



Emmanuel Church



EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH

TENEBRAE SERVICE

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 05, 2023 AT 7:00PM

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

The First Antiphon and Psalm – Psalm 69:1-23

Antiphon: 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.

The first candle is extinguished.

The Second Antiphon and Psalm – Psalm 70

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

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

The second candle is extinguished.

The Third Antiphon and Psalm – Psalm 74

Antiphon: Arise, O God, maintain my cause.

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 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?
10. Why do you draw back your hand? *
why is your right hand hidden in your bosom?
11. Yet God is my King from ancient times, *
victorious in the midst of the earth.
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.
16. You fixed all the boundaries of the earth; *
you made both summer and winter.
17. Remember, O Lord, how the enemy scoffed, *
how a foolish people despised 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 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.
21. Arise, O God, maintain your cause; *
remember how fools revile you all day long.
22. Forget not the clamor of your adversaries, *
the unending tumult of those who rise up against you.
- Antiphon:* Arise, O God, maintain my cause.

The third candle is extinguished.

When the Officiant stands, all rise as able.

Officiant Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked:
People **From the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.**

All remain standing for silent prayer.

When the Officiant sits, all are seated for the lessons.

Lesson 1 – Lamentations 1:1-5

In this book of the bible verse of the Lesson is begun by the chanting of the Hebrew letter assigned to it.

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 One – “In Monte Oliveti”

Healey Willan

On the mount of olives he prayed to his Father: “Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak. Watch and pray that ye enter not into temptation.”

Lesson Two – Lamentations 1:6-9

Wam. 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 Two – “Tristis est anima mea”

Healey Willan

My soul is exceeding sorrowful even unto death: tarry ye here and watch with me: now shall ye see the multitude come about me: Ye shall flee and I go to be sacrificed for you: Behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Ye shall flee and I go to be sacrificed for you.

Lesson Three – Lamentations 1:10-15

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 Three – “Ecce vidimus eum”

Healey Willan

Behold, we have seen him without form or comeliness: his form is gone from him: he hath borne our sins, and his sorrows are for us: he was wounded for our transgressions: And with his stripes we are healed. Surely he hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrow. And with his stripes we are healed.

The Fourth Antiphon and Psalm – Psalm 90:1-12

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

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.
9. When you are angry, all our days are gone; *
we bring our years to an end like a sigh.
10. The span of our life is seventy years,
perhaps in strength even eighty; *
yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow,
for they pass away quickly and we are gone.
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: He was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and he opened not his mouth.

The fourth candle is extinguished.

The Fifth Antiphon and Psalm – Psalm 143

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

The fifth candle is extinguished

The Sixth Antiphon and Psalm – Psalm 150

Antiphon: 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.

The sixth candle is extinguished.

When the Officiant stands, all rise as able.

Officiant My flesh also shall rest in hope:

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

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

Antiphon and Canticle – Canticle Sixteen

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

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; *
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.

Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; *
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.

Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you, beholding the depths; *
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.

Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

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.

All kneel for the singing of the following anthem

Anthem – “Christus factus est”

Plainsong

*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.

A brief silence is observed. The following Psalm is then read quietly.

Psalm – 51

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 Presider says the Collect 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.

Holy Week & Easter

AT EMMANUEL

SUNDAY, APRIL 2 ~ PALM SUNDAY

8:00AM Worship 

10:00AM Worship with Choir  

MONDAY, APRIL 3 ~ HOLY EUCHARIST AT 7:00PM

TUESDAY, APRIL 4 ~ INSTALLATION SERVICE AT 7:00PM

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5 ~ TENEBRAE AT 7:00PM

THURSDAY, APRIL 6 ~ MAUNDY THURSDAY AT 7:00PM

Foot-washing, Communion
and Stripping of the Altar

FRIDAY, APRIL 7 ~ GOOD FRIDAY

12:00PM Traditional Good Friday Service  

5:30PM Stations of the Cross  

SATURDAY, APRIL 8 ~ EASTER VIGIL AT 7:00PM

SUNDAY, APRIL 9 ~ EASTER SUNDAY

8:00AM Festive Service with Music 

10:00AM Festive Service with Music  

Easter Egg Hunt will follow the 10:00AM Service



Online



In Person