



ST JOHN'S SMITH SQUARE

TENEBRAE FOR MAUNDY THURSDAY

MATINS

The Choir and Cleric-in-residence enter in silence and proceed to their places

THE FIRST NOCTURN

The Choir sings the antiphon and verses from Psalm 69

The Cantor sings a plainchant setting of Lamentations for Maundy Thursday

The following responsory is said by the priest:

R: He prayed to his Father on Mount Olivet: Father if it be possible, let this chalice pass from me: * The spirit indeed, is willing, but the flesh is weak.

V: Watch and pray, that ye may not enter into temptation. * The Spirit, indeed, is willing, but the flesh is weak.

The first candle is extinguished

THE SECOND NOCTURN

The cleric-in-residence proceeds to the lectern for the Lessons for Maundy Thursday, taken from the Gospel of Matthew

SECOND LESSON: Matthew 26: 1-16

The Choir sings Amicus meus by Tomás Luis de Victoria

The second candle is extinguished

THIRD LESSON: Matthew 26: 17-30

The Choir sings Iudas mercator pessimus by Tomás Luis de Victoria

The third candle is extinguished

FOURTH LESSON: Matthew 26: 36-56

At the end of the Lesson the Cantor chants Unus ex discipulis

The fourth candle is extinguished

THE THIRD NOCTURN

The cleric-in-residence proceeds to the lectern for the Lessons for Maundy Thursday taken from the

First Epistle to the Corinthians

FIFTH LESSON: 1 Corinthians 11: 17-22

At the end of the Lesson the Cantor chants Eram quasi agnus innocens

The fifth candle is extinguished

SIXTH LESSON: 1 Corinthians 11: 23–26

The Choir sings Una hora by Tomás Luis de Victoria

The sixth candle is extinguished

SEVENTH LESSON: 1 Corinthians 11: 27–34

At the end of the Lesson the Cantor chants Seniores populi

The seventh candle is extinguished

LAUDS

The Choir sings the Benedictus, during which the candles are extinguished. The last candle burning is hidden from view.

The Choir sings Christus factus est by Anton Bruckner

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.

The Choir sings Gregorio Allegri's setting of PSALM 50 (51) MISERERE

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 loud 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.