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# THE PARISH OF ST. VINCENT FERRER AND ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

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## GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE OF MATER DOLOROSA WITH COMPLINE



April 2, 2021

7 PM

The setting of the Lamentations is *Lamentations of Jeremiah á 5*  
by Robert White (c. 1538-1574).

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## ABOUT THIS SERVICE

The Parish's Service of Mater Dolorosa on Good Friday is loosely based on Tenebrae, the anticipated Office of Readings (Matins) of Holy Saturday. The Psalmody is drawn from that Office. The Office of Compline, or Night Prayer, according to the usage of the Order of Preachers, follows.

Robert White, probably of London, was extolled in Thomas Morley's book *A Plaine and Easie Introduction to Practicall Musicke* (1597) as one of the greatest English composers, equal to Orlando di Lasso, and included in a list of seven eminent Tudor composers with Robert Fayrfax, John Taverner, John Sheppard, Robert Parsons, and William Byrd. White read music and sang in the choir of Trinity College, Cambridge (1554-1562) and thereafter succeeded his father-in-law, Christopher Tye, as Master of the Choristers of Ely Cathedral. He accepted a similar post at Chester Cathedral in 1566 until, in 1570, he was appointed Organist and Master of the Choristers at Westminster Abbey. He and his family died of the plague in 1575, and were all buried in St. Margaret's, Westminster.



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## SERVICE OF MATER DOLOROSA

*The Officiant knocks to begin the Liturgy.  
All stand.*

### OFFICE HYMN

Juan Gutiérrez de Padilla  
(c. 1590-1664)

Stabat Mater dolorosa  
juxta Crucem lacrimosa,  
dum pendebat Filius.

*The grieving Mother stood  
weeping beside the cross  
while on it hung her Son.*

Cujus animam gementem,  
contristatam et dolentem  
pertransivit gladius.

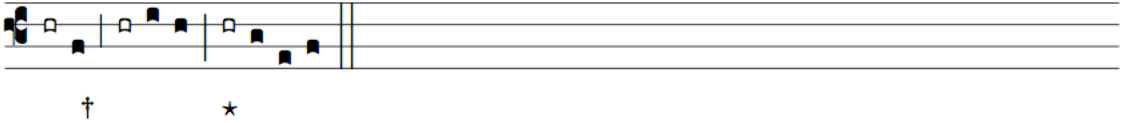
*Through her weeping soul,  
compassionate and grieving,  
a sword passed.*

**PSALMONDY** *from Matins of Holy Saturday*

*The Cantor sings the Antiphon.*

*The Psalm verses are sung responsorially between the Cantor and the Congregation.*

*All sit at the beginning of each Psalm and stand for each Gloria Patri.*



**Antiphon I** I will lie down in peace \* and sleep comes at once.

**Psalm 4**

Thanksgiving.

*The resurrection of Christ was God's supreme and wholly marvelous work (St. Augustine).*

When I call, answer me, O God of justice; \*  
from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me!

O men, how long will your hearts be closed, \*  
will you love what is futile and seek what is false?

It is the Lord who grants favors to those whom he loves; \*  
the Lord hears me whenever I call him.

Fear him; do not sin; ponder on your bed and be still. \*  
Make justice your sacrifice and trust in the Lord.

“What can bring us happiness?” many say. \*  
Let the light of your face shine on us, O Lord.

You have put into my heart a greater joy \*  
than they have from abundance of corn and new wine.

I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once \*  
for you alone, Lord, make me dwelling in safety.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, \*  
and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, \*  
and will be for ever. Amen.

**Antiphon II** My body \* shall rest in hope.

**Psalm 16**

God is my portion, my heritage.

*The Father raised up Jesus from the dead and broke the bonds of death (Acts 2:24).*

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you. †  
I say to the Lord: “You are my God. \*  
My happiness lies in you alone.”

He has put into my heart a marvelous love \*  
for the faithful ones who dwell in his land.

Those who choose other gods increase their sorrows. †  
Never will I offer their offerings of blood. \*  
Never will I take their name upon my lips.

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; \*  
it is you yourself who are my prize.

The lot marked out for me is my delight: \*  
welcome indeed the heritage that falls to me!

I will bless the Lord, who gives me counsel, \*  
who even at night directs my heart.

I keep the Lord, ever in my sight; \*  
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; \*  
even my body shall rest in safety.

For you will not leave my soul among the dead, \*  
nor let your beloved know decay.

You will show me the path of life, †  
the fullness of joy in your presence, \*  
at your right hand happiness for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, \*  
and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, \*  
and will be for ever. Amen.

**Antiphon III** Lift high the ancient portals. \* The King of glory enters.

**Psalm 24**

The Lord's entry to his temple.

*Christ opened heaven for us in the humanity he assumed (St. Irenaeus).*

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness, \*  
the world and all its peoples.

It is he who set it on the seas; \*  
on the waters he made it firm.

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord? \*  
Who shall stand in his holy place?

The man with clean hands and pure heart, †  
who desires not worthless things, \*  
who has not sworn so as to deceive his neighbor.

He shall receive blessings from the Lord \*  
and reward from the God who saves him.

Such are the men who seek him, \*  
seek the face of the God of Jacob.

O gates, lift high your heads; †  
grow higher, ancient doors.\*  
Let him enter, the king of glory!

Who is the king of glory? †  
The Lord, the mighty, the valiant, \*  
the Lord, the valiant in war.

O gates, lift high your heads; †  
grow higher, ancient doors. \*  
Let him enter, the king of glory!

Who is he, the king of glory? †  
He, the Lord of armies, \*  
he is the king of glory.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, \*  
and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, \*  
and will be for ever. Amen.



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**VERSICLE**

*Officiant:* Take up my cause and rescue me.

*People:* Be true to your word, give me life.

**LAMENTATIONS**

**READING I** *Lamentations 1:8*

HETH.

Peccatum peccavit Jerusalem,  
propterea instabilis facta est:  
omnes qui glorificabant eam spreverunt illam,  
quia viderunt ignominiam ejus:  
ipsa autem gemens conversa est retrorsum.

*Jerusalem has grievously sinned;  
therefore she is fallen;  
all who honored her now despise her,  
because they have seen her disgrace:  
yet she herself sighs and turns her face away*

*All stand for the Responsories which are recited by the Officiant and People.*

**RESPONSORY I** *Sicut ovis*

He was led as a sheep to the slaughter, \*  
mistreated, but he opened not his mouth;  
he was delivered over to death so as to give life to his people.

℣. He delivered his soul unto death, and was counted among the malefactors.

℟. To give life to his people.

**READING II** *Lamentations 1:9*

TETH.

Sordes ejus in pedibus ejus,  
nec recordata est finis sui:  
deposita est vehementer,  
non habens consolatorem.  
Vide, Domine, afflictionem meam,  
quoniam erectus est inimicus.

*Squalor clings to her feet,  
yet she has paid no heed to her fate;  
her fall was violent:  
she has no one to comfort her.  
Behold, O Lord, my affliction,  
for the enemy has risen.*

**RESPONSORY II** *Jerusalem, surge*

Arise, O Jerusalem, and put off your garments of rejoicing: \*  
cover you with sackcloth and ashes:  
for the Savior of Israel has been slain in the midst of you.

℟️ Let your tears run down like a river day and night,  
and let not the apple of your eye cease.

℞ For the Savior of Israel has been slain in the midst of you.

**READING III** *Lamentations 1:10*

JOD.

Manum suam misit hostis  
ad omnia desiderabilia ejus:  
quia vidit gentes  
ingressas sanctuarium suum,  
de quibus praeceperas ne intrarent  
in ecclesiam tuam.

*The enemy has laid its hands  
on all that was precious to her;  
for she has seen the enemy  
enter her sanctuary,  
whom you had forbidden to enter  
into your church.*

**RESPONSORY III** *Plange quasi virgo*

Weep like a virgin, my people, \*  
howl, shepherds, covered with ashes and wearing hair-shirts,  
for the great and very bitter day of the Lord will come.

℟️ Prepare yourselves, priests, and lament, acolytes before the altar,  
cover yourselves with ashes.

℞ For the great and very bitter day of the Lord will come.



**PRAYER OF JEREMIAH** *Lamentations 5:1-11*

Remember, Lord, what has happened to us, pay attention, and see our disgrace:  
Our heritage is turned over to strangers, our homes, to foreigners.  
We have become orphans, without fathers; our mothers are like widows.  
We pay money to drink our own water, our own wood comes at a price.  
With a yoke on our necks, we are driven; we are worn out, but allowed no rest.  
We extended a hand to Egypt and Assyria, to satisfy our need of bread.  
Our ancestors, who sinned, are no more; but now we bear their guilt.  
Servants rule over us, with no one to tear us from their hands.  
We risk our lives just to get bread, exposed to the desert heat;  
Our skin heats up like an oven, from the searing blasts of famine.  
Women are raped in Zion, young women in the cities of Judah;  
Princes have been hanged by them, elders shown no respect.  
Young men carry millstones, boys stagger under loads of wood;  
The elders have abandoned the gate, the young men their music.  
The joy of our hearts has ceased, dancing has turned into mourning;  
The crown has fallen from our head: woe to us that we sinned!  
Because of this our hearts grow sick, at this our eyes grow dim:  
Because of Mount Zion, lying desolate, and the jackals roaming there!  
But you, Lord, are enthroned forever; your throne stands from age to age.  
Why have you utterly forgotten us, forsaken us for so long?  
Bring us back to you, Lord, that we may return: renew our days as of old.  
For now you have indeed rejected us and utterly turned your wrath against us.

**ANTIPHON**

Jerusalem, Jerusalem,  
convertere ad Dominum Deum tuum.

*Jerusalem, Jerusalem,  
turn to the Lord your God.*

*All stand.*

**COLLECT**

All-powerful and ever-living God, your only Son went down among the dead and rose again in glory. In your goodness raise up your faithful people, buried with him in baptism, to be one with him in the everlasting life of heaven, where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

# COMPLINE

*All kneel.*

*Compline begins with a silent examination of conscience.*

## CONFITEOR

*All:* I confess to Almighty God, to Blessed Mary ever virgin,  
to Blessed Dominic, our Father, to all the saints,  
and to you my brothers,  
that I have sinned through my own fault;  
in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done and what I have failed to do.  
I beseech you to pray for me.

*Officiant:* May Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins,  
keep us safe and strengthen us in every good work,  
and bring us to everlasting life.

*All:* Amen.

*All stand.*

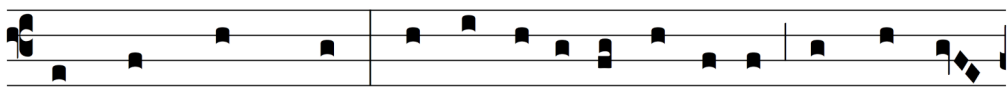
HYMN *Christe, qui lux es et dies*

Chant, mode ii

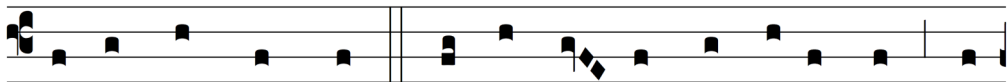
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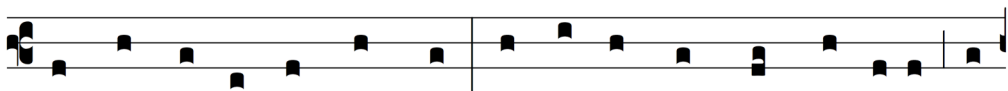
Christ, you are the Light and Day, \* Who chases nightly  
shades away; Yourself, the light of light confessed, Proclaim to us the  
brightness blest. 2. O ho-ly Lord, we pray that you May guard us well



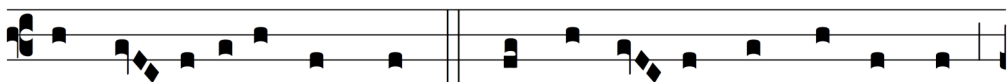
this whole night through; In You, O let us find repose All peaceful



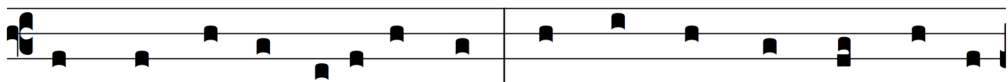
till the night shall close. 3. Let not dull sleep our spirits quell, Ward



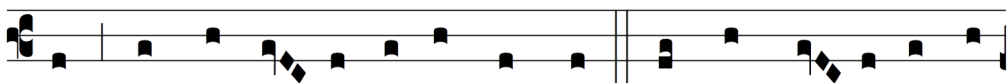
off from us the foe from hell, Nor let the flesh with him unite To



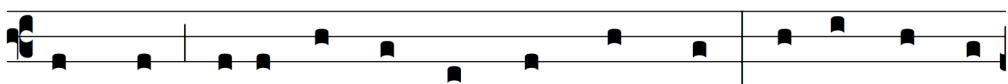
make us guilty in your sight. 4. Then let our eyes due slumber take,



Our hearts to you forev-er wake; And may your right arm from a-



bove Shield all who turn to you with love. 5. O strong De-fender, hear



our prayer, Repel our foes and break each snare, Control your ser-



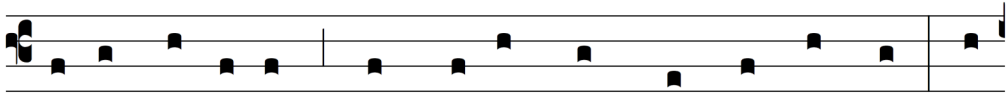
vants, be their guide, Who for their ransom bled and died. 6. Remem-



ber us, O Lord we pray In weary bod-y here today; From ev'-ry



ill the soul defend, Be with us, Lord, un-til the end. 7. Almighty



Father, this accord Through Je-sus Christ, your Son, our Lord, Who



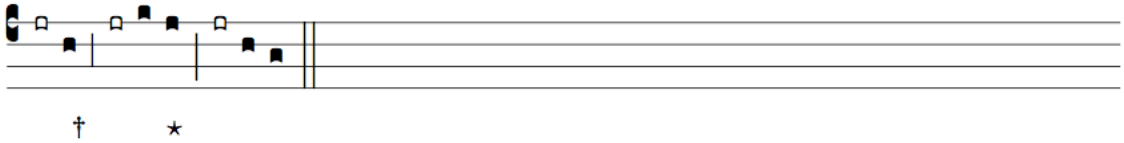
with the Ho-ly Spirit true, For-e-ver reigns in bliss with you. A-men.

## PSALMONDY

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**Antiphon** Night holds no terrors for me \* sleeping under God's wings.

### Psalm 91

Safe in God's sheltering care.

*I have given you the power to tread upon serpents and scorpions (Luke 10:19).*

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High \*  
and abides in the shade of the Almighty  
says to the Lord: "My refuge, \*  
my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!"

It is he who will free you from the snare \*  
of the fowler who seeks to destroy you;  
he will conceal you with his pinions \*  
and under his wings you will find refuge.

You will not fear the terror of the night \*  
nor the arrow that flies by day,  
nor the plague that prowls in the darkness \*  
nor the scourge that lays waste at noon.

A thousand may fall at your side, \*  
ten thousand fall at your right,  
you, it will never approach; \*  
his faithfulness is buckler and shield.

Your eyes have only to look \*  
to see how the wicked are repaid,  
you who have said: "Lord, my refuge!" \*  
and have made the Most High your dwelling.



Upon you no evil shall fall, \*  
 no plague approach where you dwell.  
 For you has he commanded his angels, \*  
 to keep you in all your ways.

They shall bear you upon their hands \*  
 lest you strike your foot against a stone.  
 On the lion and the viper you will tread \*  
 and trample the young lion and the dragon.

Since he clings to me in love, I will free him; \*  
 protect him for he knows my name.  
 When he calls I shall answer: "I am with you." \*  
 I will save him in distress and give him glory.

With length of life I will content him; \*  
 I shall let him see my saving power.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, \*  
 and to the Holy Spirit:  
 as it was in the beginning, is now, \*  
 and will be for ever. Amen.

**READING** *Revelation 22:4-5*

They shall see the Lord face to face and bear his name on their foreheads. They night shall be no more. They will need no light from lamps nor the sun, for the Lord God shall give them light, and they shall reign forever.

**RESPONSORY** *Philippians 2:8, 9*

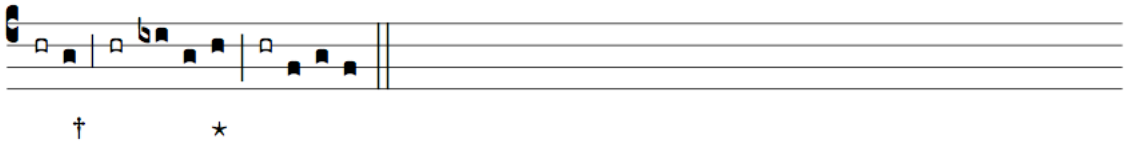
Chant, mode v

Christus factus est pro nobis  
 obediens usque ad mortem,  
 mortem autem crucis.

*Christ became for us  
 obedient unto death,  
 even to death on a cross.*

V. Propter quod et Deus exaltavit illum,  
 et dedit illi nomen,  
 quod est super omne nomen.

*V. Therefore God also has exalted him  
 and has given him the name  
 that is above every name.*



Lord, now you let your servant go in peace; \*  
your word has been fulfilled:

my own eyes have seen the salvation \*  
which you have prepared in the sight of every people:

a light to reveal you to the nations \*  
and the glory of your people Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, \*  
and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, \*  
and will be for ever. Amen.

### COLLECT

Lord, we beg you to visit this house and banish from it all the deadly power of the enemy. May your holy angels dwell here to keep us in peace, and may your blessing be upon us always. We ask this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### FINAL BLESSING

May the all-powerful Lord grant us a restful night and a peaceful death. *Amen.*

*All depart in silence.*



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