

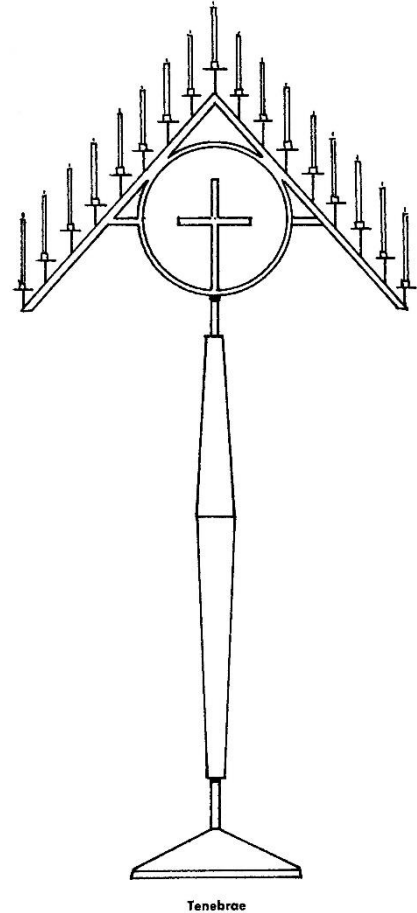
Office of Tenebrae



✚ *The Office of Tenebrae is simply the order of Matins (and Lauds) for the last three days of Holy Week. During the Three Days things are different from other times of the year. The church forbids herself the use of those formulas of joy and hope which begin her praise at other times of the year. No “O Lord, open my lips....” No “Make haste, O God, to deliver me....” No “Glory be to the Father...(Gloria Patri). The bare outline of the Office remains—psalms, lessons, and chants.*

✚ *A strict Tenebrae service includes a large triangular candle stick of 15 candles. At the end of each of the 13 psalms and two canticles, all of those fifteen candles are extinguished, except one. The six altar candles are extinguished as well. These candles remind us how all of his disciples deserted Jesus. That one candle is representative of Our Light, Jesus Christ. Christ’s glory was hid amidst darkness on the Cross that afternoon and then his visible presence was placed out of sight in a new tomb. In the midst of the darkness, that light is hid behind the altar during the recitation of Psalm 51 and a prayer. After a confused noise is heard, the candle is returned to the stand. That noise has been said to symbolize the opening of the tomb or the earthquake and the revelation that Jesus Christ, the Light of the World, shines as fair as always. Thus these afternoon services teach not only Christ’s suffering and death, but the upcoming celebration of the resurrection.*

✚ *The minister enters in silence. The service is conducted from the minister’s chair and a reading desk.*



Maundy Thursday’s Office of Tenebrae

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Maundy Thursday's Office of Tenebrae
Observed on Wednesday at 3 PM



Psalm 69 

To the Chief Musician. Set to "The Lilies." A Psalm of David.

BECAUSE ZEAL FOR YOUR HOUSE HAS EAT- / EN ME UP,
AND THE REPROACHES OF THOSE WHO REPROACH YOU HAVE FAL- /
LEN ON ME. (*Antiphon from Psalm 69:9*)

- 1 SAVE / ME, O GOD!
FOR THE WATERS HAVE COME UP / TO MY NECK.
- 2 I sink in deep mire, Where *there is* no / standing;
I have come into deep waters, Where the floods over- / flow me.
- 3 I am weary with my crying; My / throat is dry;
My eyes fail while I wait / for my God.
- 4 Those who hate me without a cause Are more than the hairs / of my head;
They are mighty who would destroy me, *Being* my enemies wrongfully; Though I
have stolen nothing, I *still* must re- / store it.
- 5 O God, You know my / foolishness;
And my sins are not hid- / den from You.
- 6 Let not those who wait for You, O Lord GOD of hosts, be ashamed be- / cause of me;
Let not those who seek You be confounded because of me, O God of / Israel.
- 7 Because for Your sake I have / borne reproach;
Shame has co- / vered my face.
- 8 I have become a stranger to my / brothers,
And an alien to my mother's / children;
- 9 Because zeal for Your house has eat- / en me up,
And the reproaches of those who reproach You have fal- / len on me.
- 10 When I wept *and chastened* my soul with / fasting,
That became / my reproach.
- 11 I also made sackcloth my / garment;
I became a by- / word to them.
- 12 Those who sit in the gate speak a- / gainst me,
And I *am* the song of the / drunkards.
- 13 But as for me, my prayer *is* to You, O LORD, *in* the accep- / table time;
O God, in the multitude of Your mercy, Hear me in the truth of Your sal- / vation.
- 14 Deliver me out of the mire, And let / me not sink;
Let me be delivered from those who hate me, And out of the deep / waters.
- 15 Let not the floodwater overflow me, Nor let the deep swal- / low me up;
And let not the pit shut its / mouth on me.
- 16 Hear me, O LORD, for Your lovingkind- / ness *is* good;
Turn to me according to the multitude of Your tender / mercies.

17 And do not hide Your face from Your servant, For I am in / trouble;
 Hear me / speedily.
 18 Draw near to my soul, *and* re- / deem it;
 Deliver me because of my / enemies.
 19 You know my reproach, my shame, and my dis- / honor;
 My adversaries *are* all be- / fore You.
 20 Reproach has broken my heart, And I am full of / heaviness;
 I looked *for someone* to take pity, but *there was* none; And for comforters, but / I
 found none.
 21 They also gave me gall / for my food,
 And for my thirst they gave me vine- / gar to drink.
 22 Let their table become a snare be- / fore them,
 And their well-be- / ing a trap.
 23 Let their eyes be darkened, so that they / do not see;
 And make their loins shake con- / tinually.
 24 Pour out Your indignation u- / pon them,
 And let Your wrathful anger take / hold of them.
 25 Let their dwelling place be / desolate;
 Let no one live / in their tents.
 26 For they persecute the *ones* / You have struck,
 And talk of the grief of those You have / wounded.
 27 Add iniquity to their i- / niquity,
 And let them not come into Your / righteousness.
 28 Let them be blotted out of the book of the / living,
 And not be written with the / righteous.
 29 But I *am* poor and / sorrowful;
 Let Your salvation, O God, set me / up on high.
 30 I will praise the name of God / with a song,
 And will magnify Him with thanks- / giving.
 31 *This* also shall please the LORD better than an / ox *or* bull,
 Which has / horns and hooves.
 32 The humble shall see *this* / *and* be glad;
 And you who seek God, your / hearts shall live.
 33 For the LORD / hears the poor,
 And does not despise His / prisoners.
 34 Let heaven and earth / praise Him,
 The seas and everything that / moves in them.
 35 For God will save Zion And build the cities of / Judah,
 That they may dwell there and pos- / sess it.
 36 Also, the descendants of His servants shall in- / herit it,
 And those who love His name shall / dwell in it.
 (*The Gloria Patri is omitted.*)
**BECAUSE ZEAL FOR YOUR HOUSE HAS EAT- / EN ME UP,
 AND THE REPROACHES OF THOSE WHO REPROACH YOU HAVE FAL- /
 LEN ON ME. (Antiphon)**

(*A candle is extinguished*)

Psalm 70 

*To the Chief Musician.
To bring to remembrance.*



A Psalm of David.

LET THEM BE TURNED BACK AND CONFUSED WHO DE- / SIRE MY HURT.

LET THEM BE TURNED BACK BECAUSE / OF THEIR SHAME. (*Antiphon from
Psalm 70:2b-3a*)

- 1 MAKE *HASTE*, O GOD, TO DE- / LIVER ME!
MAKE *HASTE* TO HELP / ME, O LORD!
- 2 Let them be ashamed and confounded Who / seek my life;
Let them be turned back and confused Who de- / sire my hurt.
- 3 Let them be turned back because / of their shame,
Who say, “A- / ha, aha!”
- 4 Let all those who seek You rejoice and be / glad in You;
And let those who love Your salvation say continually, “Let God be / magnified!”
- 5 But I *am* poor and needy; Make haste to / me, O God!
You *are* my help and my deliverer; O LORD, do / not delay.
(*The Gloria Patri is omitted.*)

LET THEM BE TURNED BACK AND CONFUSED WHO DE- / SIRE MY HURT.

LET THEM BE TURNED BACK BECAUSE / OF THEIR SHAME. (*Antiphon*)
(*A candle is extinguished*)

Psalm 71 



DELIVER ME, / O MY GOD,

OUT OF THE HAND OF THE / WICKED. (*Antiphon from Ps. 71:4a*)

- 1 IN YOU, O LORD, I / PUT MY TRUST;
LET ME NEVER BE / PUT TO SHAME.
- 2 Deliver me in Your righteousness, and cause me / to escape;
Incline Your ear to me, and / save me.
- 3 Be my strong refuge, To which I may resort con- / tinually;
You have given the commandment to save me, For You are my rock and my /
fortress.
- 4 Deliver me, O my God, out of the hand of the / wicked,
Out of the hand of the unrighteous and / cruel man.
- 5 For You are my hope, / O Lord God;
You are my trust / from my youth.
- 6 By You I have been upheld from birth; You are He who took me out of my / mother’s
womb.

My praise shall be continual- / ly of You.
 7 I have become as a wonder to / many,
 But You are my strong / refuge.
 8 Let my mouth be filled / with Your praise
 And with Your glory / all the day.
 9 Do not cast me off in the time / of old age;
 Do not forsake me when my / strength fails.
 10 For my enemies speak a- / gainst me;
 And those who lie in wait for my life take counsel to- / gether,
 11 Saying, "God has for- / saken him;
 Pursue and take him, for there is none to de- / liver him."
 12 O God, do not be / far from me;
 O my God, make haste to / help me!
 13 Let them be confounded and consumed Who are adversaries / of my life;
 Let them be covered with reproach and dishonor Who / seek my hurt.
 14 But I will hope con- / tinually,
 And will praise You yet / more and more.
 15 My mouth shall tell of Your / righteousness
 And Your salvation all the day, For I do not know their / limits.
 16 I will go in the strength of / the Lord God;
 I will make mention of Your righteousness, of Yours / only.
 17 O God, You have taught me / from my youth;
 And to this day I declare Your / wondrous works.
 18 Now also when I am old and grayheaded, O God, do not for- / sake me,
 Until I declare Your strength to this generation, Your power to everyone who / is
 to come.
 19 Also Your righteousness, O God, is / very high,
 You who have done great things; O God, who is / like You?
 20 You, who have shown me great and severe troubles, Shall revive / me again,
 And bring me up again from the depths / of the earth.
 21 You shall increase my / greatness,
 And comfort me on / every side.
 22 Also with the lute I will praise you—And Your faithfulness, / O my God!
 To You I will sing with the harp, O Holy One of / Israel.
 23 My lips shall greatly rejoice when I / sing to You,
 And my soul, which You / have redeemed.
 24 My tongue also shall talk of Your righteousness all / the day long;
 For they are confounded, For they are brought to shame Who / seek my hurt.

(Gloria Patri is omitted.)

DELIVER ME, / O MY GOD,

OUT OF THE HAND OF THE / WICKED. (Antiphon)

(A candle is extinguished)

The Lessons

Pastor: A Reading from the Lamentation of Jeremiah the Prophet.

(Lamentations 1:1-14 is read)

Pastor: Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return to the Lord your God.

Responsory: Hymn #103, stanza 1-3, "The Royal Banners Forward Go"

Pastor: A Reading from St. Paul, the Apostle's First Epistle to the Corinthians.
(1 Corinthians 11:17-34 is read)

Pastor: The ancients of the people consulted together, How they might by craft,
apprehend Jesus, and kill him; they went forth with swords and clubs as to a thief.

Responsory:

"O Tree of beau-ty, Tree of Light
O Tree with royal purple dight;
Elect, on whose triumphal breast
Those holy limbs should find their rest." (TLH #168, st. 4)

"On whose hard arms, so widely flung
The weight of this world's ransom hung,
The price of hu-mankind to pay
And spoil the spoiler of his prey." (Stanza Four from #103, Lutheran Worship)

"O Cross, our one reliance, hail!
So may thy pow'r with us avail
To give new virtue to the saint
And pardon to the penitent." (TLH #168, st. 6)

"To you, eter-nal Three in One,
Let homage meet by all be done,
By all you ransomed and restore;
Oh, guide and gladden evermore." (Stanza Six from #103, Lutheran Worship):

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The Sermon

Canticle of Moses

from Exodus 15:1-19,
Then Moses and the children of Israel
sang this song to the Lord, and spoke,
saying:



YOU HAVE ENCOURAGED US / BY YOUR POW'R,
AND BY YOUR HOLY REFRESH- / MENT, O LORD! (Antiphon)

"I WILL SING TO THE LORD, FOR HE HAS TRIUMPHED / GLORIOUSLY!

THE HORSE AND ITS RIDER HE HAS THROWN IN- / TO THE SEA!

- ² The Lord is my strength and song, And He has become my sal- / vation;
He is my God, and I will praise Him; My father's God, and I will ex- / alt Him.
- ³ The Lord is a / man of war;
The Lord / is His name.
- ⁴ Pharaoh's chariots and his army He has cast in- / to the sea;
His chosen captains also are drowned in / the Red Sea.
- ⁵ The depths have / covered them;
They sank to the bottom / like a stone.
- ⁶ "Your right hand, O Lord, has become glori- / ous in pow'r;
Your right hand, O Lord, has dashed the enemy in / pieces.
- ⁷ And in the greatness of Your excellence You have overthrown those who rose a- /
gainst You;
You sent forth Your wrath; It consumed them like / stubble.
- ⁸ And with the blast of Your nostrils The waters were gathered to- / gether;
The floods stood upright like a heap; The depths congealed in the heart / of the
sea.
- ⁹ The enemy said, 'I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoil; My desire shall
be satis- / fied on them.
I will draw my sword, My hand shall de- / stroy them.'
- ¹⁰ You blew with Your wind, The sea / covered them;
They sank like lead in the mighty / waters.
- ¹¹ "Who is like You, O Lord, a- / mong the gods?
Who is like You, glorious in holiness, Fearful in praises, doing / wonders?
- ¹² You stretched out Your / right hand;
The earth / swal- lowed them.
- ¹³ You in Your mercy have led forth The people whom You / have redeemed;
You have guided them in Your strength To Your holy habi- / tation.
- ¹⁴ "The people will hear and / be afraid;
Sorrow will take hold of the inhabitants of Phi- / lis-ti-a.
- ¹⁵ Then the chiefs of Edom will be dismayed; The mighty men of / Moab,
Trembling will take hold of them; All the inhabitants of Canaan will / melt away.
- ¹⁶ Fear and dread will fall on them; By the greatness / of Your arm
They will be as still as a stone, Till Your people pass over, O Lord, Till the people
pass over Whom You have / purchased.
- ¹⁷ You will bring them in and plant them In the mountain of Your inheritance, In the
place, O Lord, which You have made For Your own / dwelling,
The sanctuary, O Lord, which Your hands have e- / stablished.
- ¹⁸ "The / Lord shall reign
forever and / ever."
- ¹⁹ For the horses of Pharaoh went with his chariots and his horsemen into the sea, and the
Lord brought back the waters of the sea u- / pon them.
But the children of Israel went on dry land in the midst / of the sea.
(*The Gloria Patri is omitted.*)

YOU HAVE ENCOURAGED US / BY YOUR POW'R,
AND BY YOUR HOLY REFRESH- / MENT, O LORD. (*Antiphon*)

(*A candle is extinguished*)

Psalm 147:1-11 



HE WAS OFFERED
/ HIS OWN WILL,

BECAUSE IT WAS

AND HE HIMSELF / BORE OUR SINS. (*Antiphon*)

¹ PRAISE THE LORD! FOR IT IS GOOD TO SING PRAISES / TO OUR GOD;
FOR IT IS PLEASANT, AND PRAISE IS / BEAUTIFUL.

² The Lord builds up Je- / rusalem;
He gathers together the outcasts of / Israel.

³ He heals the broken- / hearted
And binds / up their wounds.

⁴ He counts the number / of the stars;
He calls them / all by name.

⁵ Great is our Lord, and migh- / ty in power;
His understanding is / infinite.

⁶ The Lord lifts up the / humble;
He casts the wicked down / to the ground.

⁷ Sing to the Lord with thanks- / giving;
Sing praises on the harp / to our God,

⁸ Who covers the hea- / vens with clouds,
Who prepares rain for the earth, Who makes grass to grow on the / mountains.

⁹ He gives to the / beast its food,
And to the young ra- / vens that cry.

¹⁰ He does not delight in the strength / of the horse;
He takes no pleasure in the legs / of a man.

¹¹ The Lord takes pleasure in those who / fear Him,
In those who hope in His / mercy.

(The Gloria Patri is omitted.)

HE WAS OFFERED BECAUSE IT WAS / HIS OWN WILL,
AND HE HIMSELF / BORE OUR SINS. (*Antiphon*)

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The Service continues with the
Canticle of Zechariah(Benedictus) on page 20.

Good Friday's Office of Tenebrae
Observed on Thursday at 3 PM
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Psalm 2 



THE KINGS OF THE EARTH | SET THEMSELVES,
AND THE RULERS TAKE COUNSEL TOGETHER AGAINST THE LORD
AND AGAINST HIS A- | NOINTED. (*Antiphon from Psalm 2:2*)

- ¹ WHY DO THE / NATIONS RAGE,
AND THE PEOPLE PLOT A / VAIN THING?
² The kings of the earth set themselves, And the rulers take counsel to- / gether,
Against the LORD and against His Anointed, / *saying*,
³ “Let us break Their bonds in / pieces
And cast away Their / cords from us.”
⁴ He who sits in the hea- / vens shall laugh;
The Lord shall hold them in de- / rision.
⁵ Then He shall speak to them / in His wrath,
And distress them in His deep dis- / pleasure:
⁶ “Yet I have / set My King
On My holy hill of / Zion.”
⁷ “I will declare / the decree:
The LORD has said to Me, ‘You *are* My Son, Today I have be- / gotten You.
⁸ Ask of Me, and I will give *You* The nations *for* Your in- / heritance,
And the ends of the earth for Your pos- / session.
⁹ You shall break them with a rod of / iron;
You shall dash them to pieces like a potter’s / vessel.’ ”
¹⁰ Now therefore, be / wise, O kings;
Be instructed, you judges / of the earth.
¹¹ Serve the / LORD with fear,
And rejoice with / trembling.
¹² Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, And you perish *in* the way, When His wrath is kindled
but a / little.
Blessed are all those who put their / trust in Him.

(The Gloria Patri is omitted.)

THE KINGS OF THE EARTH | SET THEMSELVES,
AND THE RULERS TAKE COUNSEL TOGETHER AGAINST THE LORD AND
AGAINST HIS A- | NOINTED. (*Antiphon*)

(A candle is extinguished)

Psalm 22 

To the Chief Musician. Set to "The Deer of the Dawn." A Psalm of David.



THEY DIVIDE MY GARMENTS A- / MONG THEM,
AND FOR MY CLOTHING / THEY CAST LOTS. (*Antiphon from Psalm 22:18*)


- ¹ MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAVE YOU FOR- / SAKEN ME?
WHY ARE YOU SO FAR FROM HELPING ME, AND FROM THE WORDS
OF MY / GROANING?
- ² O My God, I cry in the daytime, but You / do not hear;
And in the night season, and am not / silent.
- ³ But You are / holy,
Enthroned in the praises of / Israel.
- ⁴ Our fathers trust- / ed in You;
They trusted, and You de- / livered them.
- ⁵ They cried to You, and were de- / livered;
They trusted in You, and were / not ashamed.
- ⁶ But I am a worm, / and no man;
A reproach of men, and despised by the / people.
- ⁷ All those who see Me ridi- / cule Me;
They shoot out the lip, they shake the head, / saying,
- ⁸ "He trusted in the Lord, let Him / rescue Him;
Let Him deliver Him, since He de- / lights in Him!"
- ⁹ But You are He who took Me out / of the womb;
You made Me trust while on My / mother's breasts.
- ¹⁰ I was cast upon / You from birth.
From My mother's womb You have / been My God.
- ¹¹ Be not far from Me, For trou- / ble is near;
For there is / none to help.
- ¹² Many bulls have sur- / rounded Me;
Strong bulls of Bashan have en- / circled Me.
- ¹³ They gape at Me / with their mouths,
Like a raging and roaring / lion.
- ¹⁴ I am poured out like water, And all My bones are / out of joint;
My heart is like wax; It has melted with- / in Me.
- ¹⁵ My strength is dried up like a potsherd, And My tongue clings / to My jaws;
You have brought Me to the / dust of death.
- ¹⁶ For dogs have surrounded Me; The congregation of the wicked has en- / closed Me.
They pierced My hands / and My feet;
- ¹⁷ I can count / all My bones.
They look and / stare at Me.
- ¹⁸ They divide My garments a- / mong them,

And for My clothing / they cast lots.
 19 But You, O Lord, do not be / far from Me;
 O My Strength, hasten to / help Me!
 20 Deliver Me / from the sword,
 My precious life from the power / of the dog.
 21 Save Me from the / lion's mouth
 And from the horns of the wild oxen! You have / answered Me.
 22 I will declare Your name to My / brethren;
 In the midst of the assembly I will / praise You.
 23 You who fear the Lord, / praise Him!
 All you descendants of Jacob, glorify Him, And fear Him, all you offspring of /
 Israel!
 24 For He has not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted; Nor has He hidden
 His / face from Him;
 But when He cried to / Him, He heard.
 25 My praise shall be of You in the great as- / ssembly;
 I will pay My vows before those who / fear Him.
 26 The poor shall eat and be satisfied; Those who seek Him will / praise the Lord.
 Let your heart live for- / ever!
 27 All the ends of the world Shall remember and turn / to the Lord,
 And all the families of the nations Shall worship be- / fore You.
 28 For the kingdom / is the Lord's,
 And He rules over the / nations.
 29 All the prosperous of the earth Shall eat and / worship;
 All those who go down to the dust Shall bow before Him, Even he who cannot
 keep him- / self alive.
 30 A posterity shall / serve Him.
 It will be recounted of the Lord to the next gene- / ration,
 31 They will come and declare His righteousness to a people who / will be born,
 That He has / done this.

(The Gloria Patri is omitted.)

**THEY DIVIDE MY GARMENTS A- / MONG THEM,
 AND FOR MY CLOTHING / THEY CAST LOTS. (Antiphon)**

(A candle is extinguished)

Psalm 27 
A Psalm of David.



**FALSE WITNESSES HAVE RISEN A- | GAINST ME,
 AND SUCH AS BREATHE OUT | VIOLENCE. (Antiphon from Psalm 27:12b)**

**1 THE LORD IS MY LIGHT AND MY SALVATION; WHOM / SHALL I FEAR?
 THE LORD IS THE STRENGTH OF MY LIFE; OF WHOM SHALL I \ BE
 AFRAID?**

2 When the wicked came against me To eat \ up my flesh,

My enemies and foes, They stum- \ bled and fell.

³ Though an army may encamp against me, My heart / shall not fear;
 Though war should rise against me, In this I will be / confident.

⁴ One thing I have desired of the Lord, That / will I seek:
 That I may dwell in the house of the Lord All the days of my life, To behold the
 beauty of the Lord, And to inquire in His / temple.

⁵ For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pa- / vilion;
 In the secret place of His tabernacle He shall hide me; He shall set me high u- /
 pon a rock.

⁶ And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me; Therefore I will
 offer sacrifices of joy in His taber- / nacle;
 I will sing, yes, I will sing praises / to the Lord.

⁷ Hear, O Lord, when I cry / with my voice!
 Have mercy also upon me, and / answer me.

⁸ When You said, / “Seek My face,”
 My heart said to You, “Your face, Lord, / I will seek.”

⁹ Do not hide Your face from me; Do not turn Your servant away in anger; You have /
 been my help;
 Do not leave me nor forsake me, O God of my sal- / vation.

¹⁰ When my father and my mother for- / sake me,
 Then the Lord will take / care of me.

¹¹ Teach me Your / way, O Lord,
 And lead me in a smooth path, because of my / enemies.

¹² Do not deliver me to the will of my adver- / saries;
 For false witnesses have risen against me, And such as breathe out / violence.

¹³ I would have lost heart, unless I / had believed
 That I would see the goodness of the Lord In the land of the / living.

¹⁴ Wait on the Lord; Be of good courage, And He shall streng- / then your heart;
 Wait, I say, / on the Lord!
 (*The Gloria Patri is omitted.*)
**FALSE WITNESSES HAVE RISEN A- / GAINST ME,
 AND SUCH AS BREATHE OUT / VIOLENCE. (Antiphon)**
(A candle is extinguished)

The Lessons

Pastor: A Reading from the Lamentation of Jeremiah the Prophet.

(Lamentations 2:8-15, 3:1-9 is read)

Pastor: Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return to the Lord your God.

Responsory: Hymn #103, stanza 1-3, “The Royal Banners Forward Go”

Pastor: A Reading from the Apostle’s Epistle to the Hebrews.

(Hebrews 4:11-5:6 is read)

Pastor: My eyes are darkened by my tears, for he is far from me that comforted me. See all ye people, if there be any sorrow like unto my sorrow.

Responsory:

“O Tree of beau-ty, Tree of Light
O Tree with royal purple dight;
Elect, on whose triumphal breast
Those holy limbs should find their rest.” (TLH #168, st. 4)

“On whose hard arms, so widely flung
The weight of this world’s ransom hung,
The price of hu-mankind to pay
And spoil the spoiler of his prey.” (Stanza Four from #103, Lutheran Worship)

“O Cross, our one reliance, hail!
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To give new vir-tue to the saint
And pardon to the penitent.” (TLH #168, st. 6)

“To you, eter-nal Three in One,
Let homage meet by all be done,
By all you ran-somed and restore;
Oh, guide and gladden evermore.” (Stanza Six from #103, Lutheran Worship):

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The Sermon

Canticle of Habakkuk

from Habakkuk 3:2-19
A prayer of Habakkuk the
prophet, on Shigionoth.



WHEN MY SOUL SHALL BE IN TROU- | BLE, O LORD!
YOU WILL BE MINDFUL OF YOUR | MERCY. (Antiphon)

² O LORD, I HAVE HEARD YOUR SPEECH AND WAS AFRAID; O LORD,
REVIVE YOUR WORK IN THE MIDST / OF THE YEARS!
IN THE MIDST OF THE YEARS MAKE IT KNOWN; IN WRATH
REMEMBER / MERCY.

³ God came from Teman, The Holy One from Mount / Paran. *Selah*
His glory covered the heavens, And the earth was full / of His praise.

⁴ His brightness was like the light; He had rays flashing / from His hand,

- And there His power was / hidden.
- ⁵ Before Him went / pestilence,
And fever followed / at His feet.
- ⁶ He stood and measured the earth; He looked and startled the / nations.
And the everlasting mountains were / scattered,
The perpetual / hills- bowed.
His ways are ever- / lasting.
- ⁷ I saw the tents of Cushan in af- / fliction;
The curtains of the land of Midian / trembled.
- ⁸ O Lord, were You displeased with the rivers, Was Your anger against the rivers, Was
Your wrath a- / gainst the sea,
That You rode on Your horses, Your chariots of sal- / vation?
- ⁹ Your bow was made quite ready; Oaths were sworn over Your / arrows. *Selah*
You divided the earth with / rivers.
- ¹⁰ The mountains saw You and trembled; The overflowing of the wa- / ter passed by.
The deep uttered its voice, And lifted its / hands on high.
- ¹¹ The sun and moon stood still in their habitation; At the light of Your ar- / rows they
went,
At the shining of Your glit- / tering spear.
- ¹² You marched through the land in indig- / nation;
You trampled the nations in / anger.
- ¹³ You went forth for the salvation of Your people, For salvation with Your a- / nointed.
You struck the head from the house of the wicked, By laying bare from founda- /
tion to neck. *Selah*
- ¹⁴ You thrust through with his own arrows The head of his villages. They came out like a
whirlwind to / scatter me;
Their rejoicing was like feasting on the poor in / secret.
- ¹⁵ You walked through the sea with Your / horses,
Through the heap of great / waters.
- ¹⁶ When I heard, my body trembled; My lips quivered / at the voice;
Rottenness entered my bones; And I trembled / in myself,
That I might rest in the day of / trouble.
When he comes up to the people, He will invade them / with his troops.
- ¹⁷ Though the fig tree may not blossom, Nor fruit be / on the vines;
Though the labor of the o- / live may fail,
And the fields yield no food; Though the flock may be cut off / from the fold,
And there be no herd / in the stalls—
- ¹⁸ Yet I will rejoice / in the Lord,
I will joy in the God of my sal- / vation.
- ¹⁹ The Lord God is my strength; He will make my feet / like deer's feet,
And He will make me walk on / my high hills.

(The Gloria Patri is omitted.)

WHEN MY SOUL SHALL BE IN TROU- | BLE, O LORD!

YOU WILL BE MINDFUL OF YOUR | MERCY. (Antiphon)

(A candle is extinguished)

Psalm 147:12-20 



LORD, RE- | MEMBER ME,
WHEN YOU COME INTO YOUR | KINGDOM. (*Antiphon from Luke 23:42*)

¹² PRAISE THE LORD, O JE- / RUSALEM!
PRAISE YOUR GOD, O / ZION!

¹³ For He has strengthened the bars / of your gates;
He has blessed your children with- / in you.

¹⁴ He makes peace in your / borders,
And fills you with the / finest wheat.

¹⁵ He sends out His command / to the earth;
His word runs very / swiftly.

¹⁶ He gives / snow like wool;
He scatters the frost like / ashes;

¹⁷ He casts out His hail like / morsels;
Who can stand be- / fore His cold?

¹⁸ He sends out His word and / melts them;
He causes His wind to blow, and the / waters flow.

¹⁹ He declares His word to / Jacob,
His statutes and His judgments to / Israel.

²⁰ He has not dealt thus with any / nation;
And as for His judgments, they have not known them. / Praise the Lord!
(*The Gloria Patri is omitted.*)

LORD, RE- / MEMBER ME,
WHEN YOU COME INTO YOUR | KINGDOM. (*Antiphon*)

(A candle is extinguished)

**The Service continues with the
Canticle of Zechariah(Benedictus) on page 20.**

Holy Saturday's Office of Tenebrae
Observed on Friday at 3 PM



Psalm 4 

To the Chief Musician. With
stringed instruments. A Psalm of
David.



I WILL BOTH LIE DOWN IN / PEACE, AND SLEEP;
FOR YOU ALONE, O LORD, MAKE ME DWELL IN / SAFETY.
(Antiphon from Psalm 4:8)

- ¹ HEAR ME WHEN I CALL, O GOD OF MY / RIGHTEOUSNESS!
YOU HAVE RELIEVED ME IN MY DISTRESS; HAVE MERCY ON ME,
AND / HEAR MY PRAYER.
- ² How long, O you sons of men, Will you turn my glo- / ry to shame?
How long will you love worthlessness And seek / falsehood? *Selah*
- ³ But know that the Lord has set apart for Himself him who is / godly;
The Lord will hear when I / call to Him.
- ⁴ Be angry, and / do not sin.
Meditate within your heart on your bed, / and be still. *Selah*
- ⁵ Offer the sacrifices of / righteousness,
And put your trust / in the Lord.
- ⁶ There are many who say, "Who will show us / any good?"
Lord, lift up the light of Your countenance u- / pon us.
- ⁷ You have put gladness / in my heart,
More than in the season that their grain and / wine increased.
- ⁸ I will both lie down in / peace, and sleep;
For You alone, O Lord, make me dwell in / safety.
(Gloria Patri is omitted.)

*I WILL BOTH LIE DOWN IN / PEACE, AND SLEEP;
FOR YOU ALONE, O LORD, MAKE ME DWELL IN / SAFETY.*
(Antiphon)
(A candle is extinguished)

Psalm 15 

A Psalm of David.



HE SHALL ABIDE IN YOUR TABER- / NACLE.
HE SHALL DWELL IN YOUR / HOLY HILL. (Antiphon)

¹ LORD, WHO MAY ABIDE IN YOUR TABER- / NACLE?
 WHO MAY DWELL IN YOUR / HOLY HILL?
² He who walks uprightly, And works / righteousness,
 And speaks the truth / in his heart;
³ He who does not backbite with his tongue, Nor does evil to his / neighbor,
 Nor does he take up a reproach a- / gainst his friend;
⁴ In whose eyes a vile person is despised, But he honors those who / fear the Lord;
 He who swears to his own hurt and / does not change;
⁵ He who does not put out his money at usury, Nor does he take a bribe against the /
 innocent.

He who does these things shall ne- / ver be moved.

(Gloria Patri is omitted.)

HE SHALL ABIDE IN YOUR TABER- / NACLE.

HE SHALL DWELL IN YOUR / HOLY HILL. (Antiphon)

(A candle is extinguished)

Psalm 16 

A Michtam of David.



MY HEART IS GLAD, AND MY GLORY RE- / JOICES;
 MY FLESH ALSO WILL / REST IN HOPE. (Antiphon from Ps. 16:9)

¹ PRESERVE / ME, O GOD,
 FOR IN YOU I / PUT MY TRUST.
² O my soul, you have said / to the Lord,
 “You are my Lord, My goodness is nothing a- / part from You.”
³ As for the saints who are / on the earth,
 “They are the excellent ones, in whom is all / my delight.”
⁴ Their sorrows shall be multiplied who hasten after a- / nother god;
 Their drink offerings of blood I will not offer, Nor take up their names / on my lips.
⁵ O Lord, You are the portion of my inheritance / and my cup;
 You main- / tain my lot.
⁶ The lines have fallen to me in pleasant / places;
 Yes, I have a good in- / heritance.
⁷ I will bless the Lord who has given me / counsel;
 My heart also instructs me in the night / seasons.
⁸ I have set the Lord always be- / fore me;
 Because He is at my right hand I shall / not be moved.
⁹ Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory re- / joices;
 My flesh also will / rest in hope.
¹⁰ For You will not leave my soul in / Sheol,
 Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see cor- / ruption.
¹¹ You will show me the / path of life;
 In Your presence is fullness of joy; At Your right hand are pleasures for- / evermore.

(Gloria Patri is omitted.)
MY HEART IS GLAD, AND MY GLORY RE- / JOICES;
MY FLESH ALSO WILL / REST IN HOPE. (Antiphon)
(A candle is extinguished)

v. In peace I will both lie / down and sleep;
R. FOR YOU ALONE, O LORD, MAKE ME DWELL IN / SAFETY.

The Lessons

Pastor: A Reading from the Lamentation of Jeremiah the Prophet.
(Lamentations 3:22, 4:1-6, 5:1-11 is read)

Pastor: Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return to the Lord your God.

Responsory: Hymn #103, stanza 1-3, "The Royal Banners Forward Go"

Pastor: A Reading from St. Paul, the Apostle's Epistle to the Hebrews.
(Hebrews 9:11-22 is read)

Pastor: Having buried our Lord, they sealed up the sepulchre, rolling a stone before the entrance of the sepulchre: Placing soldiers to guard him.

Responsory:

"O Tree of beau-ty, Tree of Light
O Tree with royal purple dight;
Elect, on whose triumphal breast
Those holy limbs should find their rest." *(TLH #168, st. 4)*

"On whose hard arms, so widely flung
The weight of this world's ransom hung,
The price of hu-mankind to pay
And spoil the spoiler of his prey." *(Stanza Four from #103, Lutheran Worship)*

"O Cross, our one reliance, hail!
So may thy power with us avail
To give new virtue to the saint
And pardon to the penitent." *(TLH #168, st. 6)*

"To you, eter-nal Three in One,
Let homage meet by all be done,
By all you ransomed and restore;
Oh, guide and gladden evermore." *(Stanza Six from #103, Lutheran Worship):*

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The Sermon

Canticle of Hezekiah

from Isaiah 38:10-20

This is the writing of Hezekiah king of Judah, when he had been sick and had recovered from his sickness:



FROM THE GATE OF THE / TOMB, O LORD,
DELIV- / ER MY SOUL. (*Antiphon*)

- ¹⁰ I SAID, “IN THE PRIME / OF MY LIFE
I SHALL GO TO THE GATES OF SHEOL; I AM DEPRIVED OF THE
REMAINDER / OF MY YEARS.”
- ¹¹ I said, “I shall not see Yah[weh], The Lord in the land of the / living;
I shall observe man no more among the inhabitants / of the world.
- ¹² My life / span is gone,
Taken from me like a / shepherd’s tent;
I have cut off my life like a / weaver.
He cuts me off from the loom; From day until night You make an / end of me.
- ¹³ I have considered until / morning—
Like a lion, So He breaks all my bones; From day until night You make an / end
of me.
- ¹⁴ Like a crane or a swallow, so I / chattered;
I mourned / like a dove;
My eyes fail from looking / upward.
O Lord, I am oppressed; Under- / take for me!
- ¹⁵ “What / shall I say?
He has both spoken to me, And He Himself has / done it.
I shall walk carefully / all my years
In the bitterness / of my soul.
- ¹⁶ O Lord, by these things men live; And in all these things is the life of my / spirit;
So You will restore me and / make me live.
- ¹⁷ Indeed it was for my own peace That I had great / bitterness;
But You have lovingly delivered my soul from the pit of corruption, For You
have cast all my sins be- / hind Your back.
- ¹⁸ For Sheol cannot thank You, Death cannot / praise You;
Those who go down to the pit cannot hope / for Your truth.
- ¹⁹ The living, the living man, he shall praise You, As I / do this day;
The father shall make known Your truth to the / children.
- ²⁰ “The Lord was ready to / save me;
Therefore we will sing my songs with stringed instruments All the days of our
life, in the house / of the Lord.”

(The Gloria Patri is omitted.)

FROM THE GATE OF THE / TOMB, O LORD,
DELIV- / ER MY SOUL. (*Antiphon*)

(A candle is extinguished)

Psalm 150 



ALL YOU THAT PASS BY THE
WAY, AT- / TEND AND SEE,
IF THERE BE SORROW LIKE UNTO MY / SORROW. (*Antiphon*)

- 1 PRAISE THE LORD! PRAISE GOD IN HIS SANCTU- / ARY;
PRAISE HIM IN HIS MIGHTY / FIRMAMENT!
- 2 Praise Him for His / mighty acts;
Praise Him according to His excellent / greatness!
- 3 Praise Him with the sound of the / trumpet;
Praise Him with the / lute and harp!
- 4 Praise Him with the tim- / brel and dance;
Praise Him with stringed instru- / ments and flutes!
- 5 Praise Him with loud / cymbals;
Praise Him with clashing / cymbals!
- 6 Let everything that has breath / praise the Lord.
-- / Praise the Lord!

(The Gloria Patri is omitted.)

*ALL YOU THAT PASS BY THE WAY, AT- / TEND AND SEE,
IF THERE BE SORROW LIKE UNTO MY / SORROW. (Antiphon)*
(A candle is extinguished)

**The Service continues on the next page with the
Canticle of Zechariah(Benedictus).**

Canticle of Zechariah:



Antiphon:

Wednesday:

Now His betrayer had
given | them a sign,
saying, “Whomever I
kiss, He is the One; |
seize Him.”

(Matthew 26:48)

Thursday:

They put up over His head
the accusation written a- |
gainst Him:

**THIS IS JESUS OF
NAZARETH THE
KING | OF THE
JEWS.**

(Matt. 27:37 and John 19:19)

Friday:

The women, sitting | near
the tomb,

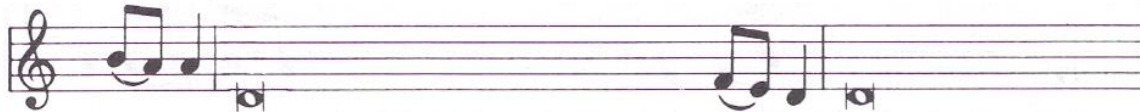
Mourned, weeping |
for the Lord.

The Benedictus, Lutheran Worship, p.217-219

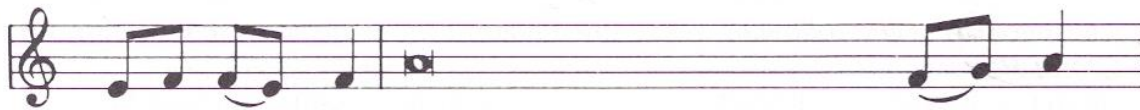
(Six candles on the altar are extinguished.)



Bless-ed be the Lord God of Is - ra - el; for he has visited and redeemed his



peo- ple and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his



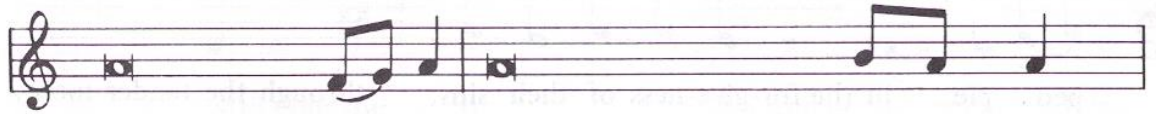
ser-vant Da - vid, as he spoke by the mouth of his holy proph - ets,



who have been since the world be-gan: That we should be saved from our



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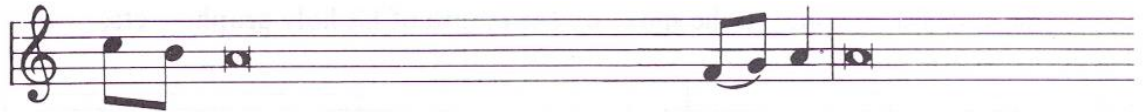
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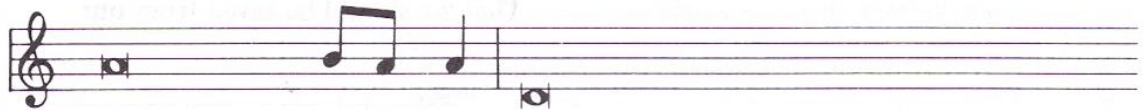
the oath that he swore to our father A - bra - ham, to grant us that we,



being delivered from the hand of our en - e - mies, might serve him with - out fear,



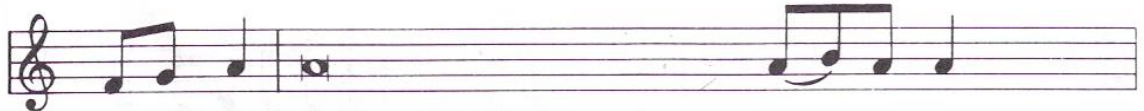
☐ And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before



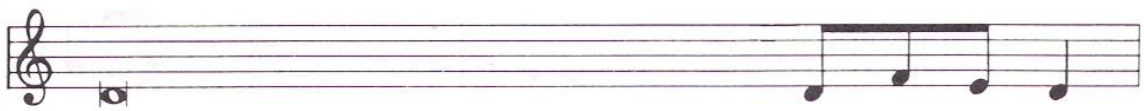
the Lord to pre - pare his ways; to give knowledge of salvation to his



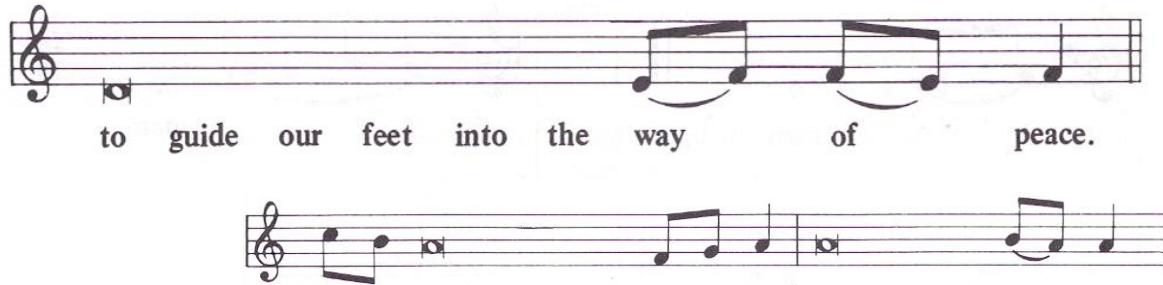
peo - ple in the for - give - ness of their sins, through the tender mercy



of our God; when the day shall dawn upon us from on high



to give light to them who sit in darkness and in the shad - ow of death,



Antiphon:

Wednesday:

Now His betrayer had given | them a sign, saying, “Whomever I kiss, He is the One; | seize Him.”
(Matthew 26:48)

Thursday:

They put up over His head the accusation written a- | gainst Him:
THIS IS JESUS OF NAZARETH THE KING | OF THE JEWS.
(Matt. 27:37 and John 19:19)

Friday:

The women, sitting | near the tomb,
 Mourned, weeping | for the Lord.

(During the antiphon the final candle is held upon the altar on the Epistle side.)

The Verse

Christ for our sakes became obedient unto death.

On Thursday afternoon:

Christ for our sakes became obedient unto death, even the death of the Cross!

On Friday afternoon is also said

Christ for our sakes became obedient unto death, even the death of the Cross!

Wherefore God also hath highly exalted Him and given Him a Name which is above every name.
(from Philippians 2:9)

The Lord’s Prayer Spoken by all

Our Father who art in heaven,
 Hallowed be thy name,
 thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread
 and forgive us our trespasses
 as we forgive those who trespass against us;
 and lead us not into temptation.
 but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom
 and the power and the glory
 forever and ever. Amen.

Psalm 51 (*Miserere mei*) Spoken by the Pastor

Antiphon: “That You may be justified in Your words,
 And may overcome when You are judged.” *(Romans 3:4)*

To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David when Nathan the prophet went to him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba.

- 1 Have mercy upon me, O God, According to Your lovingkindness; According to the multitude of Your tender mercies, Blot out my transgressions.
- 2 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, And cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I acknowledge my transgressions, And my sin is always before me.
- 4 Against You, You only, have I sinned, And done this evil in Your sight— That You may be found just when You speak, And blameless when You judge.
- 5 Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, And in sin my mother conceived me.
- 6 Behold, You desire truth in the inward parts, And in the hidden part You will make me to know wisdom.
- 7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- 8 Make me hear joy and gladness, That the bones You have broken may rejoice.
- 9 Hide Your face from my sins, And blot out all my iniquities.
- 10 Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me.
- 11 Do not cast me away from Your presence, And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.
- 12 Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, And uphold me by Your generous Spirit.
- 13 Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, And sinners shall be converted to You.
- 14 Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O God, The God of my salvation, And my tongue shall sing aloud of Your righteousness.
- 15 O Lord, open my lips, And my mouth shall show forth Your praise.
- 16 For You do not desire sacrifice, or else I would give it; You do not delight in burnt offering.
- 17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, A broken and a contrite heart— These, O God, You will not despise.
- 18 Do good in Your good pleasure to Zion; Build the walls of Jerusalem.
- 19 Then You shall be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness, With burnt offering and whole burnt offering; Then they shall offer bulls on Your altar.

“That You may be justified in Your words,
And may overcome when You are judged.”

(Antiphon)

(A candle is extinguished)

The final remaining candle is carried out of sight

Collect

Merciful God, heavenly Father, who has removed from us the grievous burden of our sins and placed it on Your dear Son, our Savior, we humbly implore You to govern us by Your Holy Spirit that we may comfort ourselves with His suffering and death in the face of all temptation; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

R. AMEN

Silence, then a loud noise, representing the opening of the tomb, and then the candle is returned to the stand.

The minister and people leave in silence. The offering is received at the door.

Complete ORDER OF TENEBRAE

A large triangular candlestand with 15 candles of yellow wax.

MATINS

First Nocturn

Psalmody

Psalm 69 ☩

Psalm 70 ☩

Psalm 71 ☩

Lessons

Lamentations 1:1-5

Lamentations 1:6-9

Lamentations 1:10-14

Second Nocturn

Psalmody

Psalm 72 ☩ (p.332)

Psalm 73 ☩ (p.332-334)

Psalm 74 ☩

Lessons

St. Augustine on Psalm 55:1

St. Augustine on Psalm 55:1

St. Augustine on Psalm 55:9

Third Nocturn

Psalmody

Psalm 75 ☩

Psalm 76 ☩

Psalm 77 ☩ (p.334)

Lessons

1 Corinthians 11:17-22

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

1 Corinthians 11:27-34

LAUDS

Psalm 51 ☩ (p.329-330)

Psalm 90 ☩ (p.335-336)

Psalm 36 ☩ (p.325-326)

Canticle of Moses (Ex 15:1-19)☩

Psalm 147:1-11 ☩ (p.364)

Canticle of

Zachariah(Benedictus)

MATINS

First Nocturn

Psalmody

Psalm 2 ☩ (p.313-314)

Psalm 22 ☩ (p.319-320)

Psalm 27 ☩ (p.322-323)

Lessons

Lamentations 2:8-11

Lamentations 2:12-15

Lamentations 3:1-9

Second Nocturn

Psalmody

Psalm 38 ☩ (p.326-327)

Psalm 40 ☩

Psalm 54 ☩

Lessons

St. Augustine on Psalm 64:1-3

St. Augustine on Psalm 64:1-3

St. Augustine on Psalm 64:1-3

Third Nocturn

Psalmody

Psalm 59 ☩

Psalm 88 ☩

Psalm 94 ☩

Lessons

Hebrews 4:11-15

Hebrews 4:16-5:3

Hebrews 5:4-10

LAUDS

Psalm 51 ☩ (p.329-330)

Psalm 143 ☩ (p.363)

Psalm 85 ☩

Canticle of Habakkuk () ☩

Psalm 147:12-20 ☩ (p.364-365)

Canticle of

Zachariah(Benedictus)

MATINS

First Nocturn

Psalmody

Psalm 4 ☩ (p.314)

Psalm 15 ☩

Psalm 16 ☩ (p.315-316)

Lessons

Lamentations 3:22

Lamentations 4:1-6

Lamentations 5:1-11

Second Nocturn

Psalmody

Psalm 24 ☩ (p.321)

Psalm 27 ☩ (p.322-323)

Psalm 30 ☩

Lessons

St. Augustine on Psalm 63

St. Augustine on Psalm 64:5-6

St. Augustine on Psalm 64:5-6

Third Nocturn

Psalmody

Psalm 54 ☩

Psalm 76 ☩

Psalm 88 ☩

Lessons

Hebrews 9:11-14

Hebrews 9:15-18

Hebrews 9:19-22

LAUDS

Psalm 51 ☩ (p.329-330)

Psalm 92 ☩ (p.337-338)

Psalm 64 ☩

Canticle of Hezekiah (Is 38) ☩

Psalm 150 ☩

Canticle of

Zachariah(Benedictus)

During the singing the six candles on the altar are put out. ☩☩☩ ☩☩☩

During the antiphon the final candle is held upon the altar on the Epistle side

Verse: "Christ became, for our sake, obedient to death."

Our Father

Psalm 51 (spoken)

The candle is hid behind the altar during the Psalm and prayer.

Prayer

Almighty God, we implore You graciously to be hold this Your family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ was contented to be betrayed and given up into the hands of wicked men and to suffer death upon the cross; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

A noise is made and then the candle is brought back out shining brightly.