

The Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity
commonly called

CHRIST CHURCH DUBLIN



Wednesday 5 April

20.00 Tenebrae

Sung by the Cathedral Choir

Please remain seated as the choir and clergy enter in silence

Introductory sentence

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

(Ps. 27.1)

Responsory 1 - Amicus meus

The sign by which my friend betrayed me was a kiss: whom shall I kiss, that is he: hold him fast: he that committed murder by a kiss gave this wicked sign. The unhappy wretch returned the price of blood, and in the end hanged himself. It had been good for that man that he had never been born.

Silence

O Lord God of my salvation, I have cried day and night before thee :

O let my prayer enter into thy presence, incline thine ear unto my calling.

For my soul is full of trouble :

and my life draweth nigh unto hell.

Silence

Responsory 2 - Iudas Mercator pessimus

The wicked merchant Judas sought our Lord with a kiss. He, like an innocent lamb, refused not the kiss of Judas. For a few coins he delivered Christ to the Jews. It had been better for him if he had never been born.

Silence

I am counted as one of them that go down into the pit :

and I have been even as a man that hath no strength.

Free among the dead, like unto them that are wounded, and lie in the grave:

who are out of remembrance, and are cut away from thy hand.

Silence

Responsory 3 - Enus ex discipulus meis

One of my disciples will this day betray me: woe to him by whom I am betrayed: It had been better for him if he had never been born. He that dips his hand with me in the dish, is the man that will deliver me into the hands of sinners.

Silence

Thou hast laid me in the lowest pit :

in a place of darkness, and in the deep.

Thine indignation lieth hard upon me :

and thou hast vexed me with all thy storms.

Silence

Responsory 4 - Eram quasi agnus

I was like an innocent lamb; I was led to be sacrificed and I knew it not: my enemies conspired against me, saying: Come, let us put wood into his bread, and root him out of the land of the living. All my enemies contrived mischief against me, they uttered evil speech against me.

Silence

Thou hast put away mine acquaintance far from me :
and made me to be abhorred of them.

I am so fast in prison :
that I cannot get forth.

My sight faileth for very trouble :
Lord, I have called daily upon thee,
I have stretched forth my hands unto thee.

Silence

Responsory 5 - Una hora

Could ye not watch on hour with me, ye that were eager to die for me? Or do you not see Judas, how he sleeps not, but makes haste to betray me to the Jews? Why do ye sleep? Arise and pray, lest ye fall into temptation.

Silence

Dost thou shew wonders among the dead :
or shall the dead rise up again, and praise thee?
Shall thy loving-kindness be shewed in the grave :
or thy faithfulness in destruction?
Shall thy wondrous works be known in the dark :
and thy righteousness in the land where all things are forgotten?

Silence

Responsory 6 - Seniores populi

The elders of the people consulted together: how they might by some craft apprehend Jesus and kill him: they went out with swords and clubs as to a thief. The priests and pharisees held a council.

Silence

Unto thee have I cried, O Lord :
and early shall my prayer come before thee.

Lord, why abhorrest thou my soul :
and hidest thou thy face from me?

I am in misery, and like unto him that is at the point to die :
even from my youth up thy terrors have I suffered with a troubled mind.

Silence

Responsory 7 -Tamquam ad latronem

You are come out as it were to a robber with swords and clubs to apprehend me: I was daily with you teaching in the temple and laid not hands upon me: yet now you scourge me and lead me to be crucified. And when they had laid hands on Jesus and held him fast, he said to them: I was daily with you teaching in the temple and laid not hands upon me: yet now you scourge me and lead me to be crucified.

Silence

Thy wrathful displeasure goeth over me :

and the fear of thee hath undone me.

They came round about me daily like water :

and compassed me together on every side.

My lovers and friends hast thou put away from me:

and hid mine acquaintance out of my sight.

Silence

From the darkness

The Concluding Sentence

My heart throbs, my strength fails me; as for the light of my eyes – it also has gone from me. (Ps. 38.10)

Easter Services

Thursday, 6 April, Maundy Thursday

11:30, Choral Chrism Eucharist with the Archbishop

18:00, Eucharist of the Lord's Supper with the stripping of altars

21:00, The Watch

Friday, 7 April, Good Friday

11:30, Reflections at the Cross

15:00, Good Friday Liturgy

19:30, Ecumenical Walk of Witness

Saturday, 8 April, Holy Saturday

21:00, Easter Vigil

Sunday, 9 April, Easter Sunday

11:00, Easter Day Festal Eucharist

15:30, Choral Evensong