

# "Abide" in Tenebrae

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7:00 PM

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St. Stephen  
the Martyr

CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY CHAPEL

## Introduction

### Greeting

Officiant: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Officiant: As the clouds of darkness gather, may the God and Father of hope, the Prince of Love and Truth, and the Spirit of perpetual Light be with you all this night.

All: And with your spirit.

### Lighting of the Hearse

Officiant: ...We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

### Hymn

PASSION CHORALE



1. O Sa - cred Head sur - round - ed By crown of pierc - ing thorn!  
2. I see your strength and vig - or All fad - ing in the strife,  
3. In this, your bit - ter pas - sion, Good Shep - herd, think of me



O bleed - ing Head, so wound - ed, Re - viled and put to scorn!  
And death with cru - el rig - or, Be - reav - ing you of life;  
With your most sweet com - pas - sion, Un - worth - y though I be:



The pow'r of death comes o'er you, The glow of life de - cays,  
O ag - o - ny and dy - ing! O love to sin - ners free!  
Be neath your cross a - bid - ing For ev - er would I rest,



Yet an - gel hosts a - dore you, And trem - ble as they gaze.  
Je - sus all grace sup - ply - ing, O turn your face on me.  
In your dear love con - fid - ing, And with your pres - ence blest.

### Collect

(Be seated)

## The Seven Final Words

### Meditation I - "Father, Forgive Them. They Know Not What They Do."

#### Antiphon I

Mode III

*Cantor 1st time; All repeat at end:*

Lord, \_\_\_ for-give the wrong I \_\_\_ have done.

*Verse formula*

#### Psalm 51

Cantor: Have mercy on me, *O God*, \*

Choir 1: according to your *merciful love*.

Choir 2: according to your great *compassion*,\*  
blot out *my transgressions*.

Choir 2: My *transgressions*, truly *I know them*;  
my sin is *always before* me.

Choir 1: Against *you*, you alone, have *I sinned*;\*  
what is evil in your sight *I have done*.

Choir 2: Yes, you delight in sincerity of *heart*;\*  
in secret you *teach me wisdom*.  
Cleanse me with hyssop, and I shall *be pure*;\*  
Wash *me*, and I shall be whiter *than snow*.

Choir 1: Create a pure heart for me, *O God*,\*  
put a steadfast spirit *within me*.

Choir 2: Do not cast me away from *your presence*,\*  
take not your holy spirit *from me*.

Choir 1: Restore in me the joy of your *salvation*;\*  
sustain in me a *willing spirit*.

Choir 2: I will teach transgressors *your ways*,\*  
that sinners may *return to you*.

Choir 2: For in sacrifice you take no *delight*,\*  
burnt offerings from *me would not please you*,

Choir 1: My sacrifice to *God*, a *broken spirit*.\*  
A broken and humbled *heart*, O God, you *will not spurn*.

All: 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*.

*Following the psalm, all repeat the antiphon. After the officiant has said "Let us pray," all stand.*

## Meditation II - "Amen I Say to You, This Day, You Will Be with Me in Paradise."

### Antiphon II

Mode I

*Cantor 1st time; All repeat at end:*

Je - sus, re - mem-ber me, when you come in - to your King- dom.

*Verse formula*

### Psalm 32

Cantor: Blessed is he whose transgression *is forgiven*,\*

Choir 1: whose sin *is remitted*.

Choir 2: Blessed the man to whom the Lord *imputes no guilt*,\*  
in whose spirit *is no guile*.

Choir 1: I kept it secret and my *frame was wasted*.\*  
I groaned *all day long*,

Choir 2: For your hand, by day *and by night*,\*  
lay heavy *upon me*.

Choir 1: Indeed, my strength *was dried up*\*  
as by the *summer's heat*.

Choir 2: To you I have *acknowledged my sins*;\*  
my guilt I *did not hide*.

Choir 1: I said: "I will confess my transgression *to the Lord*."\*  
And you have forgiven the guilt *of my sins*.

Choir 2: So let each faithful one *pray to you*\*  
in the *time of need*  
The floods of water *may reach high*,\*  
but such a one they *shall not reach*.

Choir 1: Rejoice, rejoice in the *Lord*,\*  
exult, you *just!*

Choir 2: O come, ring out your *joy*,\*  
all you upright of *heart*.

All: 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*.

*Following the psalm, all repeat the antiphon. After the officiant has said "Let us pray," all stand.*

## Meditation III - "My God, my God, Why Have You Forsaken Me?"

## Antiphon III

Mode II



## Psalm 22

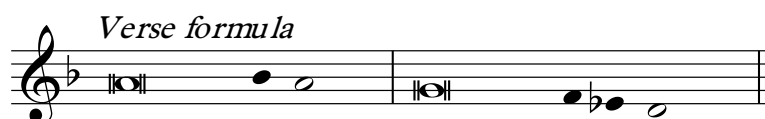
- Cantor: Why are you far *from saving me*,\*
- Choir 1: so far from my words *of anguish*?
- Choir 2: O my God, I call by day and you do *not answer*;\*  
I call by night and I find no *reprieve*.
- Choir 1: Yet you, O God, *are holy*,\*  
enthroned on the praises *of Israel*.
- Choir 2: In you our forebears put *their trust*,\*  
they trusted and you set *them free*.
- Choir 1: But I am a worm and *no man*,\*  
Scorned by everyone, despised by *the people*.
- Choir 2: All who see me *deride me*,\*  
They curl their lips, they toss *their heads*.
- Choir 1: Yes, it was you who took me from *the womb*,\*  
Entrusted me to my *mother's breast*.
- Choir 2: Stay not far *from me*;\*  
trouble is near, and there is no one *to help*.
- Choir 1: Like water I am *poured out*,\*  
disjointed are all *my bones*.
- Choir 2: My heart has become *like wax*,\*  
it is melted within *my breast*.
- Choir 1: But you, O Lord, do not stay *afar off*;\*  
my strength, make haste *to help me!*
- Choir 2: Save my life from the jaws of *the lion*,\*  
my poor soul from the horns of *wild bulls*.
- All: 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*.

Following the psalm, all repeat the antiphon. After the officiant has said "Let us pray," all stand.

## Meditation IV - "Father, into Your Hands, I Commend My Spirit."

### Antiphon IV

Mode III



### Psalm 31

- Cantor: In you, O Lord, I *take refuge*.\*
- Choir 1: Let me never be *put to shame*.
- Choir 2: In your justice, set me free,\*  
hear me and speedily rescue me.
- Choir 1: Be a rock of refuge *for me*,\*  
A mighty stronghold to save me.
- Choir 2: For you are my rock, *my stronghold*.\*  
Lead me, guide me, for the sake *of your name*.
- Choir 1: Release me from the snares they *have hidden*\*  
for you indeed *are my refuge*.
- Choir 2: Into your hands I commend *my spirit*.\*  
You will redeem me, O Lord, O *faithful God*.
- Choir 1: I have heard the slander of *the crowd*;\*  
terror *all around me*,
- Choir 2: as they plot together *against me*,  
as they plan to *take my life*.
- Choir 1: But as for me, I trust in you, O Lord;\*  
I say, "You *are my God*."
- Choir 2: My lot is in your hands, *deliver me*  
from the hands of my enemies and those *who pursue me*.
- Choir 1: Let your face shine on *your servant*.\*  
Save me in your *merciful love*.
- Choir 2: Be strong, let your heart *take courage*,\*  
all who hope *in the Lord*.
- All: 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.

*Following the psalm, all repeat the antiphon. After the officiant has said "Let us pray," all stand.*

## Meditation V - "Woman, Behold You Son. Behold, Your Mother."

## Antiphon V

Mode I



## Psalm 146

- Cantor: I will praise the Lord *all my life*,<sup>\*</sup>  
 Choir 1: sing praise to my God *while I live*.
- Choir 2: Blessed is he who is helped by *Jacob's God*,<sup>\*</sup>  
 whose hope is in the *Lord his God*,
- Choir 1: who alone made the heavens *and the earth*,<sup>\*</sup>  
 the seas and all *they contain*.
- Choir 2: who preserves fidelity *forever*,  
 who does justice to those who *are oppressed*.
- Choir 1: It is he who gives bread *to the hungry*,<sup>\*</sup>  
 the Lord who sets *prisoners free*,
- Choir 2: the Lord who opens the eyes *of the blind*,  
 the Lord who raises up those who *are bowed down*.
- Choir 1: It is the Lord who *loves the just*,<sup>\*</sup>  
 the Lord who *protects the stranger*
- Choir 2: and upholds the orphan *and the widow*,  
 but thwarts the path *of the wicked*.
- Choir 1: The Lord will *reign forever*,<sup>\*</sup>  
 the God of Sion from *age to age*.
- All: Glory to the Father, and to the *Son*,<sup>\*</sup>  
 and to the *Holy Spirit*:  
 as it was in the beginning, is *now*,<sup>\*</sup>  
 and will be for ever. *Amen*.

*Following the psalm, all repeat the antiphon. After the officiant has said "Let us pray," all stand.*

## Meditation VI - "I Thirst."

## Antiphon VI

Mode II



My soul \_\_\_\_\_ is thirst-ing for you, O Lord, my God.



*Verse formula*

## Psalm 63

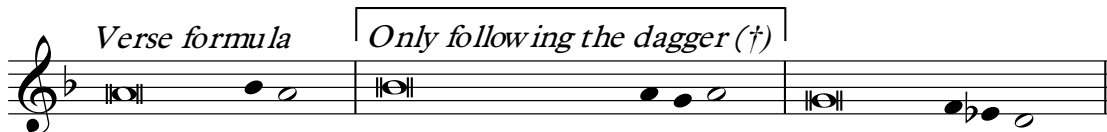
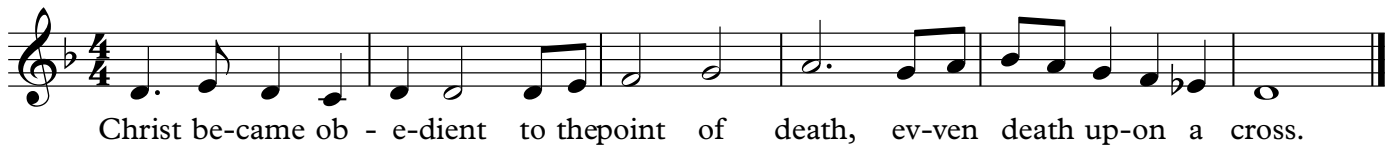
- Cantor: O God, you are my God; at dawn *I seek you*; \*
- Choir 1: for you my soul *is thirsting*.
- Choir 2: For you my flesh *is pining* \*  
like a dry, weary land without *water*.
- Choir 1: I have come before you in the *sanctuary*,  
to behold your strength and *your glory*.
- Choir 2: Your loving mercy is better *than life*; \*  
my lips will speak *your praise*.
- Choir 1: I will bless you all *my life*, \*  
in your name I will lift up *my hands*.
- Choir 2: My soul shall be filled as with *a banquet*, \*  
with joyful *lips*, my *mouth shall praise you*.
- Choir 1: When I remember you upon *my bed*,  
I muse on you through the watches *of the night*.
- Choir 2: For you have been *my strength*; \*  
in the shadow of your wings I *rejoice*.
- Choir 1: My soul clings *to you*; \*  
your right hand *upholds me*.
- All: 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*.

*Following the psalm, all repeat the antiphon. After the officiant has said "Let us pray," all stand.*

## Meditation VII - "It Is Finished."

## Antiphon VII

Mode III

Canticle of Mary  
Luke 1: 46-55

Cantor: My soul proclaims the greatness of *the Lord*, †  
 All: My spirit rejoices in *God my Savior*\*  
 for he has looked with favor on his *lowly servant*.  
 From this day all generations will call *me blessed*: †  
 The Almighty has done great *things for me*,\*  
 And holy *is his Name*.  
 He has mercy on those *who fear him*\*  
 In every *generation*.  
 He has shown the strength of *his arm*,\*  
 He has scattered the proud in *their conceit*.  
 He has cast down the mighty from *their thrones*,\*  
 And has lifted *up the lowly*.  
 He has filled the hungry with *good things*,\*  
 And the rich he has sent *away empty*.  
 He has come to the help of his servant *Israel*\*  
 For he has remembered his *promise of mercy*,  
 The promise he made to *our fathers*,\*  
 To Abraham and his children *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*.

*Following the psalm, all repeat the antiphon. After the officiant has said "Let us pray," all stand. Following the final psalm-prayer, the officiant will invite all to kneel before the extinguishing of the final candle. After the candle has been lit again, the officiant will ask all to stand again.*

## Concluding Prayer &amp; Blessing

Deacon: May the light of Christ ever guide us through the darkness.  
 All: Thanks be to God.