


TENEBRÆ

The LITURGY of the Shadows:
THE TRADITIONAL HOLY WEEK OFFICE OF MATINS AND LAUDS

WEDNESDAY APRIL 17, 2019 AT 8:00 PM



...The sight of this tomb, wherein His Body lies lifeless and cold, teaches us something far more important than the power of death; it reveals to us the immense, the incomprehensible love of God for man.

— Dom Prosper Gueranger

Chanted Tenebræ has been celebrated by the church since medieval times. It is a prolonged meditation on Christ's suffering, and the haunting power of the chant in the darkness suggests the drama of this momentous moment. As lights are extinguished, we ponder the depth of the Lord's suffering and death. We remember the cataclysmic nature of His sacrifice as we hear the overwhelming thunder of the *strepitus* — the closing of the tomb. And through the return of the small, but persistent flame of the Christ candle at the conclusion of the service, we anticipate the joy of ultimate victory.

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