

TRISTIS EST ANIMA MEA

Resp. 8.
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Tristis est ánima méa Sorrowful is soul my	My soul is sorrowful even unto death;
usque ad mórtēm; even unto death;	
sustinéte hic, et vigiláte mécum: stay here, and watch with me:	stay here awhile, and watch with me:
nunc vidébitis túrbam, now you shall see mob	now you shall see the mob that will surround me.
quae circumdábit me. that will surround me.	
Vos fúgam capiétis, et égo You flight shall take, and I	You shall take flight, and I shall go to be sacrificed for you.
vádam immolári pro vóbis. shall go to be offered for you.	
Ecce appropínquat hora, Behold approaches hour,	Behold the hour approaches, and the Son of man will be betrayed into the hands of sinners.
et Fílius hóminis trádetur and Son of man will be betrayed	
in mánuς peccatórum. into hands of sinners.	

The Lessons for the I. Nocturn of Matins on Maundy Thursday are taken from the first chapter of the Lamentations of Jeremiah. Christ, on the day of his agony and betrayal and the eve of his crucifixion and death, is likened to Israel during the Babylonian Captivity.

The first Lesson, which is followed by the Responsory *In monte Oliveti*, recalls Christ's agony in the garden:

"How doth the city sit solitary ... Weeping she hath wept in the night,
and her tears are on her cheeks. There is none to comfort her among all them
that were dear to her ... Her adversaries are become her lords ... her children
are let into captivity."

The second Lesson suggests yet more Old Testament parallels to the Responsory *Tristis est anima mea* which is about to follow. Having accepted the will of the Father that this cup should not pass from him, Christ is "sorrowful, even unto death":

"And from the daughter of Zion all her beauty is departed ... she is
cast down, not having a comforter: behold, O Lord, my affliction, because the
enemy is lifted up."

This theme is brought to its moment of greatest despair in the text of the Third Lesson of this Nocturn:

"The enemy hath put out his hand to all her desirable things ... *O vos omnes, attendite, et videte si est dolor, sicut dolor meus* ... my strength is weakened: The Lord hath delivered me into a hand out of which I am not able to rise."

Note: The source of the text for *Tristis est anima mea* is to be found in Matthew 26:38 (Mark 14:34) and Matthew 26:45b (Mark 14:41b).

Tristis Est Anima

Holy Week Responsoy II—First Nocturn
Holy Thursday Matins

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SOPRANO *mf*

(I) Tri - - stis est á - ni-ma me - a us - que ad

ALTO *mf*

(II) Tri - - stis est á - ni-ma me - a us - que ad

TENOR *mf*

BASS

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 me - - cum: nunc vi - dé - bi - tis tur - - bam, quae

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Fine

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D.S. al Fine §

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