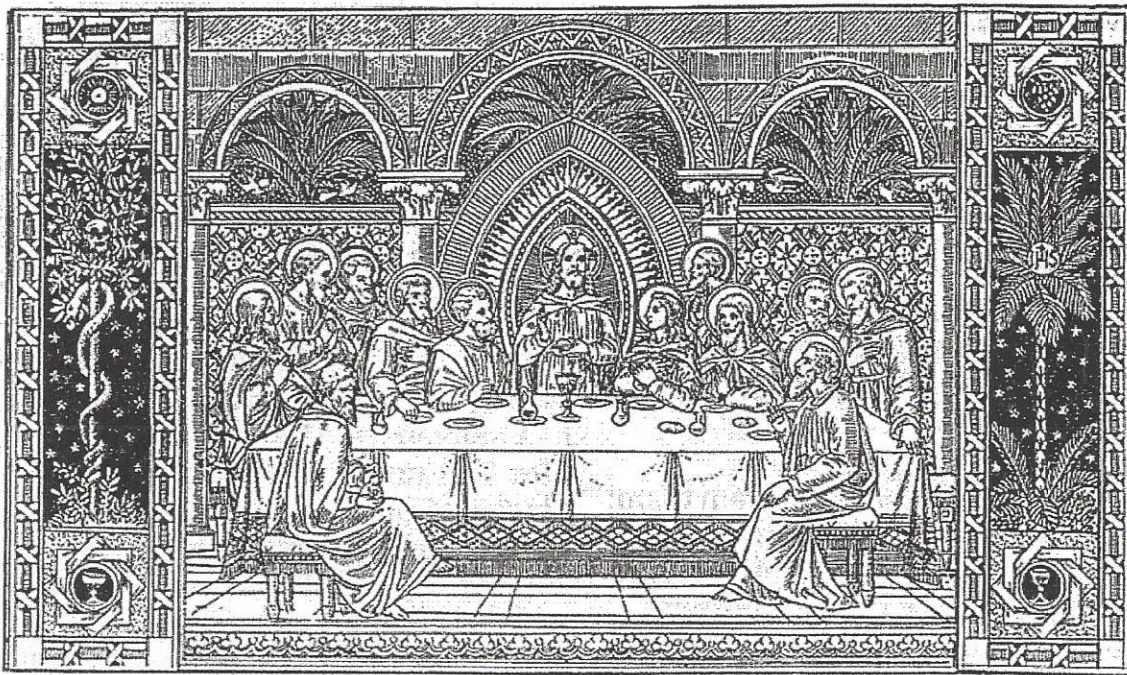


Holy Thursday

Tenebrae Office of Darkness



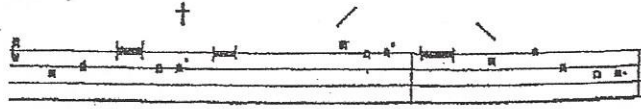
Office of Readings

Invitatory:

Priest: Lord, open my lips.

All: And my mouth will proclaim your praise.

Gregorian Tone-VII-g



Antiphon: *Come, let us worship Christ,
who for our sake endured temptation and suffering.*

Come, let us sing to the Lord
and shout with joy to the Rock who saves us.
Let us approach him with praise and thanksgiving
and sing joyful songs to the Lord. **(All repeat antiphon)**

The Lord is God, the mighty God,
the great king over all the gods.
He holds in his hands the depths of the earth
and the highest mountains as well.
He made the sea; it belongs to him,
the dry land, too, for it was formed by his hands. **(All repeat antiphon)**

Come, then, let us bow down and worship,
bending the knee before the Lord, our maker.
For he is our God and we are his people,
the flock he shepherds. **(All repeat antiphon)**

Today listen to the voice of the Lord:

Do not grow stubborn, as your fathers did in the wilderness,
when at Meribah and Massah they challenged me and provoked me,
although they had seen all of my works. **(All repeat antiphon)**

Forty years I endured that generation.

I said, "They are a people whose hearts go astray
and they do not know my ways."

So I swore in my anger, "They shall not enter into my rest."

(All repeat antiphon)

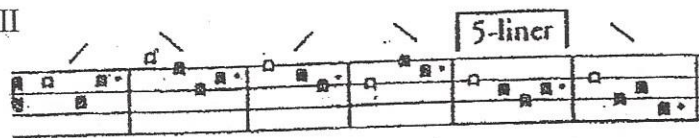
Hymn – *Pange Lingua*

St. Thomas Aquinas

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| 1. Pange lingua, gloriosi
Corporis mysterium,
Sanguinisque pretiosi,
Quem in mundi pretium.
Fructus ventris generosi
Rex effudit gentium. | 4. Verbum caro, panem verum
Verbo carum efficit:
Fitque sanguis Christi merum,
Et si sensus deficit
Ad firmandum cor sincerum
Sola fides sufficit. |
| 2. Nobis datus, nobis natus
Ex intacta Virgine,
Et in mundo conversatus,
Sparso verbi semine,
Sui moras incolatus
Miro clausit ordine. | 5. Tantum ergo Sacramentum
Veneremur cernui:
Et antiquum documentum
Novo cedat ritui:
Praestet fides supplementum
Sensuum defectui. |
| 3. In supremæ nocte coenæ,
Recumbens cum fratribus,
Observata lege plene
Cibis in legalibus,
Cibum turbae duodenæ
Sedat suis manibus | 6. Genitori, Genitoque
Laus et jubilatio,
Salus, honor, virtus quoque
Sit et benedictio:
Procedenti ab utroque
Compar sit laudatio. Amen. |

Psalmody

Meinrad Tone VII



Antiphon 1: *I am worn out with crying, with longing for my God.*

Psalm 69:2-22, 30-37

- I. Save me, O God,
for the waters have risen to my neck.
I have sunk into the mud of the deep
and there is no foothold.
I have entered the water of the deep
and the waves overwhelm me.
- II. I am wearied with all my crying, +
my throat is parched.
My eyes have wasted away, +
from looking for my God.
More numerous than the hairs on my head
are those who hate me without cause.
Those who attack me with lies
are too much for my strength.
- I. How can I restore what I have never stolen?
O God, you know my sinful folly, my sins you can see.
Let those who hope in you not be put to shame
through me, Lord of hosts:
let not those who seek you be dismayed
through me, God of Israel.

II. It is for you that I suffer taunts,
that shame covers my face,
that I have become a stranger to my brothers,
an alien to my own mother's sons.
I burn with zeal for your house
and taunts against you fall on me.

I. When I afflict my soul with fasting
they make it a taunt against me.
When I put on sackcloth in mourning
then they make me a byword,
the gossip of men at the gates,
the subject of drunkard's songs.

Antiphon 1: *I am worn out with crying, with longing for my God.*

Antiphon 2: *I needed food and they gave me gall; I was parched with
thirst and they gave me vinegar to drink.*

I. This is my prayer to you,
my prayer for your favor.
In your great love, answer me, O God,
with your help that never fails:
rescue me from sinking in the mud;
save me from my foes.

II. Save me from the waters of the deep
lest the waves overwhelm me.
Do not let the deep engulf me
nor death close its mouth on me.
Lord, answer, for your love is kind;
in your compassion, turn towards me

I. Do not hide your face from your servant;
answer quickly for I am in distress.
Come close to my soul and redeem me;
ransom me pressed by my foes.
You know how they taunt and deride me;
my oppressors are all before you.

II. Taunts have broken my heart;
I have reached the end of my strength.
I looked in vain for compassion,
for consolers: not one could I find.
For food they gave me poison;
in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.

*Antiphon 2: I needed food and they gave me gall; I was parched with
thirst and they gave me vinegar to drink.*

Antiphon 3: Seek the Lord, and you will live.

I. As for me in my poverty and pain
let your help, O God, lift me up.
I will praise God's name with a song;
I will glorify him with thanksgiving,
a gift pleasing God more than oxen,
more than beasts prepared for sacrifice.

II. The poor when they see it will be glad
and God-seeking hearts will revive;
for the Lord listens to the needy
and does not spurn his servants in their chains.
Let the heavens and the earth give him praise,
the sea and all its living creatures.

- I. For God will bring help to Zion
and rebuild the cities of Judah
and men shall dwell there in possession.
The sons of his servants shall inherit it;
those who love his name
shall dwell therein.

Antiphon 3: Seek the Lord, and you will live.

Verse: *When I am lifted up from the earth.
I will draw all people to myself.*

First Reading – From the Letter to the Hebrews (4:14 – 5:10)
Jesus Christ, the great high priest

Responsory – Hebrews 5:8, 9, 7
*Though he was the Son of God, Christ learned obedience through what he suffered;
--and now, for all who obey him, he has become the source of eternal life.
In the days of his earthly life he prayed, crying aloud, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard.
--and now, for all who obey him, he has become the source of eternal life.*

Second Reading – From an Easter Homily by St. Melito of Sardis,
Bishop (Nn. 65-71: SC 123, 95-101)
*The lamb that was slain has delivered us from death
and given us life.*

Responsory – Romans :23-25; John 1:29

Everyone has sinned and is deprived of God's glory. We are justified through the free gift of his grace and through the redemption of Christ Jesus.

--God made Christ's sacrificial death the means of expiating the sins of all believers.

This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

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The Lamentations of the Prophet Jeremiah

I

Here begins the Lamentation of Jeremiah the Prophet

Aleph. How lonely is she now; the once crowded city!
Widowed is she who was mistress over nations;
the princess among the provinces has been made a toiling slave.

Beth. Bitterly she weeps at night, tears upon her cheeks;
with not one to console her of all her dear ones;
her friends have all betrayed her and become her enemies.

Ghimel. Judah has fled into exile from oppression and cruel slavery;
yet where she lives among the nations she finds no place to rest:
all her persecutors come upon her where she is narrowly confined.

Daleth. The roads of Sion mourn for lack of pilgrims going to her feasts;
all her gateways are deserted, her priests groan, her virgins sigh;
she is in bitter grief.

He. Her foes are uppermost, her enemies are at ease;
the Lord has punished her for her many sins.
Her little ones have gone away, captive before the foe.

Jerusalem, Jerusalem, be converted to the Lord your God.

Responsory:

*On the Mount of Olives He prayed to His Father: Father, if it be possible,
let this cup pass away from me.*

--The spirit indeed is ready, but the flesh is weak.

Watch and pray that you enter not into temptation.

--The spirit indeed is ready, but the flesh is weak.

II

Vau. Gone from daughter Sion is all her glory;
her princes like rams that find no pasture,
have gone off without strength before their captors.

Zain. Jerusalem is mindful of the days of her wretched homelessness,
when her people fell into enemy hands, and she had no one to help her;
when he foes gloated over her, laughed at her ruin.

Heth. Through the sin of which she is guilty, Jerusalem is defiled; all who
esteem her think her vile now that they see her nakedness;
she herself groans and turns away.

Teth. Her filth is on her skirt; she gave no thought how she would end.
Astounding is her downfall, with no one to console her.
Look, O Lord, upon her misery, for the enemy has triumphed!

Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return to the Lord your God.

Responsory:

My soul is sorrowful even unto death. Stay here, and watch with me. Soon you shall see the crowd that shall surround me.

--You will flee, but I will go to be offered up for you.

Behold the time draws nigh, and the Son of Man shall be delivered into the hands of sinners.

--You will flee, but I will go to be offered up for you.

III

Jod. The foe stretched out his hand to all her treasures;
she has seen those nations enter her sanctuary
whom you forbade to come into your assembly.

Caph. All her people groan, searching for bread;
they give their treasures for food to retain the breath of life.
"Look, O Lord, and see how worthless I have become!"

Lamed. "Come, all you who pass by the way, look and see whether there is any suffering like my suffering, which has been dealt me when the Lord afflicted me on the day of his blazing wrath."

Mem. "From on high he sent fire down into my very frame;
he spread a net for my feet, and overthrew me.
He left me desolate, in pain all the day."

Nun. "He has kept watch over my sins; by his hand they have plaited:
they have settled about my neck, he has brought my strength to its knees;
the Lord has delivered me into their grip, I am unable to rise."

Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return to the Lord your God.

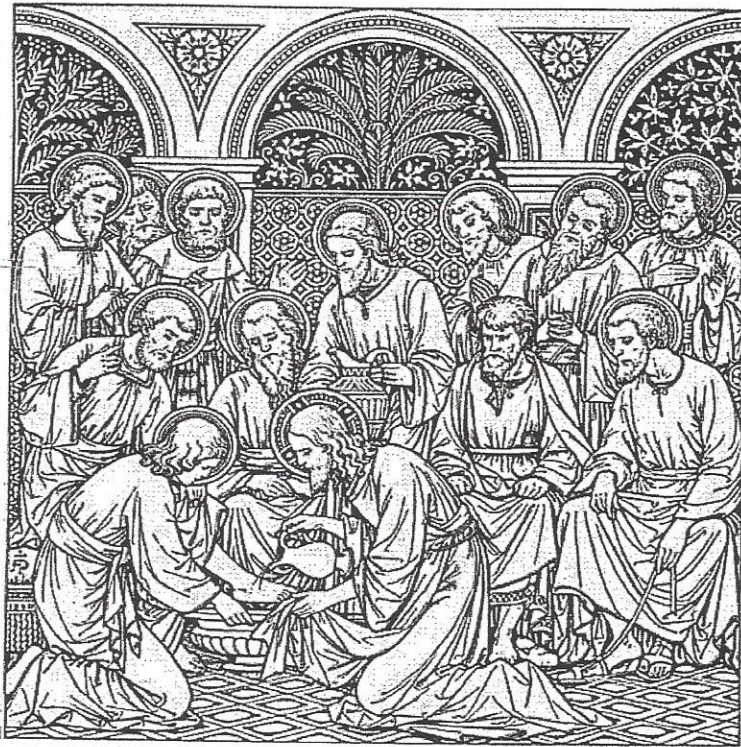
Responsory:

Behold, we have seen Him without comeliness or beauty. His look is gone from Him. He has borne our sins, and has suffered for us. He was wounded for our wrongdoings.

--By His stripes we are healed.

Truly He has borne our infirmities, and carried our sorrows.

-By His stripes we are healed.



Morning Prayer Psalmody

Gregorian Tone VIII-g



Antiphon: *Look, O Lord, and see my suffering. Come quickly to my aid.*

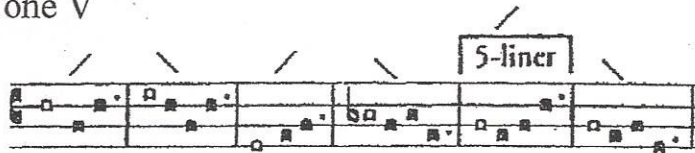
Psalm 80

- I. O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
you who lead Joseph's flock
shine forth from your cherubim throne
upon Ephraim, Benjamin, Manasseh.
O Lord, rouse up your might,
O Lord, come to our help.
- II. God of hosts, bring us back;
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.
- I. Lord, God of hosts, how long
will you frown on your people's plea?
You have fed them with tears for their bread,
an abundance of tears for their drink.
You have made us the taunt of our neighbors,
our enemies laugh us to scorn.
- II. God of hosts, bring us back;
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

- I. You brought a vine out of Egypt;
to plant it you drove out the nations.
Before it you cleared the ground;
it took root and spread through the land.
- II. The mountains were covered with its shadow,
the cedars of God with its boughs.
It stretched out its branches to the sea,
to the great river it stretched out its shoots.
- I. Then why have you broken down its walls?
It is plucked by all who pass by.
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,
devoured by the beasts of the field.
- II. God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted.
Men have burnt it with fire and destroyed it.
May they perish at the frown of your face.
- I. May your hand be on the man you have chosen,
the man you have given your strength.
And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name.
- II. God of hosts, bring us back;
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

Antiphon: *Look, O Lord, and see my suffering. Come quickly to my aid.*

Meinrad Tone V



Antiphon: *God is my savior; I trust in him and shall not fear.*

Isaiah 12:1-6

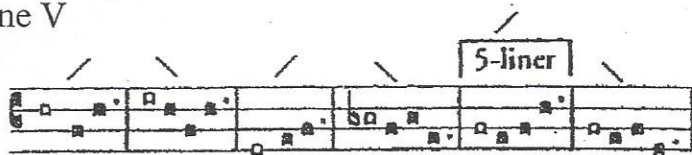
- I. I give you thanks, O Lord;
though you have been angry with me,
your anger has abated and you have consoled me.
God indeed is my savior;
I am confident and unafraid.
My strength and my courage is the Lord, +
and he has been my savior.

- II. With joy you will draw water
at the fountain of salvation,
and say on that day:
Give thanks to the Lord, acclaim his name;
among the nations make known his deeds,
proclaim how exalted is his name.

- I. Sing praise to the Lord
for his glorious achievement;
let it be known throughout all the earth.
Shout with exaltation, O city of Zion,
for great in your midst
is the Holy One of Israel!

Antiphon: *God is my savior; I trust in him and shall not fear.*

Meinrad Tone V



Antiphon: *The Lord has fed us with the finest wheat;
he has filled us with honey from the rock.*

Psalm 81

- I. Ring out your joy to God our strength,
Shout in triumph to the God of Jacob.
Raise a song and sound the trumpet,
the sweet-sounding harp and the lute,
blow the trumpet at the new moon,
when the moon is full, on our feast.
- II. For this is Israel's law,
a command of the God of Jacob.
He imposed it as a rule on Joseph,
when he went out against the land of Egypt.
- I. A voice I did not know said to me:
"I freed your shoulder from the burden;
your hands were freed from the load.
You called in distress and I saved you.
- II. "I answered, concealed in the storm cloud,
at the waters of Meribah I tested you.
Listen, my people, to my warning,
O Israel, if only you would heed!

I. "Let there be no foreign god among you,
no worship of an alien god.
I am the Lord your God who brought you from the land of Egypt.
Open wide your mouth and I will fill it.

II. "But my people did not heed my voice
and Israel would not obey,
so I left them in their stubbornness of heart
to follow their own designs.

I. "O that my people would heed me,
that Israel would walk in my ways!
At once I would subdue their foes,
turn my head against their enemies.

II. "The Lord's enemies would cringe at their feet
and their subjection would last forever.
But Israel I would feed with finest wheat
and fill them with honey from the rock."

Antiphon: *The Lord has fed us with the finest wheat;
he has filled us with honey from the rock.*

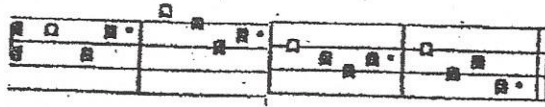
Reading – Hebrews 2:9-10

Responsory:

*Christus factus est pro nobis obediens usque ad mortem.
For our sake Christ was obedient, accepting even death.*

Canticle of Zechariah

Meinrad Tone VII



Antiphon: *I have longed to eat this meal, with you before I suffer.*

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.

Antiphon: *I have longed to eat this meal, with you before I suffer.*

Intercessions

All: Kyrie eleison.

The Lord's Prayer

Collect

Blessing and Dismissal

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: May Almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Priest: Let us bless the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

