




















Parsifal





Grail Knight Gurnemanz  tells the tale of the Holy Spear  to the knights and squires.

The sorcerer  Klingsor stole the sacred spear. King  Amfortas pursued him and
Was injured by Klingsor with the spear while a bewitching woman seduced him. 
The wound  will not close, only the "Pure Fool"  may heal him.


 Amfortas bathes in the Holy Lake to relieve his pain. Wild woman  Kundry, arrives with
 Medicine for him. He thanks her, but she insists: "I never help".



Young Parsifal  shoots a swan  in the sacred forest. Gurnemanz scolds him,
But seeing that the youth may be called to serve the Grail, leads him to the castle.  

Parsifal witnesses Amfortas perform the Grail   Ceremony.
He sees ancient  Titirel and feels the pain of Amfortas's wound. 
 He is dumbfounded-Gurnemanz calls him a fool, ejecting him from the realm.

Klingsor summons a now beautiful Kundry to seduce Parsifal. The flower maids  amuse Parsifal
But he is intrigued by Kundry's knowledge of his past. She kisses  him and he immediately
Feels the pain of Amfortas's  wound - His purpose of love  and salvation is revealed to him.

A seductive Kundry tells how she has been  cursed with immortality.
Parsifal rejects her advances, offering  redemption if she will lead him to Amfortas.

Furious, she curses him to wander  aimlessly.

Klingsor attacks- the Spear hovers over Parsifal's head-
He makes the sign of the cross  with it and Klingsor's castle falls to dust. 


Years later, a knight  approaches Gurnemanz and a penitent Kundry.

Gurnemanz scolds him for carrying weapons on Good Friday, 


But they soon recognize the boy who killed a swan and the Spear.

Gurnemanz explains that because Amfortas has refused to perform

The Grail Ceremony, Titirel has died.

Bathing Parsifal in the Holy Spring, they guide  him to the Grail Castle.

At Titirel's funeral, Amfortas begs for death . Parsifal arrives, he touches the Spear to
 Amfortas's wound  healing him. Kundry, released from her curse, dies...

 A dove descends; Parsifal is the new Grail King. 