

# Benjamin Church's Boston Massacre Oration

AN ORATION

DELIVERED

March 5th. 1773

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ORATION;  
Delivered  
March 5th, 1773,  
AT THE  
REQUEST of the INHABITANTS  
of the  
TOWN OF BOSTON;  
to  
COMMEMORATE THE BLOODY TRAGEDY  
of the  
FIFTH of March, 1770.

By  
Dr. BENJAMIN CHURCH

Impius haec culta novalia miles habebit?  
Barbaras has segetes? En quo discordia cives  
perduxit miseros? En queis consevimus agros?  
– Virgil

O SOCII  
O passi graviores, dabit Deus his quoque finem:  
– revocate animos, maestumque timorem  
mittite, forsitan et haec olim meminisse juvabit.  
– Virgil.

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*At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston, duly assembled at Faneuil-Hall, and held by Adjournment at the Old-South Meeting-House, on Friday the fifth of March, Anno Domini, 1773.*

Upon a Motion made, *Voted Unanimously*, That the Thanks of the Town be and hereby are given to Dr. Benjamin Church for the *elegant* and *learned* Oration delivered by him at their Request, in Commemoration of the HORRID MASSACRE perpetrated on the Evening of the 5th of March 1770, by a Party of Soldiers of the XXIX Regiment, under the Command of Capt. Thomas Preston, and that

The Hon. *John Hancock, Esq;*

Hon. *James Otis, Esq;*

Mr. *Samuel Adams,*

*John Scollay, Esq;*

Dr. *Joseph Warren,*

Mr. *William Dennie,*

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