

# Tenebrae

*The ministers enter the church in silence.  
Please stand as you are able.*

## Matins

### Antiphon 1

Zeal for your house has eaten me up; the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.

*Please be seated*

**Psalm 69:1-23 *Salvum me fac***, read responsively by whole verse  
*The Book of Common Prayer*, p. 679 (Two candles are extinguished)

### Antiphon 2

Let them draw back and be disgraced who take pleasure in my misfortune.

**Psalm 70 *Deus, in adiutorium***, BCP 682 (Two candles are extinguished)

### Antiphon 3

Arise, O God, maintain my cause.

**Psalm 74 *Ut quid, Deus?*** BCP 689 (Two candles are extinguished)

V. Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked:  
R. From the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.

## Lesson 1: The Lamentations of Jeremiah the Prophet. [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 friends have dealt treacherously with her; 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.

Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return to the Lord your God!

## Responsory

V. On the mount of Olives Jesus prayed to the Father:  
R: *Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me.  
The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.*  
V. Watch and pray, that you may not enter into temptation.  
R: *The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak*

## Lesson 2: The Lamentations of Jeremiah the Prophet. [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 unclean; all 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 of her doom; therefore her fall is terrible, she has no comforter. "O Lord, behold my affliction, for the enemy has triumphed."

Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return to the Lord your God!

## Responsory

V. My soul is very sorrowful, even to the point of death;  
R: *remain here and watch with me.  
Now you shall see the crowd who will surround me;  
you will flee, and I will go to be offered up for you.*

V. Behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.  
R: *You will flee, and I will go to be offered up for you.*

## Lesson 3: The Lamentations of Jeremiah the Prophet [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 groan 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.

Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return to the Lord your God!

## Responsory

V: Lo, we have seen him without beauty or majesty,  
R: *with no looks to attract our eyes He bore our sins and grieved for us, He was*

*wounded for our transgressions, and by his scourging we are healed.*

V. Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows:  
R. *And by his scourging we are healed.*

**Hymn:** *O sacred head, sore wounded* Hymnal168, vs 1-3

## Lauds

### Antiphon 4

God did not spare his own Son, but delivered him up for us all.

**Psalm 63:1-8 *Deus, Deus meus***. BCP 670  
*(Two candles are extinguished)*

### Antiphon 5

He was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and he opened not his mouth.

**Psalm 90:1:12 *Domine, refugium*** BCP 717  
*(Two candles are extinguished)*

### Antiphon 6

They shall mourn for him as one mourns for an only child; for the Lord, who is without sin, is slain.

**Psalm 143 *Domine, exaudi*** BCP 798  
*(Two candles are extinguished)*

### Antiphon 7

From the gates of hell, O Lord, deliver my soul.

## The Song of Hezekiah [Isaiah 38:10-20]

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 man 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; he cuts me off from the loom; from day to night thou dost bring me to an end; I cry for help until morning; like a lion he breaks all my bones; from day to night thou dost bring me to an end.

Like a swallow or a crane I clamor, I moan like a dove. My eyes are weary with looking upward. O Lord, I am oppressed; be thou my security!

But what can I say? For he has spoken to me, and he himself has done it. All my sleep has fled because of the bitterness of my soul.

O Lord, by these things men live, and in all these is the life of my spirit. Oh, restore me to health and make me live!

Lo, it was for my welfare that I had great bitterness; but thou hast held back my life from the pit of destruction, for thou hast cast all my sins behind thy back.

For Sheol cannot thank thee, death cannot praise thee; those who go down to the pit cannot hope for thy faithfulness.

The living, the living, he thanks thee, as I do this day; the father makes known to the children thy faithfulness.

The LORD will save me, and we will sing to stringed instruments all the days of our life, at the house of the LORD.

*(Two candles are extinguished)*

V. My flesh also shall rest in hope:

R. You will not let your holy one see corruption.

All stand, as able

**Antiphon**

Now the women sitting at the tomb made lamentation, weeping for the Lord.

**Hymn:** Eternal Lord is Love Hymnal 149  
(for **The Song of Zechariah**, Luke 1:68-79)

(The final light is hidden)

All kneel for the reading of the following anthem

**Christus factus est**

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.

A brief silence is observed.

The following Psalm is then said quietly.

**Psalm 51 miserere mei, Deus** BCP 656

**The Collect**

Lord God, whose blessed Son our Savior gave his body to be whipped and his face to be spit upon: Give us grace to accept joyfully the sufferings of the present time, confident of the glory that shall be revealed; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. 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 the ministers and people depart in silence.

**Concerning the Service of Tenebrae**

The name *Tenebrae* (the Latin word for "darkness" or "shadows") has for centuries been applied to the ancient monastic night and early morning services (Matins and Lauds) of the last three days of Holy Week (Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday). In the Middle Ages these services came to be celebrated on the preceding evenings. Here at St. Clement's, as in many Episcopal Churches, we celebrate this service on Wednesday in Holy Week in order that the proper liturgies of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday may find their place as the principal services of those days

By drawing upon material from each of the former three offices of Tenebrae, this service provides an extended meditation upon, and a prelude to, the events in our Lord's life between the Last Supper and the Resurrection.

Apart from the chant of the Lamentations (in which each verse is introduced by a letter of the Hebrew alphabet), the most conspicuous feature of the service is the gradual extinguishing of candles in a special triangular shaped candelabra only a single candle, considered a symbol of our Lord, remains.

Toward the end of the service this candle is hidden, typifying the apparent victory of the forces of evil. At the very end, a loud noise is made, symbolizing the earthquake at the time of the resurrection (Matthew 28:2), the hidden candle is restored to its place, and by its light all depart in silence.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Holy Week Services:**

**Maundy Thursday 4/2** 7:00pm The Liturgy of the Day followed by Morning Watch until midnight.

**Good Friday 4/3** 12:00-3:00pm The Three Hours  
6:30 pm Stations of the Cross  
7:00pm The Liturgy of the Day

**Holy Saturday 4/3** 9:00am The Liturgy of the Day

**Easter Sunday 4/5** 7:30, 9:00, & 11:00am Holy Eucharist  
10:15am Easter Egg Hunt

**4/12 COHI Speaker 10:15am** Davis Hall The speaker will be Mark Dannenfelser of the Mindfulness Center of Atlanta.

**Mystery Tea Party 4/18** Davis Hall Come help unravel Lady Clementia's Mystery and raise money for Vacation Bible School at the same time.

**Tuesdays The Men's Group** 11:30am at IHOP, 3010 Northside Parkway, Canton Contact: stclementsmens-group@gmail.com

**The Way Bible Study** 1:00-3:00pm in Davis Hall. The group studies the previous Sunday's Reading found in your bulletins. For information, contact Anna Marie Smith at 717-713-5879.

**Wednesdays Rector's Bible Study** 12:00 noon via Zoom We are studying the Gospel of Matthew. Contact the office for the link.

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**Holy Eucharist** 6:15pm  
**Bible Study and EYC** 7:00pm on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays.

**Thursdays Grief Support Group** 10:30am in the Vestry Room.

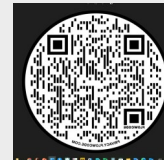
**Path to Shine** 2:00-5:00 pm in Davis Hall. This is a school children's mentoring group.

**Friday Centering Prayer** 12:30 pm in Ministry Center.. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. If interested, please contact Fr. Jamie (770.324.2035) or Diane Hodgins (850.339.8540).

**Liberty Elementary School** has an ongoing need for peanut-free snacks, bottles of water, and toiletries for its underprivileged children, nearly 25% of its Student Body. There is a box in the Narthex for collecting your donations.


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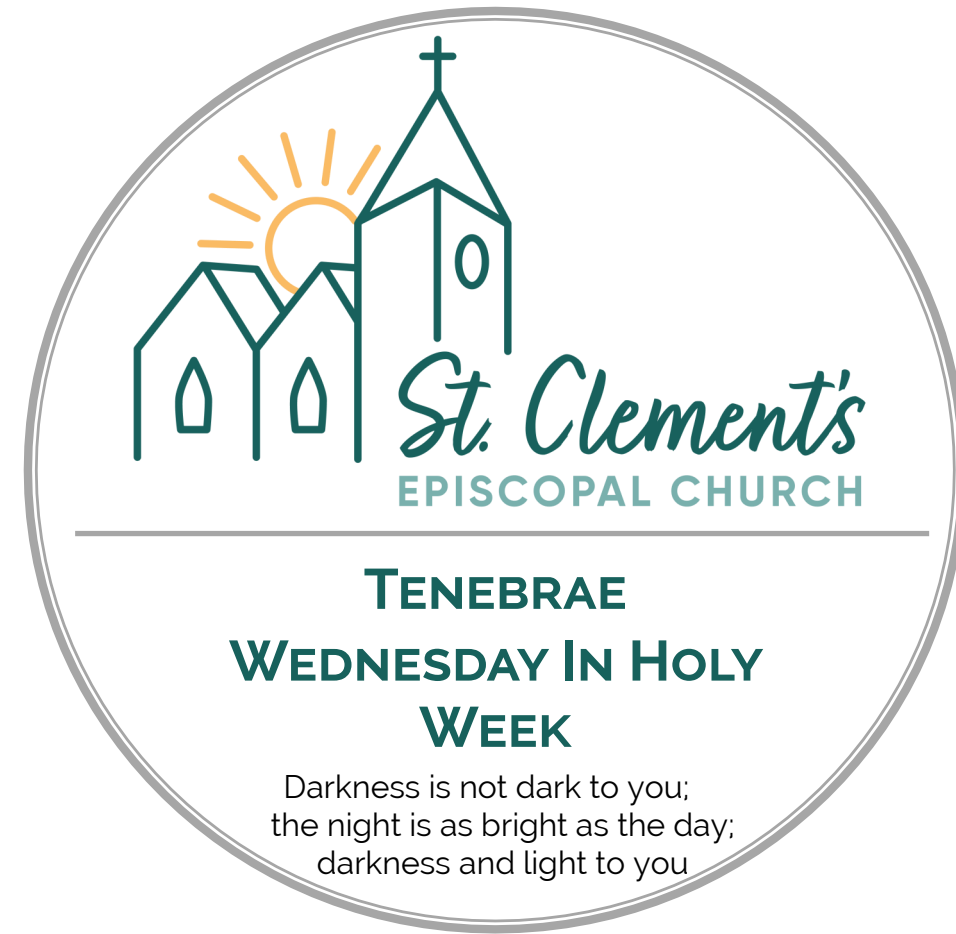
**Serving Today:**  
Reader: Amanda Cerniglia

 **Anniversaries this week:**  
Rebecca & Chris Thomas 4/3  
Angie & John Calhoun 4/4

 **Birthdays this week:**

**TREASURER'S SUMMARY**  
as of February 2026

Pledges YTD	\$64,583
Total Income	\$85,639
Total Expenses	\$57,955



**Welcome Visitors!**

If you are visiting for the first time, let us know you are here by filling out a visitor's card and ask an usher about a gift we have for you in the narthex (foyer).

**WEEKLY SERVICES & MEETINGS**

**Regular Sunday Services** //9am Contemporary //11am Traditional  
Frist Sunday of each month//10am Combined Service



**SUNDAY, MARCH 29**

**Palm Sunday**  
Services 9am and 11am

**DAILY**

Morning Prayer 9am

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1**

**Tenebrae**

Service 6:15pm

**THURSDAY, APRIL 2**

**Maundy Thursday**

Service 7pm

**Morning Watch**

8:00pm-12:01am

**FRIDAY, APRIL 3**

**Good Friday**

**The Three Hours**

12:00-3:00pm

**Stations of the Cross**

6:30pm

**Liturgy of Good Friday**

7:00pm

**SATURDAY, APRIL 4**

**Holy Saturday**

Service 9:00am

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