

# tenebrae (darkness)

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## MATINS

*The ministers enter the church in silence and proceed to their places. The Office then begins immediately with the Antiphon on the first Psalm. It is customary to sit for the Psalmody.*

### **Psalm 69:1–23.**

*Salvum me fac*

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#### *Antiphon 1*

Zeal for your house has eaten me up; the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.

- 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 covered 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 fallen 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 against 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 unfailing 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 redeem me; \*  
because of my enemies deliver me.
- 21 You know my reproach, my shame, and my dishonor; \*  
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*

Zeal for your house has eaten me up; the scorn of those who  
scorn you has fallen upon me.

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 her friends have dealt treacherously with her; they have 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*

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*Celebrant* On the mount of Olives Jesus prayed to the Father:  
*People* **Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me.  
The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.**

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

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

*Antiphon 2*

God did not spare his own Son, but delivered him up for us all.

- 1 O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; \*  
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,  
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.
- 2 Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, \*  
that I might behold your power and your glory.
- 3 For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; \*  
my lips shall give you praise.
- 4 So will I bless you as long as I live \*  
and lift up my hands in your Name.
- 5 My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, \*  
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,
- 6 When I remember you upon my bed, \*  
and meditate on you in the night watches.
- 7 For you have been my helper, \*  
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.
- 8 My soul clings to you; \*  
your right hand holds me fast.

*Antiphon*

God did not spare his own Son, but delivered him up for us all.

**Lesson 2.**

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*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.* Uncleanness 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*

*Celebrant* My soul is very sorrowful, even to the point of death;  
*People* **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.**

*Celebrant* Behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners;  
*People* **you will flee, and I will go to be offered up for you.**

## **Psalm 2.**

*Quare fremuerunt gentes?*

### *Antiphon 3*

The kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes plot together, against the Lord and against his Anointed.

- 1 Why are the nations in an uproar? \*  
Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?
- 2 Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt,  
and the princes plot together, \*  
against the LORD and against his Anointed?
- 3 "Let us break their yoke," they say; \*  
"let us cast off their bonds from us."
- 4 He whose throne is in heaven is laughing; \*  
the Lord has them in derision.
- 5 Then he speaks to them in his wrath, \*  
and his rage fills them with terror.
- 6 "I myself have set my king \*  
upon my holy hill of Zion."

- 7 Let me announce the decree of the LORD: \*  
he said to me, "You are my Son;  
this day have I begotten you.
- 8 Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for  
your inheritance \*  
and the ends of the earth for your possession.
- 9 You shall crush them with an iron rod \*  
and shatter them like a piece of pottery."
- 10 And now, you kings, be wise; \*  
be warned, you rulers of the earth.
- 11 Submit to the LORD with fear, \*  
and with trembling bow before him;
- 12 Lest he be angry and you perish; \*  
for his wrath is quickly kindled.
- 13 Happy are they all \*  
who take refuge in him!

*Antiphon*

The kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes plot together, against the Lord and against his Anointed.

**Lesson 3.**

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*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.**

*Tamquam ad latronem*

*Celebrant* Have you come out as against a robber,  
*People* **with swords and clubs to capture me?**  
**Day after day I sat in the temple teaching,**  
**and you did not seize me;**  
**But now, behold, you scourge me,**  
**and lead me away to be crucified.**

*Celebrant* When they had laid hands on Jesus and were holding him, he said:

*People* **Day after day I sat in the temple teaching,**  
**and you did not seize me;**  
**but now, behold, you scourge me,**  
**and lead me away to be crucified.**

**Psalm 22:1–21.**

*Deus, Deus meus*

*Antiphon 4*

The divide my garments among them; they cast lots for my clothing.

- 1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? \*  
and are so far from my cry  
and from the words of my distress?
- 2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; \*  
by night as well, but I find no rest.
- 3 Yet you are the Holy One, \*  
enthroned upon the praises of Israel.
- 4 Our forefathers put their trust in you; \*  
they trusted, and you delivered them.
- 5 They cried out to you and were delivered; \*  
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.

- 6 But as for me, I am a worm and no man, \*  
scorned by all and despised by the people.
- 7 All who see me laugh me to scorn; \*  
they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,
- 8 "He trusted in the LORD; let him deliver him; \*  
let him rescue him, if he delights in him."
- 9 Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, \*  
and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.
- 10 I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; \*  
you were my God when I was still in my  
mother's womb.
- 11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near, \*  
and there is none to help.
- 12 Many young bulls encircle me; \*  
strong bulls of Bashan surround me.
- 13 They open wide their jaws at me, \*  
like a ravening and a roaring lion.
- 14 I am poured out like water;  
all my bones are out of joint; \*  
my heart within my breast is melting wax.
- 15 My mouth is dried out like a pot-sherd;  
my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; \*  
and you have laid me in the dust of the grave.
- 16 Packs of dogs close me in,  
and gangs of evildoers circle around me; \*  
they pierce my hands and my feet;  
I can count all my bones.
- 17 They stare and gloat over me; \*  
they divide my garments among them;  
they cast lots for my clothing.
- 18 Be not far away, O LORD; \*  
you are my strength; hasten to help me.
- 19 Save me from the sword, \*  
my life from the power of the dog.
- 20 Save me from the lion's mouth, \*  
my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.
- 21 I will declare your Name to my brethren; \*  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

*Antiphon*

The divide my garments among them; they cast lots for my clothing.

**Lesson 4.**

*Hebrews 4:15–5:10; 9:11–15a*

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A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

We do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sinning. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. Because of this he is bound to offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people.

**Responsory 4.**

*Tenebrae factae sunt*

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*Celebrant* Darkness covered the whole land

*People* **when Jesus had been crucified; and about the ninth hour he cried with a loud voice:  
My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?  
And he bowed his head and handed over his spirit.**

*Celebrant* Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said:

Father, into you hands I commend my spirit.

*People* **And he bowed his head and handed over his spirit.**

**Psalm 143.**

*Domine, exaudi*

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*Antiphon 5*

They shall mourn for him as one mourns for an only child; for the Lord, who is without sin, is slain.

- 1 LORD, hear my prayer,  
and in your faithfulness heed my supplications; \*  
answer me in your righteousness.

- 2 Enter not into judgment with your servant, \*  
for in your sight shall no one living be justified.
- 3 For my enemy has sought my life;  
he has crushed me to the ground; \*  
he has made me live in dark places like those who are  
long dead.
- 4 My spirit faints within me; \*  
my heart within me is desolate.
- 5 I remember the time past;  
I muse upon all your deeds; \*  
I consider the works of your hands.
- 6 I spread out my hands to you; \*  
my soul gasps to you like a thirsty land.
- 7 O LORD, make haste to answer me; my spirit fails me; \*  
do not hide your face from me  
or I shall be like those who go down to the Pit.
- 8 Let me hear of your loving-kindness in the morning,  
for I put my trust in you; \*  
show me the road that I must walk,  
for I lift up my soul to you.
- 9 Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD, \*  
for I flee to you for refuge.
- 10 Teach me to do what pleases you, for you are my God; \*  
let your good Spirit lead me on level ground.
- 11 Revive me, O LORD, for your Name's sake; \*  
for your righteousness' sake, bring me out of trouble.
- 12 Of your goodness, destroy my enemies  
and bring all my foes to naught, \*  
for truly I am your servant.

### *Antiphon*

They shall mourn for him as one mourns for an only child; for the Lord, who is without sin, is slain.

### **Lesson 5.**

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And one does not take the honor upon himself, but he is called by God, just as Aaron was. So also, Christ did not exalt himself to be made high priest, but was appointed by him who said to

him, "You are my Son, this day have I begotten you;" as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, after to the order of Melchizedek." In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard for his godly fear. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and, having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

### **Responsory 5.**

*Velum templi*

*Celebrant* The veil of the temple was torn in two,  
*People* **And the earth shook, and the thief  
from the cross cried out,  
Lord, remember me  
when you come into your kingdom.**

*Celebrant* The rocks were split, the tombs were opened,  
and many bodies of the saints who slept were raised:  
*People* **And the earth shook, and the thief  
from the cross cried out,  
Lord, remember me  
when you come into your kingdom.**

### **Psalm 150.**

*Laudate Domi*

#### *Antiphon 6*

O Death, I will be your death; O Grave, I will be your destruction.

- 1 Praise God in his holy temple; \*  
praise him in the firmament of his power.
- 2 Praise him for his mighty acts; \*  
praise him for his excellent greatness.
- 3 Praise him with the blast of the ram's-horn; \*  
Praise him with lyre and harp.
- 4 Praise him with timbrel and dance; \*  
praise him with strings and pipe.

- 5 Praise him with resounding cymbals; \*  
praise him with loud-clanging cymbals.  
6 Let everything that has breath \*  
praise the Lord.

*Antiphon*

O Death, I will be your death; O Grave, I will be your destruction.

**Lesson 6.**

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But when Christ came as a high priest of the good things that are to come, then, through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), he entered once for all into the Holy Place, taking not the blood of goats and calves but his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls, with the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify your conscience from dead works to serve the living God. Therefore, he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance.

**Responsory 6.**

*Sepulto Domino*

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*Celebrant* When the Lord was buried, they sealed the tomb,

*People* **rolling a great stone to the door of the tomb;  
and they stationed soldiers to guard him.**

*Celebrant* The chief priest gathered before Pilate,  
and petitioned him:

*People* **And they stationed soldiers to guard him.**

# LAUDS

*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.*

*Celebrant* My flesh also shall rest in hope:

*People* **You will not let your holy one see corruption.**

## The Song of Zechariah.

*Benedictus Dominus Deus (Luke 1:68–79)*

### *Antiphon*

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

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; \*

he has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty savior, \*

born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old,

that he would save us from our enemies, \*

from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers \*

and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, \*

to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship him without fear, \*

holy and righteous in his sight

all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, \*

for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

To give his people knowledge of salvation \*

by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God \*

the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the

shadow of death, \*

and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.  
Amen.

*Antiphon*

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

*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.*

**Anthem.**

*Christus factus est*

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*All kneel for the singing of the following anthem*

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.*

*The following Psalm is then said quietly. If it is sung, it is customary to monotone  
alternate verses.*

**Psalm 51.**

*Miserere mei, Deus*

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- 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.

*The officiant says the Collect without the chant, and without the usual conclusion.*

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.

*Nothing further is said; but a noise is made, and the remaining candle is brought from its hiding place and replaced on the stand. By its light the ministers and people depart in silence.*