# Welcome to

# ST PETER'S EASTERN HILL

Diocese of Melbourne - Anglican Church of Australia Parish Church of the City since 1846



# **TENEBRAE**

Good Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2021 8:00pm

### **TENEBRAE**

Welcome to St Peter's for this meditative service of prayer and music. The service of Tenebrae (lit. 'darkness') is an amalgam of the monastic offices of Matins and Lauds. There are Tenebrae services proper for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings of Holy Week, each anticipating the following day. Thus, this service on Friday evening is in fact the first service of Holy Saturday.

There are two main components to the service – the psalms, and the readings with their responsaries.

When reciting the psalms, it is traditional to **pause at the colon (:)** in the middle of each verse. Although this may feel strange at first, you will find that you soon settle into the pattern. The psalms we use this evening are Robert Frost's translation in *A Prayer Book for Australia*, (Broughton Books, 1995).

The readings, from the Lamentations of Jeremiah, from St Augustine's treatise on the Psalms, and from the Letter to the Hebrews, are interspersed with Carlo Gesualdo's (1566 – 1613) "Responses for Holy Saturday", sung by the choir.

Throughout the service candles are slowly extinguished, until the church is in darkness. After the final prayers one candle returns, signifying the hope of the Resurrection.

At the conclusion of the service the choir sings Allegri's "Miserere" with soprano soloist Elspeth Bawden.

There will be collection as you leave the church, should you wish to make a donation towards the work of St Peter's Eastern Hill.

All kneel as the sanctuary party enters in silence.

After a period of opening silence, all stand and pray silently:

**OUR Father,** which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done; In earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. Amen.

**HAIL Mary,** full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried, He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead, He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy catholic Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body; And the Life everlasting. Amen.

All sit after the first verse of the first Psalm.

#### **NOCTURN I**

Antiphon 1 In peace:

## I will lie down and sleep

### Psalm 4.

Cum invocarem

- 1. HEAR me when I call, O God of my righteousness: [pause] thou hast set me at liberty when I was in trouble; have mercy upon me, and hearken unto my prayer.
- 2. O ye sons of men, how long will ye blaspheme mine honour: [pause] and have such pleasure in vanity, and seek after leasing?
- 3. Know this also, that the Lord hath chosen to himself the man that is godly: [pause] when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.

- 4. Stand in awe, and sin not: commune with your own heart, and in your chamber, and be still.
- 5. Offer the sacrifice of righteousness: and put your trust in the Lord.
- 6. There be many that say: Who will shew us any good?
- 7. Lord, lift thou up: the light of thy countenance upon us.
- 8. Thou hast put gladness in my heart: since the time that their corn and wine and oil increased.
- 9. I will lay me down in peace, and take my rest: for it is thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety.

Antiphon 1 In peace:

I will lie down and sleep

Antiphon 2 He shall dwell in your tabernacle: he shall rest upon your holy hill

#### Psalm 15.

Domine, quis habitabit?

- 1. LORD, who shall dwell in thy tabernacle : or who shall rest upon thy holy hill?
- 2. Even he that leadeth an uncorrupt life: and doeth the thing which is right, and speaketh the truth from his heart.
- 3. He that hath used no deceit in his tongue, nor done evil to his neighbour: and hath not slandered his neighbour.
- 4. He that setteth not by himself, but is lowly in his own eyes: and maketh much of them that fear the Lord.
- 5. He that sweareth unto his neighbour, and disappointeth him not : though it were to his own hindrance.
- 6. He that hath not given his money upon usury: nor taken reward against the innocent.
- 7. Whoso doeth these things: shall never fall.

Antiphon 2 He shall dwell in your tabernacle: he shall rest upon your holy hill

# Antiphon 3 My flesh also: shall rest secure

#### Psalm 16.

Conserva me, Domine

- 1. PRESERVE me, O God: for in thee have I put my trust.
- 2. O my soul, thou hast said unto the Lord: Thou art my God, my goods are nothing unto thee.
- 3. All my delight is upon the saints, that are in the earth : and upon such as excel in virtue.
- 4. But they that run after another god: shall have great trouble.
- 5. Their drink-offerings of blood will I not offer: neither make mention of their names within my lips.
- 6. The Lord himself is the portion of mine inheritance, and of my cup: thou shalt maintain my lot.
- 7. The lot is fallen unto me in a fair ground: yea, I have a goodly heritage.
- 8. I will thank the Lord for giving me warning: my reins also chasten me in the night-season.
- 9. I have set God always before me : for he is on my right hand, therefore I shall not fall.
- 10. Wherefore my heart was glad, and my glory rejoiced: my flesh also shall rest in hope.
- 11. For why? thou shalt not leave my soul in hell: neither shalt thou suffer thy Holy One to see corruption.
- 12. Thou shalt shew me the path of life; in thy presence is the fulness of joy: and at thy right hand there is pleasure for evermore.

# Antiphon 3 My flesh also:

shall rest secure

- V. I will lay down in peace.
- R. And take my rest.

**OUR Father, which art in heaven**, Hallowed be thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done; In earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. Amen.

All sit

Lesson 1 From the Lamentation of Jeremiah the Prophet

### Respond Sicut ovis

Sicut ovis ad occisionem ductus est, et dum male tractaretur, non apperuit os suum: traditus est ad mortem: ut vivificaret populum suum. Tradidit in mortem animam suam, et inter iniquos reputatus est.

He was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and while they treated him ill, he opened not his mouth: he was led to his death that his people might live. He gave up his soul to death and was counted among the wrongdoers.

Lesson 2 From the Lamentation of Jeremiah the Prophet (continued)

## Respond Jerusalem, surge

Jerusalem, surge et exue te vestibus jucunditatis: induere te cinere et cilicio: Quia in te occisus est Salvator Israel. Deduc quasi torrentem lacrimas per diem et noctem, et non taceat pupilla oculi tui.

Jerusalem arise and cast off thy garments of rejoicing: with sackcloth and ashes cover thyself: for in thee was put to death the Redeemer of Israel. Let thy tears fall like a flood day and night, and let not thine eyes be dried.

Lesson 3 From the Lamentation of Jeremiah the Prophet (continued)

## Respond Plange quasi virgo

Plange quasi virgo, plebs mea: ululate, pastores, in cinerere et cilicio: quia veniet dies Domini magna, et amara valde. Accingite vos, sacerdotes, et plangite, ministri altaris, aspergite vos cinere.

Weep like a maiden, my people, wail, ye shepherds, in your sackcloth and ashes: for the great day of the Lord cometh, a day full of bitterness. Lament, O ye priests, ye ministers of the altars, pour ashes upon yourselves.

#### **NOCTURN II**

Antiphon 4 Be lifted up, you everlasting doors: and the King of glory shall come in

- 1 The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it: the compass of the world and those who dwell therein.
- 2 For he has founded it upon the seas: and established it upon the waters.
- Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord: or who shall stand in his holy place?
- Those who have clean hands and a pure heart: who have not set their soul upon idols, nor sworn their oath to a lie.
- 5 They shall receive blessing from the Lord: and recompense from the God of their salvation.
- Of such a kind as this are those who seek him: those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.
- 7 Lift up your heads, O you gates, and be lifted up, you everlasting doors: and the King of glory shall come in.
- Who is the King of glory?: the Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.
- 9 Lift up your heads, O you gates, and be lifted up, you everlasting doors: and the King of glory shall come in.
- Who is the King of glory?: the Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

Antiphon 4 Be lifted up, you everlasting doors: and the King of glory shall come in

Antiphon 5 I believe that I shall surely see: the goodness of the Lord

- The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?: the Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
- When the wicked, even my enemies and my foes, come upon me to devour me: they shall stumble and fall.
- If an army encamp against me, my heart shall not be afraid: and if war should rise against me, yet will I trust.
- One thing I have asked from the Lord, which I will require: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,
- To see the fair beauty of the Lord: and to seek his will in his temple.
- For he will hide me under his shelter in the day of trouble: and conceal me in the shadow of his tent, and set me high upon a rock.
- 7 And now he will lift up my head: above my enemies round about me.
- And I will offer sacrifices in his sanctuary with exultation: I will sing, I will sing praises to the Lord.
- O Lord, hear my voice when I cry: have mercy upon me and answer me.
- My heart has said of you, 'Seek his face': your face, Lord, I will seek.
- 11 Do not hide your face from me: or thrust aside your servant in displeasure;
- 12 For you have been my helper: do not cast me away or forsake me, O God of my salvation.
- 13 Though my father and my mother forsake me: the Lord will take me up.

- 14 Teach me your way, O Lord: and lead me in an even path, for they lie in wait for me.
- Do not give me over to the will of my enemies: for false witnesses have risen against me, and those who breathe out violence.
- But I believe that I shall surely see the goodness of the Lord: in the land of the living.
- O wait for the Lord; stand firm and he will strengthen your heart: and wait, I say, for the Lord.
- Antiphon 5 I believe that I shall surely see: the goodness of the Lord
- Antiphon 6 You brought me back, O Lord: from the land of silence

- I will exult you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up from the depths: and have not suffered my foes to triumph over me.
- O Lord my God, I cried to you: and you have made me whole.
- You brought me back, O Lord, from the land of silence: you saved my life from among those that go down to the Pit.
- 4 Sing praises to the Lord, all you his faithful ones: and give thanks to his holy name.
- For if in his anger is havoc, in his good favour is life: heaviness may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning.
- In my prosperity I said 'I shall never be moved: your goodness, O Lord, has set me on so firm a hill.'
- 7 Then you hid your face from me: and I was greatly dismayed.
- 8 I cried to you, O God: and made my petition humbly to my Lord.

- 9 What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit: can the dust give you thanks, or declare your faithfulness?
- 10 'Hear, O Lord, and be merciful: O Lord, be my helper.'
- 11 You have turned my lamentation into dancing: you have put off my sackcloth and girded me with joy,
- 12 That my heart may sing your praise and never be silent: O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

Antiphon 6 You brought me back, O Lord: from the land of silence

- V. Be merciful to me, O Lord.
- R. Raise me up again, and I shall reward them

All stand and pray silently:

**OUR Father, which art in heaven**, Hallowed be thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done; In earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. Amen.

All sit

Lesson 4 From the Treatise of St Augustine on the Psalms

Respond Recessit pastor noster

Recessit pastor noster, fons aquae vivae, ad cujus transitum sol obscuratus est: nam et ille captus est, qui captivum tenebat primum hominem: hodie portas mortis et seras pariter Salvator noster disrupit. Destruxit quidem claustra inferni, et subvertit potentias diaboli.

Our shepherd, the fount of the living water, is gone, at whose passing the sun was darkened: for he is taken, who took captive the first man: today our Saviour burst open both the gates and the bolts of death. He destroyed the prisons of hell, and overthrew the might of the devil.

Lesson 5 From the Treatise of St Augustine on the Psalms (continued)

Respond O vos omnes

O vos omnes, qui transitis per viam, attendite, et videte: si est dolor similis sicut dolor meus. Attendite, universi populi et videte dolorem meum.

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

Lesson 6 From the Treatise of St Augustine on the Psalms (continued)

Respond Ecce quomodo

Ecce quomodo moritur justus, et nemo percipit corde: et viri justi toluntur, a facie iniquitatis sublatus est justus: et erit in pace memoria ejus. Tamquam agnus coram tondente se obmutuit, et non aperuit os suum: de angustia, et de judicio sublatus est.

Behold how the just man dies, and no one takes it to heart; and the just men are taken away and no one cares about it: the just man has been taken away from the face of iniquity: and his memory shall be in peace. He was mute as a lamb before the shearer, and he opened not his mouth: he was taken away from anguish and from judgement.

#### **NOCTURN III**

Antiphon 7 God is my helper: the Lord is the upholder of my life

#### Psalm 54

- Save me, O God, by the power of your name: and vindicate me by your might.
- 2 Hear my prayer, O God: and listen to the words of my mouth.
- For the insolent have risen against me: the ruthless, who have not set God before them, seek my life.
- 4 But surely God is my helper: the Lord is the upholder of my life.
- 5 Let evil recoil on those that would waylay me: O destroy them in your faithfulness!
- Then will I offer you sacrifice with a willing heart: I will praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.
- 7 For you will deliver me from every trouble: my eyes shall see the downfall of my enemies.

Antiphon 7 God is my helper: the Lord is the upholder of my life

# Antiphon 8 At Salem is his tabernacle: and his dwelling is in Zion

#### Psalm 76

- 1 In Judah God is known: his name is great in Israel.
- 2 At Salem is his tabernacle: and his dwelling is in Zion.
- There he broke in pieces the flashing arrows of the bow: the shield, the sword and the weapons of battle.
- 4 Radiant in light are you: greater in majesty than the eternal hills.
- 5 The valiant were dumbfounded, they sleep their sleep: and all the warriors have lost their strength.
- 6 At the blast of your voice, O God of Jacob: both horse and chariot were cast asleep.
- 7 Terrible are you, Lord God: and who may stand before you when you are angry?
- You caused your sentence to be heard from heaven: the earth feared and was still,
- 9 When God arose to judgement: to save all the meek of the earth.
- 10 For you crushed human wrath: you bridled the remnant of the wrathful.
- O make vows to the Lord your God, and keep them: let all around him bring gifts to him that is worthy to be feared.
- 12 For he cuts down the fury of princes: and he is terrible to the kings of the earth.
- Antiphon 8 At Salem is his tabernacle: and his dwelling is in Zion
- Antiphon 9 Lord, I call to you every day:

  I stretch out my hands toward you

#### Psalm 88

O Lord my God, I call for help by day: and by night also I cry our before you.

- 2 Let my prayer come into your presence: and turn your ear to my loud crying.
- For my soul is filled with trouble: and my life has come even to the brink of the grave.
- I am reckoned among those that go down to the Pit: I am as one that has no help.
- I lie among the dead, like the slain that sleep in the grave: whom you remember no more, who are cut off from your power.
- 6 You have laid me in the lowest Pit: in darkness and in the watery depths.
- 7 Your wrath lies heavy upon me: and all your waves are brought against me.
- 8 You have put my friends far from me: and made me to be abhorred by them
- 9 I am so fast in prison I cannot get free: my eyes fail because of my affliction.
- 10 Lord, I call to you every day: I stretch out my hands toward you.
- Will you work wonders for the dead: or will the shades rise up again to praise you?
- 12 Shall your love be declared in the grave: or your faithfulness in the place of destruction?
- Will your wonders be made known in the dark: or your righteousness in the land where all things are forgotten?
- But to you, Lord, will I cry: early in the morning my prayer shall come before you.
- O Lord, why have you rejected me: why do you hide your face from me?
- I have been afflicted and wearied from my youth upward: I am tossed high and low, I cease to be.
- 17 Your fierce anger has overwhelmed me: and your terrors have put me to silence.
- 18 They surround me like a flood all the day long: they close upon me from every side.
- 19 Friend and acquaintance you have put far from me: and kept my companions from my sight.
- Antiphon 9 Lord, I call to you every day:

  I stretch out my hands toward you

V. At Salem is his tabernacle

### R. And his dwelling in Zion.

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All sit

Lesson 7 From the Epistle to the Hebrews

Respond Astiterunt reges

Astiterunt reges terrae, et principes convenerunt in unum: et adversus Christum ejus. Quare fremuerunt gentes, et populi meditati sunt in ania?

The kings of the earth stood up, and the princes joined together, against the Lord, and against his Christ. Why did the people rage, and the multitude think mad things?

Lesson 8 From the Epistle to the Hebrews (continued)

Respond Aestimatus sum

Aestimatus sum cum descendentibus in lacum: factus sum sicut homo sine adjutorio, inter mortuus liber. Posuerunt me in lacu inferiori, in tenebrosis, et umbra mortis.

I am counted among those that go down to the depths: I am as a man without help, free among the dead. They have laid me in the lower pit, in darkness, and in the shadow of death.

Lesson 9 From the Epistle to the Hebrews (continued)

Respond Sepulto Domino

Sepulto Domino, signatum est monumentum, volventes lapidem ad ostium monumenti: ponentes milites, qui custodirent illum. Accedentes principes sacerdotum ad Pilatum, petierunt illum.

When the Lord was buried, they sealed up the tomb, rolling a stone before the entrance to the sepulchre: placing soldiers to guard it. The chief priests went to Pilate and petitioned him.

#### AT LAUDS

# Antiphon 1 O death, I will be your plagues:

### O grave, I will be your destruction

- 1 Have mercy upon me, O God, in your enduring goodness: according to the fullness of your compassion blot out my offences.
- Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness: and cleanse me from my sin.
- For I acknowledge my rebellion: and my sin is ever before me.
- Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your eyes: so you will be just in your sentence and blameless in your judging.
- 5 Surely in wickedness I was brought to birth: and in sin my mother conceived me.
- You that desire truth in the inward parts:O teach me wisdom in the secret places of the heart.
- Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- 8 Make me hear of joy and gladness: let the bones which you have broken rejoice.
- 9 Hide your face from my sins: and blot out all my iniquities.
- 10 Create in me a clean heart, O God: and renew a right spirit within me.
- Do not caste me out from your presence: do not take your holy spirit from me.
- O give me the gladness of your help again: and support me with a willing spirit.
- 13 Then will I teach transgressors your ways: and sinners shall turn to you again.
- O Lord God of my salvation, deliver me from bloodshed: and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness.
- O Lord, open my lips: and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.
- 16 You take no pleasure in sacrifice, or I would give it: burnt-offerings you do not want.

- 17 The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit: a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.
- 18 In your graciousness do good to Zion: rebuild the walls of Jerusalem.
- 19 Then will you delight in right sacrifices, in burnt-offerings and oblations: then they will offer young bulls upon your altar.

Antiphon 1 O death, I will be your plagues:

O grave, I will be your destruction

Antiphon 2 They shall mourn for him, as one mourns for an only son: for the Lord, who is without sin, is slain

- 1 How good to give thanks to the Lord: to sing praises to your name, O Most High,
- 2 To declare your love in the morning: and at night to sing of your faithfulness,
- 3 Upon the lute, upon the lute of ten strings: and to the melody of the lyre.
- For in all you have done, O Lord, you have made me glad: I will sing for joy because of the works of your hands.
- 5 Lord, how glorious are your works: your thoughts are very deep.
- 6 The brutish do not consider: and the fool cannot understand
- 7 That though the wicked sprout like grass: and all wrongdoers flourish,
- 8 They flourish to be destroyed for ever: but you, Lord, are exulted for evermore.
- 9 For behold, your enemies, O Lord, your enemies shall perish: and all the workers of wickedness shall be scattered.
- You have lifted up my head like the horns of the wild oxen: I am anointed with fresh oil;
- My eyes have looked down on my enemies: and my ears have heard the ruin of those who rose up against me.
- 12 The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree: they shall spread abroad like a cedar in Lebanon;

- 13 For they are planted in the house of the Lord: and flourish in the courts of our God.
- In old age they shall be full of sap: they shall be sturdy and laden with branches;
- 15 And they will say that the Lord is just: the Lord my rock, in whom is no unrighteousness.
- Antiphon 2 They shall mourn for him, as one mourns for an only son: for the Lord, who is without sin, is slain
- Antiphon 3 All you my people: behold and see my sorrow

- 1 Hear my voice, O God, in my complaining: preserve my life from fear of the enemy.
- 2 Hide me from the conspiracy of the wicked: from the throng of evildoers,
- Who sharpen their tongues like swords: who string the bow, who take arrows of bitter words,
- 4 To shoot from hiding at the blameless: to strike at them suddenly and unseen.
- They are confirmed in an evil purpose: they confide it to one another while they lay the snares, saying 'Who will see them?'
- They hatch mischief, they hide a well-considered plan: for the human heart and mind are very deep.
- 7 But God will shoot at them with his swift arrows: they shall be suddenly struck through.
- 8 The Lord will bring them down for what their tongues have spoken:
  - and all that see it shall toss their heads in scorn.
- 9 Then all shall fear: and tell what the Lord has done, and ponder his works.
- The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord, and find in him their refuge: and all the upright in heart shall exult.
- Antiphon 3 All you my people: behold and see my sorrow

# Antiphon 4 From the gates of hell:

## O Lord deliver my soul

### The Song of Hezekiah

- I said: In the noontide of my days I must depart:
  I am consigned to the gates of Sheol for the rest of my years.
- I said, I shall not see the Lord in the land of the living: I shall look upon mortals no more among the inhabitants of the world.
- My dwelling is plucked up and removed from me like a shepherd's tent: like a weaver I have rolled up my life;
- 4 He cuts me off from the loom: from day to night you bring me to an end.
- I cry for help until morning; like a lion he breaks all my bones: from day to night you bring me to an end.
- 6 Like a swallow or a crane I clamour, I moan like a dove: my eyes are weary with looking upward.
- 7 O Lord, I am oppressed: be my security!
- 8 But what can I say?:
  For he has spoken to me, and he himself has done it.
- 9 All my sleep has fled: because of the bitterness of my soul.
- 10 O Lord, by these things people live: and in all these is the life of my spirit; O restore me to health and make me live:
- Surely it was for my welfare that I had great bitterness: but you have held back my life from the pit of destruction.
- 12 For Sheol cannot thank you, death cannot praise you: those who go down to the Pit cannot hope for your faithfulness.
- 13 The living, the living, they thank you, as I do this day: fathers make known to children your faithfulness.
- 14 The Lord will save me: and we will sing to stringed instruments all the days of our lives, at the house of the Lord.
- Antiphon 4 From the gates of hell: **O Lord deliver my soul**

# Antiphon 5 All you that pass by, behold and see: if there be any sorrow like my sorrow

#### Psalm 150

- 1 Praise the Lord. O praise God in his sanctuary: praise him in the firmament of his power.
- 2 Praise him for his mighty acts: praise him according to his abundant goodness.
- 3 Praise him upon the blast of the ram's horn: praise him upon the lute and harp.
- 4 Praise him with the timbrel and dances: praise him upon the strings and pipe.
- 5 Praise him upon the high-sounding cymbals: praise him upon the loud cymbals.
- 6 Let everything that has breath praise the Lord: O praise the Lord!
- Antiphon 5 All you that pass by, behold and see: if there be any sorrow like my sorrow
- V. My flesh also shall rest in hope.
- R. Neither shall you suffer your Holy One to see corruption.

#### **Benedictus**

The congregation remain seated in silence as the lights are gradually extinguished. The choir and sanctuary party alone recite the Benedictus.

Antiphon: The women also sitting at the sepulchre made lamentation: weeping for the Lord.

- Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel: who has come to his people and set them free.
- 2 The Lord has raised up for us a mighty Saviour: born of the house of his servant David.
- Through the holy prophets, God promised of old: to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us,
- 4 To show mercy to our forebears: and to remember his holy covenant.
- This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham: to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

- 6 Free to worship him without fear: holy and righteous before him, all the days of our life.
- And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High: for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
- 8 To give his people knowledge of salvation: by the forgiveness of their sins.
- 9 In the tender compassion of our God: the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
- 10 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 women also sitting at the sepulchre made lamentation: weeping for the Lord.

All kneel for the remainder of the service.

Officiant: Christ became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.

Therefore God has highly exulted him, and bestowed on him the name above every name.

(silence)

**OUR Father, which art in heaven**, Hallowed be thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done; In earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Miserere Mei - Psalm 51 is sung by the choir

- 1. Have mercy upon me, O God, after thy great goodness: according to the multitude of thy mercies do away mine offences.
- 2. Wash me throughly from my wickedness: and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3. For I acknowledge my faults : and my sin is ever before me.
- 4. Against thee only have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight: that thou mightest be justified in thy saying, and clear when thou art judged.
- 5. Behold, I was shapen in wickedness: and in sin hath my mother conceived me.
- 6. But lo, thou requirest truth in the inward parts: and shalt make me to understand wisdom secretly.
- 7. Thou shalt purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- 8. Thou shalt make me hear of joy and gladness: that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.

- 9. Turn thy face from my sins : and put out all my misdeeds.
- 10. Make me a clean heart, O God: and renew a right spirit within me.
- 11. Cast me not away from thy presence : and take not thy holy Spirit from me.
- 12. O give me the comfort of thy help again : and stablish me with thy free Spirit.
- 13. Then shall I teach thy ways unto the wicked : and sinners shall be converted unto thee.
- 14. Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, thou that art the God of my health: and my tongue shall sing of thy righteousness.
- 15. Thou shalt open my lips, O Lord: and my mouth shall shew thy praise.
- 16. For thou desirest no sacrifice, else would I give it thee: but thou delightest not in burnt-offerings.
- 17. The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit: a broken and contrite heart, O God, shalt thou not despise.
- 18. O be favourable and gracious unto Sion : build thou the walls of Jerusalem.
- 19. Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifice of righteousness, with the burnt-offerings and oblations: then shall they offer young bullocks upon thine altar.

Collect: Almighty God, look with mercy on this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and to be given into the hands of sinners and to suffer death upon the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.** 

After the final ceremonies all depart in silence. There will be a collection at the door as you leave. Thank you for your donation towards the work of the church and the choir at St Peter's Eastern Hill.

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# Tomorrow at 8.00pm - The Great Vigil of Easter

Presiding bishop: the Rt Rev'd Genieve Blackwell

## Sunday – Easter Day

9am Mass (BCP)

10.30am Procession and High Mass

6.00pm Mass (APBA)

