



TENEBRAE FOR HOLY SATURDAY

MATINS

The choir and cleric-in-residence enter in silence and proceed to their places

THE FIRST NOCTURN

The Choir sings the antiphon and Psalm 4, before singing *Lamentations of Jeremiah II* by Thomas Tallis

The following responsory is said by the priest:

*R: Arise, Jerusalem, and put off thy garments of joy: put on ashes and hair-cloth:
For in thee was slain the Saviour of Israel.*

*V: Let tears run down like a torrent day and night and let not the apple of thine eye
cease.
For in thee was slain the Saviour of Israel.*

The first candle is extinguished

THE SECOND NOCTURN

The cleric-in-residence proceeds to the lectern for the Lessons for Holy Saturday taken from the Gospel of Luke

SECOND LESSON: Luke 9: 21–27

At the end of the Lesson the Cantor chants *Recessit pastor noster*

The second candle is extinguished

THIRD LESSON: Luke 17: 20–37

At the end of the Lesson the Choir sing *O vos omnes* by Tomás Luis de Victoria

The third candle is extinguished

FOURTH LESSON: Luke 18: 31–34

At the end of the Lesson the Cantor chants *Ecce quomodo moritur iustus*

The fourth candle is extinguished and all are seated

THE THIRD NOCTURN

The cleric-in-residence proceeds to the lectern for the Lessons for Holy Saturday taken from the Epistle to the Hebrews

FIFTH LESSON: Hebrews 9: 11–14

At the end of the Lesson the Choir sing *Astiterunt reges terrae* by Tomás Luis de Victoria

The fifth candle is extinguished

SIXTH LESSON: Hebrews 9: 15–18

At the end of the Lesson the Cantor chants *Aestimatus sum*

The sixth candle is extinguished

SEVENTH LESSON: Hebrews 9: 19–22

At the end of the Lesson the Choir sing *Sepulto Domino* by Tomás Luis de Victoria

The seventh candle is extinguished.

LAUDS

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Immediately after this is said by all in English the OUR FATHER (Pater noster)

**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,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

A plainchant setting of **PSALM 50 (51)** MISERERE follows

Finally, the cleric-in-residence says the following prayer:

Look down, O Lord, we beseech thee, upon this thy family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ hesitated not to be delivered into the hands of wicked men, and undergo the punishment of the Cross: Who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end. Amen.

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 all depart in silence.