

GRACE CHURCH IN PROVIDENCE

The Mission of Grace Church is to build, by the grace of God, a loving and joyful community which lives the Gospel through worship, proclamation, and service to each other, to downtown Providence, and beyond.

THE OFFICE OF TENEBRAE

A SERVICE OF SHADOWS

SPY WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31ST, 2021

LIVE-STREAMED AT 8:00 PM



A note about this service

The name Tenebrae (Latin 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 reading of the Lamentations (in which each verse is introduced by a letter of the Hebrew alphabet), the most conspicuous feature of this service is the gradual extinguishing of seven candles that are placed in a special candle-stand called a “Tenebrae Hearse”. Additionally, other lights in the church are also gradually put out until only a single candle, a symbol of our Lord Jesus Christ, 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, called the *strepitus*, is made, symbolizing the earthquake at the time of the resurrection (Matthew 28:2), the hidden candle is then restored to its place, and by its light all depart in silence.

Please stand as you are able for the entrance of the Choir and Clergy. The Office begins immediately with the Antiphon on the first Psalm. The Congregation sits before the beginning of the Psalmody.

THE NOCTURN

ANTIPHON

Zelus domus

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

PSALM 69:1-9, 11-14, 16-18, 23

Salvum me fac

Tone III.4

Save me, O God, *

for the waters have risen up to my neck.

²I am sinking in deep mire, *

and there is no firm ground for my feet.

³I have come into deep waters, *

and the torrent washes over me.

⁴I have grown weary with my crying; my throat is inflamed; *

my eyes have failed from looking for my God.

⁵Those 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?

⁶O God, you know my foolishness, *

and my faults are not hidden from you.

⁷Let 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.

⁸Surely, for your sake have I suffered reproach, *

and shame has covered my face.

⁹I have become a stranger to my own kindred, *

an alien to my mother's children.

¹¹I humbled myself with fasting, *

but that was turned to my reproach.

¹²I 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:

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.”

²³ They gave me gall to eat, *
and when I was thirsty, they gave me vinegar to drink. (*Antiphon*)

The first candle is extinguished.

ANTIPHON

Avertantur retrorsum

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

PSALM 70

Deus, in adiutorium

Tone VIII.1

Be pleased, O God, to deliver 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 for ever, "Great is the LORD!"

⁵ But as for me, I am poor and needy; *
come to me speedily, O God.

⁶ You are my helper and my deliverer; *
O LORD, do not tarry. (*Antiphon*)

The second candle is extinguished.

ANTIPHON

Exsurge, Domine

Arise, O God:
maintain your cause.

PSALM 74: 1-9, 12-15, 18-20

Ut quid, Deus

Tone IV.4

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 holy 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 holy place; *
they defiled the dwelling-place of your Name and razed it to the ground.

⁷ They said to themselves, "Let us destroy them altogether." *
They burned down all the meeting-places of God in the land.

⁸ There are no signs for us to see; there is no prophet left; *
there is not one among us who knows how long.

⁹ How long, O God, will the adversary scoff? *
will the enemy blaspheme your Name for ever?

¹² You divided the sea by your might *
and shattered the heads of the dragons upon the waters;

¹³ You crushed the heads of Leviathan *
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.

¹⁸ Do not hand over the life of your dove to wild beasts; *
never forget the lives of your poor.

¹⁹ Look upon your covenant; *
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. (*Antiphon*)

The third candle is extinguished.

Please stand as you are able.

Officiant Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked:

People **From the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.**

All **OUR FATHER, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.

Please be seated for the lessons.

THE FIRST LESSON

Lamentations 1:1-5

N *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. *Dalet.* 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

IN MONTE OLIVETI oravit ad patrem:	<i>On the mount of Olives [Jesus] prayed:</i>
Pater si fieri potest	<i>Father, if it be possible,</i>
transeat a me calix iste.	<i>let this cup pass from me.</i>
Spiritus quidem promptus	<i>The spirit indeed is willing,</i>
est caro autem infirma.	<i>but the flesh is weak.</i>
Fiat voluntas tua.	<i>Thy will be done.</i>

Music: Giovanni Battista Martini (1706-1784)



THE SECOND LESSON

Lamentations 1:6-9

W*aw.* 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

TRISTIS EST ANIMA mea
usque ad mortem:

sustinete hic et vigilate mecum.

Nunc videbitis turbam quæ
circumdabit me. Vos fugam capietis,
et ego vadam immolari pro vobis.

Ecce appropinquat hora,
et Filius hominis tradetur
in manus peccatorum.

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

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.*

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

Music: G. B. Martini



THE THIRD LESSON

Lamentations: 1:10-14

Yodhb. 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!” Lamedhb. 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

ECCE VIDIMUS EUM non habentem
speciem, neque decorem:
Aspectus ejus in eo non est:
Hic peccata nostra portavit,
et pro nobis dolet:
Ipse autem vulneratus est, propter
iniquitates nostras:
Cujus livore sanati sumus.
Vere languores nostros ipse tulit et
dolores nostros ipse portavit.

*Behold, we have seen him without
beauty or majesty,
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.
Truly, he hath borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows:
And by his scourging
we are healed.*

Music: Marc'Antonio Ingegneri (c 1535-1592)

LAUDS

ANTIPHON

Dominus tanquam ovis

He was led like a lamb to the slaughter,
and he opened not his mouth.

PSALM 90:1-8, 11-12

Domine, refugium

Tone VIII.1

LORD, you have been our refuge *

from one generation to another.

² Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born, *

from age to age you are God.

³ You turn us back to the dust and say, *

“Go back, O child of earth.”

⁴ For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past *
and like a watch in the night.

⁵ You sweep us away like a dream; *

we fade away suddenly like the grass.

⁶ In the morning it is green and flourishes; *

in the evening it is dried up and withered.

⁷ For we consume away in your displeasure; *
we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.

⁸ Our iniquities you have set before you, *
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

¹¹ Who regards the power of your wrath? *
who rightly fears your indignation?

¹² So teach us to number our days *
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. (*Antiphon*)

The fourth candle is extinguished.

ANTIPHON

Contritum est

My heart within me is broken:
all my bones shake.

PSALM 36:1-3, 5-9, 12

Dixit injustus

Tone I.1

There is a voice of rebellion deep in the heart of the wicked; *
there is no fear of God before his eyes.

² He flatters himself in his own eyes *
that his hateful sin will not be found out.

³ The words of his mouth are wicked and deceitful; *
he has left off acting wisely and doing good.

⁵ Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens, *
and your faithfulness to the clouds.

⁶ Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,
your justice like the great deep; *
you save both man and beast, O LORD.

⁷ How priceless is your love, O God! *
your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

⁸ They feast upon the abundance of your house; *
you give them drink from the river of your delights.

⁹ For with you is the well of life, *

and in your light we see light.

¹² See how they are fallen, those who work wickedness! *
they are cast down and shall not be able to rise. (*Antiphon*)

The fifth candle is extinguished.

ANTIPHON

Oblatus est

He was made as an offering because he himself desired it:
and himself bore our sins

PSALM 147:1-9, 12

Laudate Dominum

Tone VIII.1

Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God! *
how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!

² The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem; *
he gathers the exiles of Israel.

³ He heals the brokenhearted *
and binds up their wounds.

⁴ He counts the number of the stars *
and calls them all by their names.

⁵ Great is our LORD and mighty in power; *
there is no limit to his wisdom.

⁶ The LORD lifts up the lowly, *
but casts the wicked to the ground.

⁷ Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; *
make music to our God upon the harp.

⁸ He covers the heavens with clouds *
and prepares rain for the earth;

⁹ He makes grass to grow upon the mountains *
and green plants to serve mankind.

¹² But the LORD has pleasure in those who fear him, *
in those who await his gracious favor.

The sixth candle is extinguished.

Please stand as you are able.

Officiant My own familiar friend, whom I trusted;

People **Who also did eat of my bread, had been lying in wait for me.**

During the singing of the following Antiphon and Canticle the candles on the High Altar and all other lights in the Church are extinguished. One light remains in the candle bourse.

ANTIPHON

Traditor autem

Now he that betrayed him gave them a sign, saying:

Whosoever I shall kiss, that is he; hold him fast.

BENEDICTUS DOMINUS DEUS

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,

for he hath visited and redeemed his people;

And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us

in the house of his servant David,

As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets,

which have been since the world began:

That we should be saved from our enemies,

and from the hand of all that hate us;

To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers,

and to remember his holy covenant;

To perform the oath which he swore to our forefather Abraham,

that he would give us,

That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies

might serve him without fear,

In holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life.

And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest,

for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;

To give knowledge of salvation unto his people

for the remission of their sins,

Through the tender mercy of our God,

whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us;

To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,

and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Music: Plainsong, Tonus Peregrinus; adapt. Bruce E. Ford (b. 1947)

Please kneel as you are able as the last light is carried from the Church.

ANTIPHON

CHRISTUS FACTUS EST pro nobis
obediens usque ad mortem,
mortem autem crucis.
Propter quod et Deus exaltavit illum,
et dedit illi nomen,
quod est super omne nomen.

*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.*

Music: Giovanni Matteo Asola (1532-1907)

A brief silence is observed. Then the following Psalm is chanted.

PSALM 51

Miserere mei, Deus

Tone II.1

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; *
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

²Wash me through and through from my wickedness *
and cleanse me from my sin.

³For I know my transgressions, *
and my sin is ever before me.

⁴Against you only have I sinned *
and done what is evil in your sight.

⁵And so you are justified when you speak *
and upright in your judgment.

⁶Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, *
a sinner from my mother's womb.

⁷For behold, you look for truth deep within me, *
and will make me understand wisdom secretly

⁸Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; *
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.

⁹Make me hear of joy and gladness, *
that the body you have broken may rejoice.

¹⁰Hide your face from my sins *
and blot out all my iniquities.

¹¹Create 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 CONCLUDING COLLECT

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.

*A loud noise is made, to commemorate the earthquake at our Lord's Resurrection, after
which the remaining candle is brought from its hiding place and replaced on the High
Altar. By its light all depart in silence.*



~ SERVING THIS EVENING ~

Officiant: Drake Douglas

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HOLY WEEK & EASTER 2021

Maundy Thursday, April 1st

Choral Eucharist with The Washing of Feet, Procession to the Altar of
Repose, Stripping of the Altar, and Spiritual Communion

Live-streamed at 7:00 PM

The Garden Watch in The Chapel of the Messiah

Live-streamed from 8:00 PM – 12 Midnight

Good Friday, April 2nd

The Solemn Liturgy of The Passion

Live-streamed at 12 Noon

The Way of the Cross with Music

Live-streamed at 6:00 PM

Holy Saturday April 3rd

The Great Vigil, Renewal of Baptismal Vows, and the
First Eucharist of Easter with Spiritual Communion

Live-streamed at 8:00 PM

The Feast of the Resurrection: Easter Day Sunday, April 4th

Festal Choral Eucharist with Spiritual Communion

Live-streamed at 10:00 AM



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