



Grace Episcopal Church

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Choral Tenebrae

April 5, 2023 – 7:00 pm



For as long as there is sufficient light, you may wish to follow the chanting of the psalms in The Book of Common Prayer. During the chanting of the psalms, candles in the hearse and at the altar, as well as the lights in the nave, are gradually extinguished. You may remain seated throughout the service.

WELCOME TO GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

We are pleased to welcome you to Grace Church. If you are joining us for the first time, please send us a message at welcome@gracealex.org, so we can get to know you. We can also add you to our mailing list by request. We're glad to have you join with us in worshipping God in the beauty of holiness, something which is central to our identity at Grace. We hope you will join with us in sharing the love of God with this world that needs healing.

Assisted listening devices are available for use during worship. Please see an usher if you'd like to use one.

Our Mission Statement

To Love, Proclaim, and Serve God

Through + life-giving liturgical worship + joyful community + empowering others

Contacting Grace

Please feel free to contact our staff.

Our office hours are Monday to Thursday, 9 am – 3 pm and Fridays 9 am – Noon.
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Clergy and staff are available for pastoral care. Please call the church office at (703) 549-1980 or send an email to Mtr. Anne Turner, rector@gracealex.org, if you're ill or need pastoral care. For emergencies after hours, please call the **After-hours Emergency Number: (571) 308-3219**, and the priest on call will assist you.

HOME COMMUNION

Home Communion is available upon request for parishioners who desire this service by Eucharistic Visitors every Sunday. Home Communion will be in one form, Bread only. To request Home Communion, parishioners are asked to contact the Parish Office by telephone at 703-549-1980 no later than 12 pm on the Wednesday prior to the Sunday on which they would like to receive Home Communion.

CHORAL TENEBRAE

PSALM 36 (*Plainsong, Tone VIII.1*)

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PSALM 76 (*Plainsong, Tone V.3*)

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LESSON ONE

Lamentations 1:1-5

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.

RESPONSORY: We Adore You, O Christ

Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless You, because by your Cross you have redeemed the world. We glory in your Cross, O Lord God; we praise and glorify your holy resurrection; by virtue of your Cross joy has come. O Saviour, by your Cross, by your holy Cross, Save us and help us, O Lord.

PSALM 77 (*Plainsong, Tone VI*)

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LESSON TWO

Lamentations 1:6-9

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 uncleaned, and 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 to her doom; therefore her fall is terrible, she has no comforter. "O Lord, behold my affliction, for the enemy has triumphed."

RESPONSORY: O Vos Omnes

Tomas Luis de Victoria (1548-1611)

O vos omnes qui transitis per viam: attendite et videte si est dolor sicut dolor meus.

O all ye that pass by the way, attend and see if there be any sorrow like to my sorrow.

PSALM 90 (*Plainsong, Tone VIII.1*)

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LESSON THREE

Lamentations 1:10-14

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 cry 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.

RESPONSORY: Adoramus Te Christe

G.P. Palestrina (1525-1594)

*Adoramus te, Christe, et benedicimus tibi:
quia per sanctam crucem tuam redemisti mundum.*

We adore thee, O Christ, and we bless thee:
because by thy holy cross thou hast redeemed the world

PSALM 54 (Plainsong, Tone I.2)

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BENEDICTUS DOMINUS DEUS ISRAEL

Plainsong Tone, II.2

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. *Antiphon*

The Christ candle is hidden following the canticle.

CHRISTUS FACTUS EST

Plainsong Tone, I.7

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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be 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.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

PSALM 51

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COLLECT (Officiant)

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.

Following the collect, a noise is made, and the Christ candle is returned to the stand; by its light all depart in silence.

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