

Good Friday - The Office of Tenebrae

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King's Chapel, Boston MA

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Et facta hora sexta,
tenebrae factae sunt
per totam terram usque
in horam nonam.

Mark 15:33

The Office of Tenebrae

The people standing

The service is found in the Prayerbook on pages 107-112.

PRELUDE O Sacred Head, Now Wounded Johannes Brahms

* **CHORALE**

O sacred head, now wounded,
With grief and shame weighed down,
Now scornfully surrounded
With thorns, thine only crown.
O sacred head, what glory,
What bliss, till now was thine!
Yet, though despised and gory,
I joy to call thee mine.

* **PSALM 22**

- 1 My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?
Why art thou so far from helping me, and from the words of my groaning?
- 2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but thou hearest not;
and in the night season, and am not silent.
- 3 But thou art holy,
enthroned on the praises of Israel.
- 4 Our fathers trusted in thee;
they trusted, and thou didst deliver them.
- 5 They cried unto thee, and were delivered;
they trusted in thee, and were not confounded.
- 6 But I am a worm, and no man;
a reproach of men, and despised of the people.
- 7 All they that see me laugh me to scorn,
they shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying,

8 "He trusted on the Lord that he would deliver him:
let him deliver him, seeing he delighted in him."
9 But thou art he that took me out of the womb;
thou didst make me hope when I was at my mother's breast.
10 Upon thee was I cast from my birth,
and since my mother bore me thou hast been my God.
11 Be not far from me,
for trouble is near and there is none to help.
12 Many bulls have compassed me;
strong bulls of Bashan have beset me around.
13 They gaped upon me with their mouths,
as a ravening and roaring lion.
14 I am poured out like water,
and all my bones are out of joint;
my heart is like wax, it is melted within my breast.
15 My strength is dried up like a potsherd,
and my tongue cleaveth to my jaws;
and thou hast brought me into the dust of death.
16 For dogs have compassed me;
the assembly of the wicked has enclosed me;
they pierced my hands and my feet.
17 I can count all my bones;
they look and stare upon me.
18 They part my garments among them,
and cast lots upon my vesture.
19 But be not thou far from me, O Lord;
O my strength, haste thee to help me.
20 Deliver my soul from the sword,
my life from the power of the dog!
21 Save me from the lion's mouth,
my afflicted soul from the horns of the wild oxen.
22 I will declare thy name unto my brethren:
in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee.
23 Ye that fear the Lord, praise him;
all ye seed of Jacob, glorify him,
and fear him, all ye the seed of Israel!
24 For he hath not despised nor abhorred
the affliction of the afflicted
neither hath he hid his face from him,
but when he cried unto him, he heard.
25 My praise shall be of thee in the great congregation;
I will pay my vows before them that fear him.
26 The meek shall eat and be satisfied;
they shall praise the Lord that seek him;
your heart shall live for ever.
27 All the ends of the world shall remember
and turn unto the Lord:

- and all the kindreds of the nations
shall worship before thee.
- 28 For the kingdom is the Lord's,
and he is the governor among the nations.
- 29 All they that be fat upon the earth shall eat and worship;
all they that go down to the dust shall bow before him;
and none can keep alive his own soul.
- 30 A seed shall serve him;
men shall tell of the Lord to the coming generation.
- 31 They shall come and declare his righteousness unto a
people that shall be born,
that he hath done this.

FIRST NOCTURN

FIRST LESSON Mark 14:1-16

SECOND LESSON Mark 14:17-25

THIRD LESSON Mark 14:26-42

CHORALE

THE ANTIPHON FOR PSALM 2

The congregation, led by the reader, will say this antiphon before,
at certain points during and after the reading of the psalm.

Serve the Lord with fear:
and rejoice with trembling.

PSALM 2

SECOND NOCTURN

FOURTH LESSON Mark 14:43-52

FIFTH LESSON Mark 14:53-65

SIXTH LESSON Mark 14:53-65

CHORALE

ANTIPHON FOR PSALM 88

The congregation, led by the reader, will say this antiphon before, at certain points during and after the reading of the psalm.

Let my prayer come before thee:
incline thine ear unto my cry.

PSALM 88

THIRD NOCTURN

SEVENTH LESSON Mark 14:53-65

EIGHTH LESSON Mark 15:16-20

NINTH LESSON Mark 15:21-41

CHORALE

LAUDS

PSALM 130

TENTH LESSON Mark15:42-47

THE COLLECT FOR GOOD FRIDAY

THE LORD'S PRAYER

At this service the Lord's Prayer ends with the words:
"...deliver us from evil."

*** THE RECESSION OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

The Office of Tenebrae concludes with the closing of the books.
There is no benediction or recessional.
You may remain in the pews after the conclusion of the service.
Please leave in silence.

This service was first read at King's Chapel in 1957, when the Rev. Joseph Barth was minister, and has been read annually since. The musical settings of the Tenebrae Lessons are by Daniel Pinkham.