The Benedictus

The traitor gave them a token saying; “He whom I shall kiss, that same is He, hold Him fast.”

Psalm tone 8 G

Canticle of Zachary

1. Blessed be the Lord God of Israel* because He has visited and wrought the redemption of His people.

2. He gave to us a wellspring of salvation* in the Offspring of David, His servant.

3. As in ancient days He had spoken* by the mouth of His holy Prophets.

4. That He would deliver us from our enemies* and from the hands of them that hate us.

5. To perform mercy to our fathers* and to be mindful of His holy covenant.

6. As He had sworn to Abraham our father* that He would give us a Redeemer.

7. That without fear we might serve Him* free from the bondage of our enemies.

8. To walk before Him in holiness and justice* all the days of our lifetime.
Je-ru-sa-lem, Je-ru-sa-lem, be converted to the Lord Thy God.

All: On Mount Olivet He prayed to His Father: “Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass away from me. The spirit indeed is ready, but the flesh is weak.”

Leader: Watch and pray, that you enter not into temptation.

All: The spirit indeed is ready, but the flesh is weak.

Tone for Lamentations

All the beauty has departed from the daughter of Sion; her nobles are become like rams that find no pasture. Without strength, therefore, they walk before their pursuer.

Jerusalem has sinned most grievously; therefore is she become so repelling. All they that honored her now despise her in her nakedness. Beholding her own self in her misery, she sighs and turns backward.