles)

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Tues July 2 7:00pm	+ Souls in Purgatory Requested by Clare & Gene Bisogno
Wed July 3 8:30am	+Jim Redman Requested by the Cudney Family Unannounced Mass
Thurs July 4 8:30am	Intentions of the Belza & Chakraborty Family
Friday July 5 7:30am 8:30am	Holy Hour For the Intentions of the Children of the Lassak Family Unannounced Mass
Sat July 6 3:30 to 4:00pm 4:30pm	Confessions +Greg Cudney Requested by the Cudney Family
Sunday July 7 9:00am 11:00am	+Janina & Andrzej Gal Requested by Barb Gal & Family For the People

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