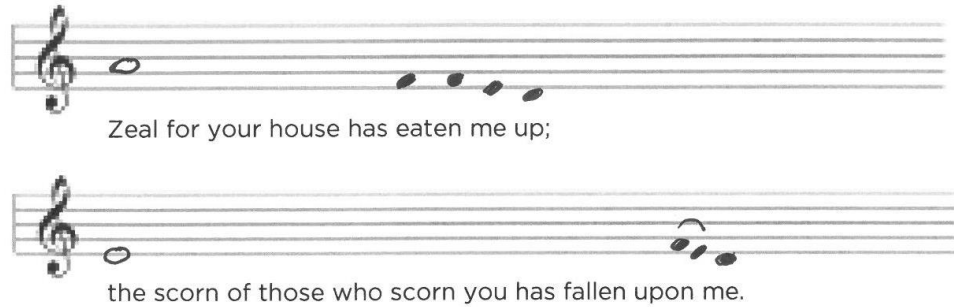


TENEBRAE
Wednesday, April 5, 2023

Antiphon 1



Psalm 69



- 1 Save me,/O God, *
for the waters have risen up/ to my neck.
- 2 I am sinking in/ deep mire, *
and there is no firm ground/ for my feet.
- 3 I have come into deep/ waters, *
and the torrent washes/ over me.
- 4 I have grown weary with my crying;
my throat is/ inflamed; *
my eyes have failed from looking/ for my God.
- 5 Those who hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of my head;
my lying foes who would destroy me are/ mighty. *
Must I then give back what I/ never stole?
- 6 O God, you know my/ foolishness, *
and my faults are not/ hidden from you.
- 7 Let not those who hope in you be put to shame through me,
Lord God/ of hosts; *
let not those who seek you be disgraced because of me,
O God of/ Israel.
- 8 Surely, for your sake have I suffered/ reproach, *
and shame has co/vered my face.
- 9 I have become a stranger to my own/ kindred, *
an alien to my/ mother's children.
- 10 Zeal for your house has eaten/ me up; *
the scorn of those who scorn you has fal/len upon me.
- 11 I humbled myself with/ fasting, *
but that was turned to/ my reproach.

- 12 I put on sack-cloth/ also, *
and became a byword/ among them.
- 13 Those who sit at the gate murmur a/gainst me, *
and the drunkards make songs/ about me.
- 14 But as for me, this is my prayer/ to you, *
at the time you have/ set, O Lord:
- 15 "In your great mercy,/ O God, *
answer me with your un/failing help.
- 16 Save me from the mire; do not let/ me sink; *
let me be rescued from those who hate me
and out of the/ deep waters.
- 17 Let not the torrent of waters wash over me,
neither let the deep swallow/ me up; *
do not let the Pit shut its mouth/ upon me.
- 18 Answer me, O Lord, for your love/ is kind; *
in your great compassion,/ turn to me."
- 19 "Hide not your face from your/ servant; *
be swift and answer me, for I am/ in distress.
- 20 Draw near to me and re/deem me; *
because of my enemies de/liver me.
- 21 You know my reproach, my shame, and my dis/honor; *
my adversaries are all/ in your sight."
- 22 Reproach has broken my heart, and it cannot/ be healed; *
I looked for sympathy, but there was none,
for comforters, but I could/ find no one.
- 23 They gave me gall/ to eat, *
and when I was thirsty, they gave me/ vinegar to drink.

Antiphon 2



Let them draw back and be disgraced who take pleasure in my misfortune.

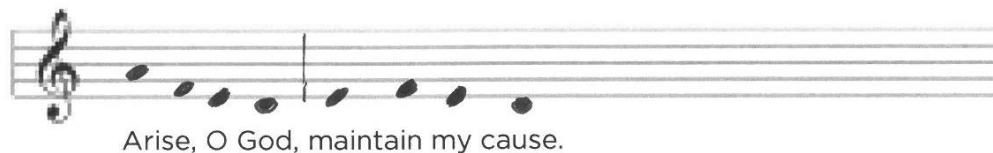
Psalm 70



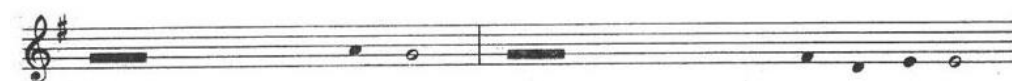
- 1 Be pleased, O God, to deli/ver me.*
O LORD, make/ haste to help me!
- 2 Let those who seek my life be ashamed
and altogether/ dismayed;*
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune
draw back and/ be disgraced.

- 3 Let those who say to me 'Aha!' and gloat over me/ turn back,
because they/ are ashamed.
- 4 Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad/ in you; *
let those who love your salvation say forever,
Great/ is the Lord!"
- 5 But as for me, I am poor and/ needy;
come to me speedi/ly, O God!
- 6 You are my helper and my de/liverer;
O LORD, /do not tarry!

Antiphon 3



Psalm 74



- 1 O God, why have you utterly cast/ us off? *
why is your wrath so hot against the sheep/ of your pasture?
- 2 Remember your congregation that you purchased long/ ago, *
the tribe you redeemed to be your inheritance,
and Mount Zion/ where you dwell.
- 3 Turn your steps toward the endless/ ruins; *
the enemy has laid waste everything in your/ sanctuary.
- 4 Your adversaries roared in your ho/ly place; *
they set up their banners as tokens of/ victory.
- 5 They were like men coming up with axes to a grove/ of trees; *
they broke down all your carved work with hatchets
/and hammers.
- 6 They set fire to your ho/ly place; *
they defiled the dwelling-place of your Name
and razed it/ to the ground.
- 7 They said to themselves, "Let us destroy them alto/gether." *
They burned down all the meeting-places of/ God in the land.
- 8 There are no signs for us to see;
there is no pro/phet left; *
there is not one among us who/ knows how long.
- 9 How long, O God, will the adversa/ry scoff? *
will the enemy blaspheme your/ Name for ever?
- 10 Why do you draw back/ your hand? *
why is your right hand hidden/ in your bosom?
- 11 Yet God is my King from an/cient times, *
victorious in the/ midst of the earth.

- 12 You divided the sea by/ your might *
and shattered the heads of the dragons u/pon the waters;
- 13 You crushed the heads of Le/viathan *
and gave him to the people of the/ desert for food.
- 14 You split open spring and/ torrent; *
you dried up ever/-flowing rivers.
- 15 Yours is the day, yours also/ the night; *
you established the/ moon and the sun.
- 16 You fixed all the boundaries of/ the earth; *
you made both summer/ and winter.
- 17 Remember, O Lord, how the ene/my scoffed, *
how a foolish people de/spised your Name.
- 18 Do not hand over the life of your dove to/ wild beasts; *
never forget the/ lives of your poor.
- 19 Look upon your co/venant; *
the dark places of the earth are/ haunts of violence.
- 20 Let not the oppressed turn away/ ashamed; *
let the poor and needy/ praise your Name.
- 21 Arise, O God, maintain/ your cause; *
remember how fools revile you/ all day long.
- 22 Forget not the clamor of your adver/saries, *
the unending tumult of those who rise/ up against you.

Lesson 1

A Reading from the Lamentations of Jeremiah the Prophet.

Aleph. How solitary lies the city, once so full of people! How like a widow has she become, she that was great among the nations! She that was queen among the cities has now become a vassal.

Beth. She weeps bitterly in the night, tears run down her cheeks; among all her lovers she has none to comfort her; all become her enemies.

Gimel. Judah has gone into the misery of exile and of hard servitude; she dwells now among the nations, but finds no resting place; all her pursuers overtook her in the midst of her anguish.

Daleth. The roads to Zion mourn, because none come to the solemn feasts; all her gates are desolate, her priests groan and sigh; her virgins are afflicted, and she is in bitterness.

He. Her adversaries have become her masters, her enemies prosper; because the Lord has punished her for the multitude of her rebellions; her children are gone, driven away as captives by the enemy.

Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return to the Lord your God!

Responsory 1 *In Monte Oliveti*

V. On the Mount of Olives Jesus prayed to the Father:

R. *Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.*

V. Watch and pray, that you may not enter into temptation.

R. *The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.*

Lesson 2

Waw. And from Daughter Zion all her majesty has departed; her princes have become like stags that can find no pasture, and that run without strength before the hunter.

Zayin. Jerusalem remembers in the days of her affliction and bitterness all the precious things that were hers from the days of old; when her people fell into the hand of the foe, and there was none to help her; the adversary saw her, and mocked at her downfall.

Heth. Jerusalem has sinned greatly, therefore she has become a thing unclean; all who honored her despise her, for they have seen her nakedness; and now she sighs, and turns her face away.

Teth. Uncleaness clung to her skirts, she took no thought of her doom; therefore her fall is terrible, she has no comforter. "O Lord, behold my affliction, for the enemy has triumphed."

Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return to the Lord your God!

Responsory 2 *Tristis est anima mea*

V. My soul is very sorrowful, even to the point of death;

R. *remain here, and watch with me.
Now you shall see the crowd who will surround me; you will flee, and I will go to be offered up for you.*

V. Behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.

R. *You will flee, and I will go to be offered up for you.*

Lesson 3

Yodh. The adversary has stretched out his hand to seize all her precious things; she has seen the Gentiles invade her sanctuary, those whom you had forbidden to enter your congregation.

Kaph. All her people groan as they search for bread; they sell their own children for food to revive their strength. "Behold, O Lord, and consider, for I am now beneath contempt!"

Lamedh. Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by? Behold and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow, which was brought upon me, which the Lord inflicted, on the day of his burning anger.

Mem. From on high he sent fire, into my bones it descended; he spread a net for my feet, and turned me back; he has left me desolate and faint all the day long.

Nun. My transgressions were bound into a yoke; by his hand they were fastened together; their yoke is upon my neck; he has caused my strength to fail. The Lord has delivered me into their hands, against whom I am not able to stand up.

Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return to the Lord your God!

Responsory 3 *Ecce vidimus eum*

V. Lo, we have seen him without beauty or majesty,

R. *with no looks to attract our eyes.
He bore our sins and grieved for us,
he was wounded for our transgressions,
and by his scourging we are healed.*

V. Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows:

R. *And by his scourging we are healed.*

The Nave is darkened. All listen to the last sayings of Jesus during the hours he was on the Cross.

Lesson 4

A Reading from the Gospel of Luke. [23:32-35]

Jesus prays for those who mock him.

Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.']] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!'

Lesson 5

A Reading from the Gospel of Luke. [23:39-43]

Jesus speaks to the other criminals on crosses.

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

Lesson 6

Readings from the Gospel of Mark [15:40-41] and the Gospel of John.[19:26-27]

Jesus speaks to the women, including his mother, who supported him.

There were also women looking on from a distance; among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. These used to follow him and provided for him when he was in Galilee; and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem.

When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

Lesson 7

A Reading from the Gospel of Mark. [15:29-34]

Jesus cries out to God.

Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, 'Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!' In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, 'He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe.' Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, 'Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?' which means, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?'

Lesson 8

A Reading from the Gospel of John. [19:28-29]

Jesus fulfills Scripture.

After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfil the scripture), 'I am thirsty.' A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth.

Lesson 9

A Reading from the Gospel of John. [19:30]

Jesus says "It is finished."

When Jesus had received the wine, he said, 'It is finished.' Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Lesson 10

A Reading from the Gospel of Luke. [23:46-48]

Jesus commends his spirit to God.

Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, 'Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.' Having said this, he breathed his last. When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, 'Certainly this man was innocent.' And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts.

All stand. During the singing of the following Canticle, the candles at the Altar, and all other lights in the church (except the one remaining at the top of the triangular candlestick), are extinguished.

Antiphon 4



Now the women sitting at the tomb made lamentation, weeping for the Lord.

Canticle 16,

The Song of Zechariah (omit Antiphon)

Hymnal S 248

After the Canticle, during the repetition of the Antiphon, the remaining candle is taken from the stand and hidden beneath or behind the Altar, or in some other convenient place.



Now the women sitting at the tomb made lamentation, weeping for the Lord.

All kneel and say the following anthem

Christus factus est

Christ for us became obedient unto death, even death on a cross; therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the Name which is above every name.

A brief silence is observed.

Psalm 51 (*please sit in silence for the Psalm*)

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your
loving-kindness; *
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
- 2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness *
and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I know my transgressions, *
and my sin is ever before me.

- 4 Against you only have I sinned *
 and done what is evil in your sight.
- 5 And so you are justified when you speak *
 and upright in your judgment.
- 6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, *
 a sinner from my mother's womb.
- 7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, *
 and will make me understand wisdom secretly
- 8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; *
 wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.
- 9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, *
 that the body you have broken may rejoice.
- 10 Hide your face from my sins *
 and blot out all my iniquities.
- 11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, *
 and renew a right spirit within me.
- 12 Cast me not away from your presence *
 and take not your holy Spirit from me.
- 13 Give me the joy of your saving help again *
 and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.
- 14 I shall teach your ways to the wicked, *
 and sinners shall return to you.
- 15 Deliver me from death, O God, *
 and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness,
 O God of my salvation.
- 16 Open my lips, O Lord, *
 and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.
- 17 Had you desired it, I would have offered sacrifice, *
 but you take no delight in burnt-offerings.
- 18 The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit; *
 a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.
- 19 Be favorable and gracious to Zion, *
 and rebuild the walls of Jerusalem.
- 20 Then you will be pleased with the appointed sacrifices,
 with burnt-offerings and oblations; *
 then shall they offer young bullocks upon your altar.

Officiant

Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross.

*You are invited to stay as long as you wish in silent contemplation
and then leave in reverent silence.*

About Tenebrae

The name *Tenebrae* (the Latin word for “darkness” or “shadows”) has for centuries been applied to the ancient monastic night and early morning services (Matins and Lauds) of the last three days of Holy Week, which in medieval times came to be celebrated on the preceding evenings.

Apart from the chant of the Lamentations (in which each verse is introduced by a letter of the Hebrew alphabet), the most conspicuous feature of the service is the gradual extinguishing of candles and other lights in the church until only a single candle, considered a symbol of our Lord, remains. Toward the end of the service this candle is hidden, typifying the apparent victory of the forces of evil. At the very end, a loud noise is made, symbolizing the earthquake at the time of the resurrection (Matthew 28:2), the hidden candle is restored to its place, and by its light all depart in silence.

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SERVE!

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Reader: Kelly Cain

Organist/Choirmaster: Lynn Gardner

Cantor: Raul West

Christ Church Choir: St. Christopher’s Choir

Counters: Ruby Stultz, Will Zimmer

Altar Guild: Team Two – Page Beeler, Frankie Smith, Janice Cain,
Ruth Foley, Rita Hodges, Ruby Stultz, Valerie Payne

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