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TENEBRAE: THE LAMENTATIONS OF JEREMIAH

Yale Collegium Musicum, Richard Lalli, director

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I (1548-1611)

Tomás Luis de Victoria Lamentationes Ieremiae Prophetae, from Officium Hebdomadae Sanctae (1585)

Lectio I Incipit – Aleph – Beth – Jerusalem, convertere

all voices

François Couperin (1668-1733)

Seconde Leçon de Tenèbres a une Voix pour le Mercredy (c1713)

Vau - Zain - Heth - Teth

Amy Shimbo, soprano Michael Rigsby, viola da gamba Paul Weber, organ

Π

Johann H. Schmelzer (1620 - 1680)

Sonata IX, from Duodena Selectarum Sonatarum (1659)

Adagio - Allegro - Allegro - Adagio - Allegro

Robert Mealy, violin Lisa Terry, viola da gamba Paul Weber, harpsichord

Joseph-Hector Fiocco (1703-1741)

Lamentatio Prima du Jeudi Saint (c1730)

Heth - Teth - Jod - Caph - Jerusalem, convertere

Paul Berry, tenor Lisa Terry, viola da gamba Michael Rigsby, viola da gamba Todd Gilman, viola da gamba Daniel Swenberg, theorbo Paul Weber, organ Charles Burks, harpsichord

| III Matthew Suttor (b. 1967) | Everyman (2002) Paul Berry, tenor Jonathan Boschetto, tenor Richard Lalli, baritone Robert Mealy, violin Adrian Slywotzky, violin Lisa Terry, viola da gamba Michael Rigsby, viola da gamba Todd Gilman, viola da gamba Charles Burks, organ |
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| Jean Gilles (1668-1705) | Première Lamentation pour le Vendredy Saint au Soir (1692) Heth – Teth – Yod – Jerusalem, convertere Lina Perkins, soprano James Ruff, tenor Jonathan Boschetto, tenor Dale Martin, bass all voices all instruments |
| IV Richard Lalli (b. 1952) | Swifter than Eagles (2002) James Ruff, tenor all voices all instruments |
| V William Lawes (1602-1645) | Pavan, from <i>Royall Consort No. 7 in a minor</i> (c1630) Robert Mealy, violin Adrian Slywotzky, violin Lisa Terry, viola da gamba Michael Rigsby, viola da gamba Daniel Swenberg, theorbo |
| anon. (15 C.) | from <i>Montecassino MS 871</i> all voices |
| Lawes | Ayre, from Royall Consort No. 7 in a minor |

Pitch: A = 415 HzTemperament: 6^{th} comma meantone The destruction of the temple in Jerusalem by the Babylonians in 587 B.C.E. provoked the initial composition of *Lamentations*. Though the work was ascribed to the prophet Jeremiah, scholars have recently questioned his authorship, citing discrepancies of diction, style and viewpoint. It is suspected that a layman connected to the royal court, or possibly cult-prophets in opposition to the ruling party, had written it.

Accepted today as a formal book of the Old Testament, and generally placed after the book of *Jeremiah*, in its early years *Lamentations* was placed with the Scrolls: *Song of Songs, Ruth, Ecclesiastes,* and *Esther*. Each had a liturgical function for an important festival; *Lamentations* was adapted for the ninth of Ab (August), a day commemorating the disaster of 587. It was also used during the pre-Christian era at the razing of temples.

Lamentations continued two literary traditions – the genre of the city lament and the device of the acrostic. City laments existed in Mesopotamian culture possibly a millennium earlier; alphabetic acrostics are to be found in compositions of ancient Egypt and Mesopotamia as well as throughout the Hebrew Bible. In Lamentations each verse begins with a letter of the Hebrew alphabet in sequence. Since this device is lost in translation, early Latin versions simply incorporated the Hebrew letter names as an extratextual element before each verse, much like the illuminated initials of medieval manuscripts. In the third chapter of Lamentations the effect is intensified as all three lines of each verse begin with the letter in question. The fifth chapter dispenses with the acrostic device, although it too consists of 22 verses, the number of letters in the Hebrew alphabet.

The Roman Catholic liturgy adapted *Lamentations* for the evening matins service – starting around six in the evening and lasting well into the night – of the three days before Easter. This matins service, known as *tenebrae*, consists of three nocturnes, each of which has the following structure:

ANTIPHON – PSALM – ANTIPHON // LESSON – RESPONSE / LESSON – RESPONSE / LESSON – RESPONSE

The Council of Trent systematized the *tenebrae* service in the 16^{tt} century: it was during the first nocturne that a section of *Lamentations*, usually about eight lines, would be sung as chant in each of the three lessons. Composers soon used the texts as the basis for expanded musical compositions. The large number of published settings, as well as evidence of courtly performances, suggests that these compositions transcended their liturgical origins. Today we hear five settings from Spain, France, and Italy, two contemporary works, and two instrumental interludes. The celebrated setting by Thomas Tallis is conspicuously missing, although Matthew Suttor's *Everyman* pays it homage.

The five chapters of *Lamentations* are represented in order; the specific texts have been identified on the following pages by italics and composers' names. As is the case with most Christian liturgical settings of *Lamentations*, the works by Victoria, Couperin, Fiocco, and Gilles begin and end with these lines, which are freely adapted from *Hosea* xiv.1:

| Incipit Lamentatione Jeremiae Prophetae | Here begins the lamentations of the prophet Jeremiah. | |
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| Jerusalem, Jerusalem, convertere ad Dominum Deum tuum. | Jerusalem, turn back to your God, the almighty. | |

Today we commemorate the events of September 11, 2001. The terror and confusion surrounding this tragedy are eerily reflected in the *Lamentations of Jeremiah*, a text that has spoken to people facing adversity in many settings. May the words and music together serve as an eloquent expression of sorrow, and as a source of comfort and inspiration.

LAMENTATIONS OF JEREMIAH – THE COMPLETE TEXT *

VICTORIA

COUPERIN

Ι

| Aleph | Quomodo sedit sola civitas plena populo | How deserted lies the city that once was full of people! |
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| | facta est quasi vidua domina gentium | Once greatest among nations, she is now like a widow; |
| | princeps provinciarum facta est sub tributo | Once the noblest of states, she is set to forced labor. |
| Ветн | plorans ploravit in nocte et lacrimae eius in maxillis eius | By night she weeps aloud, tears on her cheeks. |
| | non est qui consoletur eam ex omnibus caris eius | There is no one to comfort her of all her lovers. |
| | omnes amici eius spreverunt eam et facti sunt ei inimici | All her friends have betrayed her, have become her enemies. |
| GIMEL | migravit Iuda propter adflictionem et multitudinem servitutis | Judah has gone into exile after suffering and after much toil. |
| | habitavit inter gentes nec invenit requiem | She dwelt among the nations but found no rest. |
| | omnes persecutores eius adprehenderunt eam inter angustias | All who pursued her cornered her in narrow straits. |
| Deleth | viae Sion lugent eo quod non sint qui veniant ad sollemnitatem omnes portae eius destructae sacerdotes eius gementes virgines eius squalidae et ipsa oppressa amaritudine | The roads to Zion mourn, since none come in for the feasts. All her gates are desolate. Her priests sigh, Her virgins are troubled, and she is bitter. |
| He | facti sunt hostes eius in capite | Her enemies came out on top; |
| | quia Dominus locutus est super eam propter multitudinem iniquitatum eius | For Yahweh afflicted her for her many rebellions. |
| | parvuli eius ducti sunt captivi ante faciem tribulantis | Her children were driven as prisoners before the enemy. |
| VAV | et egressus est a filia Sion omnis decor eius facti sunt principes eius velut arietes non invenientes pascuam et abierunt absque fortitudine | And there has departed from Zion all her splendor. Her princes were like stags which could find no pasture, But went on exhausted before the |
| | ante faciem subsequentis | hunter. |
| Zai | recordata est Hierusalem dierum ad- flictionis suae et praevaricationis omnium desiderabilium suorum quae habuerat a diebus antiquis cum caderet populus eius in manu | Jerusalem calls to mind the days when she was banished in misery, All the precious things that were hers in days of old, When her people fell into the enemy's |
| | hostili et non esset auxiliator viderunt eam hostes et deriserunt sabbata eius | grasp and there was no one to help. Her enemies saw her and laughed at her collapse. |

* as both the Latin and English texts are translations of the original Hebrew, they do not always match one another.

HETH peccatum peccavit Hierusalem propterea instabilis facta est omnes qui glorificabant eam spreverunt illam quia viderunt ignominiam eius ipsa autem gemens et conversa retrorsum

TETH sordes eius in pedibus eius nec recordata est finis sui deposita est vehementer non habens consolatorem vide Domine adflictionem meam quoniam erectus est inimicus

IOTH manum suam misit hostis ad omnia desiderabilia eius quia vidit gentes ingressas sanctuarium suum de quibus praeceperas ne intrarent in ecclesiam tuam

CAPH omnis populus eius gemens et quaerens panem dederunt pretiosa quaeque pro cibo ad refocilandam animam vide Domine considera quoniam facta sum vilis

LAMED O VOS OMNES qui transitis per viam adtendite et videte si est dolor sicut dolor meus quoniam vindemiavit me ut locutus est Dominus in die irae furoris sui

MEM de excelso misit ignem in ossibus meis et erudivit me expandit rete pedibus meis convertit me retrorsum posuit me desolatam tota die maerore confectam

NUN vigilavit iugum iniquitatum mearum in manu eius convolutae sunt et inpositae collo meo infirmata est virtus mea dedit me Dominus in manu de qua non potero surgere

SAMECH abstulit omnes magnificos meos Dominus de medio mei vocavit adversum me tempus ut contereret electos meos torcular calcavit Dominus virgini filiae Iuda Because Jerusalem sinned so great a sin, people shake their heads at her. All who once respected her, despise her, having seen her naked. She herself groans aloud, and falls back frustrated.

Her pollution has fouled her skirts. She did not think of the consequences for her. And she has come down astonishingly, with no one to comfort her. "Yahweh, look upon my misery, at the insolence of the enemy!"

The enemy stretched out his hand after all her precious things. She saw that the heathen entered her sanctuary, Concerning whom you had commanded: "They shall not enter your assembly."

All her people are groaning, seeking food. They gave their darlings for food, to keep alive. "Yahweh, look and consider how worthless I have become!

Come, all you who pass by on the road, consider and see: Is there any pain like my pain—that which he caused me, Which Yahweh inflicted on me on the day of his burning anger?

From on high he sent fire and sank it into my bones.He stretched a net for my feet; he turned me back.He made me desolate, sick all day long.

Watch is kept over my steps. They are entangled by his hand. His yoke is on my neck. He has brought my strength low. The Lord has given me up to those whom I am powerless to resist.

The Lord heaped up in my midst all my strong men, Then summoned an assembly against me to crush my young warriors. The Lord trod the wine-press of fair young Judah.

| Ain | idcirco ego plorans et oculus meus deducens aquam | C |
|-------|---|---|
| | quia longe factus est a me consolator convertens animam meam | F |
| | facti sunt filii mei perditi quoniam invaluit inimicus | N |
| Fe | expandit Sion manus suas non est qui consoletur eam | Z |
| | mandavit Dominus adversum Iacob in circuitu eius hostes eius | 3 |
| | facta est Hierusalem quasi polluta menstruis inter eos | J |
| Sade | iustus est Dominus quia os eius ad iracundiam provocavi | |
| | audite obsecro universi populi et | Ι |
| | videte dolorem meum | r |
| | virgines meae et iuvenes mei abierunt in captivitatem | N |
| Cope | vocavi amicos meos et ipsi | Ι |
| | deceperunt me sacerdotes mei et senes mei in | ľ |
| | urbe consumpti sunt | r |
| | quia quaesierunt cibum sibi ut | I |
| | refocilarent animam suam | |
| Res | vide Domine quoniam tribulor venter meus conturbatus est | |
| | subversum est cor meum in memet ipsa | ľ |
| | quoniam amaritudine plena sum | |
| | foris interfecit gladius et domi mors similis est | (|
| Sen | audierunt quia ingemesco ego et | Ι |
| | non est qui consoletur me omnes inimici mei audierunt malum meum | ł |
| | laetati sunt quoniam tu fecisti | |
| | adduxisti diem consolationis et fient similes mei | (|
| Thav | ingrediatur omne malum eorum | I |
| | coram te et devindemia eos sicut vindemiasti me | 3 |
| | propter omnes iniquitates meas | Ű |
| | multi enim gemitus mei et cor meum maerens | I |
| Π | | |
| Aleph | Quomodo obtexit caligine in furore suo Dominus filiam Sion | ł |
| | proiecit de caelo terram inclitam | ł |
| | Israhel et non recordatus est scabilli pedum | 1 |
| | suorum in die furoris sui | 1 |

Over these things I weep; my eyes run with water. For any comforter, anyone to console,

is far from me.

My children are desolate because the enemy has prevailed."

Zion spread out her hands—there was none to comfort her.

Yahweh commanded Jacob's enemies to gather around him.

ferusalem has become like an unclean thing in their midst.

"Yahweh is in the right, for I disobeyed his command. Listen, all you peoples, and realize my pain!

My young men and women have been taken prisoner.

I called for my lovers, but they deceived me. My priests and my elders expired in the city While seeking food to keep alive.

Yahweh, see how I am in anguish! My bowels churn. My heart is turned over inside me, when I think how rebellious I was. Outside the sword killed my children; inside, it was famine.

Listen to how I groan! There is no one to comfort me. All my enemies heard of my trouble; they rejoiced that you had done it. Oh bring on the day you had

proclaimed, and let them be like me!

Let all their wickedness come before you, and do to them Just what you did to me for all my rebellions. For many are my groans, and my heart is sick."

How the Lord in his anger has treated Zion with contempt! He has thrown down from heaven to earth the glory of Israel. He had no regard for his footstool on the day of his wrath.

- BETH praccipitavit Dominus nec pepercit omnia speciosa Iacob destruxit in furore suo munitiones virginis Iuda deiecit in terram polluit regnum et principes eius
- GIMEL confregit in ira furoris omne cornu Israhel avertit retrorsum dexteram suam a facie inimici et succendit in Iacob quasi ignem flammae devorantis in gyro
- DELETH tetendit arcum suum quasi inimicus firmavit dexteram suam quasi hostis et occidit omne quod pulchrum erat visu in tabernaculo filiae Sion effudit quasi ignem indignationem suam
- HE factus est Dominus velut inimicus praecipitavit Israhel praecipitavit omnia moenia eius dissipavit munitiones eius et replevit in filia Iuda humiliatum et humiliatam
- VAV et dissipavit quasi hortum tentorium suum demolitus est tabernaculum suum oblivioni tradidit Dominus in Sion festivitatem et sabbatum et obprobrio in indignatione furoris sui regem et sacerdotem
- ZAI reppulit Dominus altare suum maledixit sanctificationi suae tradidit in manu inimici muros turrium eius vocem dederunt in domo Domini sicut in die sollemni

HETH cogitavit Dominus dissipare murum filiae Sion tetendit funiculum suum et non avertit manum suam a perditione luxitque antemurale et murus pariter dissipatus est

TETH defixae sunt in terra portae eius perdidit et contrivit vectes eius regem eius et principes eius in gentibus non est lex et prophetae eius non invenerunt visionem a Domino The Lord consumed, unsparingly, all the dwellings of Jacob. He tore down, in his anger, the fortress of Judah. He brought down to earth, he profaned, her king and princes.

In fierce anger he lopped off the horns of Israel. He turned back his right hand in the face of the enemy, And he burned against Jacob like a fire that consumes on every side.

He bent his bow like an enemy; the sword-hilt was in his right hand. Like a foe he slew all the good-looking men. On the tents of Zion he poured out his wrath like fire.

The Lord became an enemy; he consumed Israel. He consumed all his citadels; he destroyed his fortresses. He made moaning and mourning plentiful in Judah.

He laid waste his covert like a garden; he ruined his assembly. Yahweh made festival and sabbath to be forgotten in Zion, And in his fierce anger he poured contempt on king and priest.

Yahweh rejected his own altar; he spurned his sanctuary. He gave over to the enemy the walls of her citadels. They made a noise in the house of Yahweh as though it were a feast day.

Yahweh planned to destroy the wall of Zion. He stretched out the line; he did not relent from slaughtering. So he made rampart and wall mourn; together they languished.

Her gates have sunk into the earth; he destroyed their bars. Her king and her princes are among the heathen; there is no instruction; Also her prophets find no vision from Yahweh.

FIOCCO

- IOTH sederunt in terra conticuerunt senes filiae Sion consperserunt cinere capita sua accincti sunt ciliciis abiecerunt in terra capita sua virgines Hierusalem
- CAPH defecerunt prae lacrimis oculi mei conturbata sunt viscera mea effusum est in terra iecur meum super contritione filiae populi mei cum deficeret parvulus et lactans in plateis oppidi
- LAMED matribus suis dixerunt ubi est triticum et vinum cum deficerent quasi vulnerati in plateis civitatis cum exhalarent animas suas in sinu matrum suarum
- MEM cui conparabo te vel cui adsimilabo te filia Hierusalem cui exaequabo te et consolabor te virgo filia Sion magna enim velut mare contritio tua quis medebitur tui
- NUN prophetae tui viderunt tibi falsa et stulta nec aperiebant iniquitatem tuam ut te ad paenitentiam provocarent viderunt autem tibi adsumptiones falsas et eiectiones
- SAMECH plauserunt super te manibus omnes transeuntes per viam sibilaverunt et moverunt caput suum super filiam Hierusalem haecine est urbs dicentes perfecti decoris gaudium universae terrae
- FE aperuerunt super te os suum omnes inimici tui sibilaverunt et fremuerunt dentibus dixerunt devoravimus en ista est dies quam expectabamus invenimus vidimus

AIN fecit Dominus quae cogitavit conplevit sermonem suum quem praeceperat a diebus antiquis destruxit et non pepercit et laetificavit super te inimicum et exaltavit cornu hostium tuorum

In silence they sit on the ground, the elders of Zion. They put dirt on their heads; they wear sackcloth. The virgins of Jerusalem bow their heads to the ground.

My eyes are worn out with tears; my bowels churn. My liver is poured out on the ground at the destruction of my people. As the child and the baby were fainting in the streets of the city,

They said to their mothers, "Where is grain and wine?" As they fainted like wounded men in the streets of the city, As they breathed their last in their mothers' laps.

To what can I liken, to what compare you, O Jerusalem? What likeness can I use to comfort you, O fair Zion? For your ruin is vast as the sea—who could mend you?

Your prophets saw visions for you that were mere whitewash. They did not lay bare your sin, to make things better again, But they saw for you oracles that were empty deceptions.

All who pass along the road clap hands at you; They whistle and shake their heads at Jerusalem. "Is this the city they call the perfection of beauty?"

They open wide their mouths at you, all your enemies; They whistle and gnash their teeth; they say "We have consumed them! Yes, this is the day we waited for! We have actually seen it!"

Yahweh has done what he planned; He has carried out what he said he would, what he commanded from olden times: he tore down without sparing And he made your enemies happy at your expense; he raised high the horns of your foes.

| SADE | clamavit cor eorum ad Dominum |
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| | super muros filiae Sion |
| | deduc quasi torrentem lacrimas |
| | per diem et per noctem |
| | non des requiem tibi neque taceat |
| | pupilla oculi tui |
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Сорн consurge lauda in nocte in principio vigiliarum effunde sicut aqua cor tuum ante conspectum Domini leva ad eum manus tuas pro anima parvulorum tuorum qui defecerunt in fame in capite omnium conpetorum

RES vide Domine et considera quem vindemiaveris ita ergone comedent mulieres fructum suum parvulos ad mensuram palmae si occidetur in sanctuario Domini sacerdos et propheta

SEN iacuerunt in terra foris puer et senex virgines meae et iuvenes mei ceciderunt in gladio interfecisti in die furoris tui percussisti nec misertus es

THAV vocasti quasi ad diem sollemnem qui terrerent me de circuitu et non fuit in die furoris Domini qui effugeret et relinqueretur quos educavi et enutrivi inimicus meus consumpsit eos

Ш

ALEPH Ego vir videns paupertatem meam in virga indignationis eius me minavit et adduxit in tenebris ALEPH et non in lucem tantum in me vertit et convertit ALEPH manum suam tota die BETH vetustam fecit pellem meam et carnem meam contrivit ossa mea aedificavit in gyro meo et circumdedit Ветн me felle et labore BETH in tenebrosis conlocavit me quasi mortuos sempiternos circumaedificavit adversum me ut non egre-GIMEL diar adgravavit conpedem meam sed et cum clamavero et rogavero GIMEL. exclusit orationem meam

Cry from the heart to the Lord, O remorseful Zion! Shed tears like a torrent night and day. Give yourself no relief! Do not let your eyes be still!

Arise, cry out at night, as each watch begins.
Pour out your heart like water before the face of the Lord.
Lift up your hands to him for the lives of your children
Who faint for hunger at the head of every street.

"Look, Yahweh, and consider whom you have treated so. Should women eat what they bore, the children they have raised? Should priest and prophet be slain in the sanctuary of the Lord?

Out in the streets on the ground they lie, boys and old men. My young men and women have fallen by the sword. You killed them on the day of your wrath; you slaughtered without mercy.

You invited, as though to a festival, men to attack me from all sides, So that, on the day of Yahweh's wrath, there were none who escaped or got away— My enemies have wiped out those whom I cherished and brought up."

SUTTOR'S EVERYMAN PARAPHRASES THE ENTIRE THIRD CHAPTER

"I am the man who has been through trouble under the rod of his anger.
He led and guided me—into darkness, not light,
He turned his hand against me above all, again and again, all day.
He wore out my flesh and skin; he broke my bones.
He besieged and encircled me with poverty and hardship.
He made me sit in the dark like those long dead.

He shut me in so I cannot escape; he put me in heavy chains. Even when I cry out and ask for help, he shuts out my prayer.

SUTTOR

| GIMEL | conclusit vias meas lapidibus quadris semitas meas subvertit | He has bl |
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| Deleth | ursus insidians factus est mihi | He is a lu |
| Deleth | leo in absconditis semitas meas subvertit et confregit | He turne |
| Deleth | me posuit me desolatam tetendit arcum suum et posuit me quasi signum ad sagittam | He bent l |
| HE | misit in renibus meis filias faretrae suae | He shot 1 |
| HE | factus sum in derisu omni populo meo canticum eorum tota die | I have be |
| HE | replevit me amaritudinibus inebriavit me absinthio | He gave |
| VAV | et fregit ad numerum dentes meos cibavit me cinere | He grou |
| VAV | et repulsa est anima mea oblitus sum bonorum | I despair |
| VAV | et dixi periit finis meus et spes mea a Domino | I though |
| ZAI | recordare paupertatis et transgressionis meae absinthii et fellis | I remem |
| ZAI | memoria memor ero et tabescet in me anima mea | Within r |
| ZAI | hoc recolens in corde meo ideo sperabo | Yet one |
| Нетн | misericordiae Domini quia non sumus consumpti quia non | Yahweh |
| Нетн | defecerunt miserationes eius novae diluculo multa est fides tua | It is new |
| НЕТН | pars mea Dominus dixit anima mea propterea expectabo eum | Yahweh |
| Тетн | bonus est Dominus sperantibus in eum animae querenti illum | Yahweh |
| Тетн | bonum est praestolari cum silentio salutare Domini | It is goo |
| Тетн | bonum est viro cum portaverit iugum ab adulescentia sua | It is goo |
| Іотн | sedebit solitarius et tacebit quia levavit super se | Let him |
| Іотн | ponet in pulvere os suum si forte sit spes | Let him |
| Іотн | dabit percutienti se maxillam saturabitur obprobriis | Let him |
| Сарн | quia non repellet in sempiternum Dominus | Because |
| Сарн | quia si abiecit et miserebitur secundum mul- titudinem misericordiarum suarum | Because |
| Сарн | non enim humiliavit ex corde suo et abiecit filios hominis | Because |
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blocked up my ways with cut stones; he has made my paths crooked. urking bear to me, a lion in hiding: ed me aside and tore me apart. He made me desolate. his bow and set me up as a target for his arrows. me in the vitals with shafts from his quiver. ecome a joke to all my people; all day long they mock me in song. me my fill of bitter things; he sated me with wormwood. nd my teeth in the gravel; he trampled me into the dust. red of having peace; I forgot everything good. nt, 'My lasting hope in Yahweh has perished.' ber my miserable wandering, the wormwood and poison. myself I surely remember, and am despondent. thing I will keep in mind which will give me hope: n's mercy is surely not at an end, nor is his pity exhausted. w every morning. Great is your faithfulness! h is my portion, I tell myself, therefore I will hope. h is good to the person who waits for him, to the man who seeks him. od that a man hope in quiet for Yahweh's deliverance. od for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth. sit in silence by himself when it is heavy on him. n put his mouth in the dirtmaybe there is hope. turn his cheek to the one who strikes him; let him have his fill of disgrace. e the Lord does not reject forever; e after he has afflicted he will have pity,

out of his abounding mercy; Because he does not deliberately torment men, or afflict them

GILLES

| Lamed | ut contereret sub pedibus suis omnes vinctos terrae | By crushing under foot all the prisoners of the earth, |
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| LAMED | ut declinaret iudicium viri in | By denying a man justice before the |
| | conspectu vultus Altissimi | Most High, |
| Lamed | ut perverteret hominem in | By twisting a man's case without the |
| | iudicio suo Dominus ignoravit | Lord seeing. |
| Мем | quis est iste qui dixit ut fieret | Who was it who 'spoke and it was done?' |
| | Domino non iubente | It was the Lord who gave the command. |
| Мем | ex ore Altissimi non egredientur | Both bad and good take place at the |
| | nec mala nec bona | command of the Most High. |
| Мем | quid murmuravit homo vivens | Why should a man complain over |
| | vir pro peccatis suis | his sins, as long as he is still alive? |
| Nun | scrutemur vias nostras et quaeramus | Let us rather test and examine our |
| NTerra | et revertamur ad Dominum | ways, and return to Yahweh. |
| Nun | levemus corda nostra cum manibus | Let us lift our heart along with our |
| Nun | ad Domium in caelos nos inique egimus et ad iracundiam provo- | hands to God above." |
| | cavimus idcirco tu inexorabilis es | "We have rebelled and disobeyed. |
| | | You have not forgiven. |
| SAMECH | operuisti in furore et percussisti | You have enveloped us in anger and pursued us; |
| G . | nos occidisti nec pepercisti | you have slain us without sparing. |
| SAMECH | opposuisti nubem tibi ne | You have wrapped yourself in cloud |
| SAMECH | transeat oratio eradicationem et abiectionem | so no prayer could get through. |
| DAMLEI | posuisti me in medio populorum | You make us a despised off-scouring |
| | posaisti me in mento populorani | among the nations. |
| $\mathbf{F}\mathbf{E}$ | aperuerunt super nos os suum | All our enemies open their mouths |
| Fr | omnes inimici | wide at us. |
| Fe | formido et laqueus facta est nobis vaticinatio et contritio | We have been through panic and pit, |
| Fe | divisiones aquarum deduxit oculus meus | wreck and ruin." "My eyes run with streams of tears at |
| | in contritione filiae populi mei | the ruin of my people. |
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| Ain | oculus meus adflictus est nec tacuit | My eyes will stream without stopping, |
| Ain | eo quod non esset requies | without relief, |
| Ally | donec respiceret et videret Dominus de caelis | Until Yahweh looks out from above |
| Ain | oculus meus depraedatus est animam meam | to see. The affliction done to me, |
| | in cunctis filiabus urbis meae | has consumed my eyes." |
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| SADE | venatione ceperunt me quasi | "Those who are my enemies for no reason |
| SADE | avem inimici mei gratis lapsa est in lacu vita mea et | hunted me like a bird. |
| SADE | posuerunt lapidem super me | They shut me tight in a pit |
| SADE | inundaverunt aquae super caput | and threw stones at me. |
| 0.102 | meum dixi perii | Waters came over my head. I said, 'I am cut off.' |
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| Сорн | invocavi nomen tuum Domine | Out of the lowest pit, Yahweh, |
| CORL | de lacis novissimis | I call your name. |
| Сорн | vocem meam audisti ne avertas aurem tuam a singultu meo et clamoribus | Hear my voice—Do not close your ears— |
| Сорн | adpropinquasti in die quando | to relieve me, to save me! Be near when I call you; tell me |
| | invocavi te dixisti ne timeas | not to be afraid. |
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| | D. | iudicasti Domine causam animae | Lord, be on my side in this struggle; |
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| | RES | meae redemptor vitae meae | redeem my life. |
| | RES | vidisti Domine iniquitatem adversum me iudica iudicium meum | Yahweh, see the injustice I suffer; uphold my cause. |
| | Res | vidisti omnem furorem universas cogitationes eorum adversum me | See how they took revenge on me, plotted against me. |
| | Sen | audisti obprobria eorum Domine omnes cogitationes eorum adversum me | Listen to how they reproach me, Yahweh, how they plot against me. |
| | Sen | labia insurgentium mihi et meditationes eorum adversum me tota die | The speech and the thoughts of my enemies are against me all day. |
| | Sen | sessionem eorum et resurrectionem eorum vide ego sum psalmus eorum | Look, in everything they do I am the butt of their mockery. |
| | THAV | reddes eis vicem Domine iuxta opera manuum suarum | Give them back, Yahweh, what they have coming, for what their hands have done. |
| | Тнаv Тнаv | dabis eis scutum cordis laborem tuum persequeris in furore et conteres eos sub caelis Domine | Give them anguish of heart, as your curse on them! May you pursue them in anger and wipe them out from under Yahweh's heaven!" |
| | IV | | |
| | Aleph | Quomodo obscuratum est aurum mutates est color optimus | How gold is despised! Good gold is hated! |
| | | dispersi sunt lapides sanctuarii in capite omnium platearum | Jewels are scattered about at every street corner! |
| | Beth | filii Sion incliti et amicti auro primo | The people of Zion, once so precious, worth their weight in fine gold, |
| | | quomodo reputati sunt in vasa testea opus manuum figuli | Are now treated like cheap crockery, the work of the potter. |
| LA | Gimel | sed et lamiae nudaverunt mammam lactaverunt catulos suos | Even a jackal will offer her teats and suckle her cubs, |
| LALLI – | | filia populi mei crudelis quasi strutio in deserto | But my people is truly cruel, like the ostriches in the desert. |
| | Deleth | adhesit lingua lactantis ad palatum eius in siti | The tongue of the sucking child, from thirst, sticks to its palate. |
| | | parvuli petierunt panem et | Young children ask for bread; |
| | | non erat qui frangeret eis | no one gives it to them. |
| | HE | qui vescebantur voluptuose interierunt in viis | Those who once fed on delicacies are destitute in the streets; |
| | | qui nutriebantur in croceis amplexati sunt stercora | Those brought up in scarlet clothing pick through garbage. |
| | VAV | et maior effecta est iniquitas filiae populi mei peccato Sodomorum | So the wickedness of my people was greater than the sin of Sodom, |
| | | quae subversa est in momento et non ceperunt in ea manus | Which was overthrown in a moment, without a hand laid on it. |
| | ZAI | candidiores nazarei eius nive nitidiores lacte | Her Nazirites were whiter than snow, lighter than milk. |
| | | rubicundiores ebore antiquo sapphyro pulchriores | Their bodies were more ruddy than corals; their beards were lapis lazuli. |
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| Heth | denigrata est super carbones facies eorum |
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| | et non sunt cogniti in plateis |
| | adhesit cutis eorum ossibus aruit |
| | et facta est quasi lignum |

Тетн melius fuit occisis gladio quam interfectis fame quoniam isti extabuerunt consumpti ab sterilitate terrae

Iотн manus mulierum misericordium coxerunt filios suos facti sunt cibus earum in contritione filiae populi mei

CAPH conplevit Dominus furorem suum effudit iram indignationis suae et succendit ignem in Sion et devoravit fundamenta eius

LAMED non crediderunt reges terrae et universi habitatores orbis quoniam ingrederetur hostis et inimicus per portas Hierusalem

MEM propter peccata prophetarum eius iniquitates sacerdotum eius qui effuderunt in medio eius sanguinem iustorum

NUN erraverunt caeci in plateis polluti sunt sanguine cumque non possent tenuerunt lacinias suas

SAMECH recedite polluti clamaverunt eis recedite abite nolite tangere iurgati quippe sunt et commoti dixerunt inter gentes non addet ultra ut habitet in eis

FE facies Domini divisit eos non addet ut respiciat eos facies sacerdotum non erubuerunt neque senum miserti sunt

AIN cum adhuc subsisteremus defecerunt oculi nostri ad auxilium nostrum vanum cum respiceremus adtenti ad gentem quae salvare non poterat

SADE lubricaverunt vestigia nostra in itinere platearum nostrarum adpropinquavit finis noster conpleti sunt dies nostri quia venit finis noster Now they look blacker than soot; they are not recognized in the street. Their skin has shrunk over their bones, has become dry as wood.

Those killed by the sword had it better than those killed by famine, Those who perished of wounds, than those who lacked the fruits of the field.

With their own hands the kindly women cooked their children. That was the food they had, when my people was ruined.

Yahweh gave full vent to his rage, he poured out his hot anger, And he set fire to Zion that burned its foundations.

The kings of the earth could not believe, nor could any of the world's rulers, That enemies and foes would pass through the gates of Jerusalem.

On account of the sins of her prophets, the iniquities of her priests, Who shed within her the blood of innocent men,

The innocent wandered blind in the streets, defiled with blood; By exertion they are spent and exhausted; their clothing is tattered.

"Get away! Unclean!" people call to them. "Get away! Don't touch!" So they became fugitives and wanderers; it was said, "They shall no longer abide among the nations."

The splendor of Yahweh destroyed them. He stopped looking after them. He did not respect the priests, or spare the elders.

We kept awake and wore out our eyes looking for help—in vain. On our lookout we kept watch for a nation that does not save.

They hunted our steps so we could not walk in our streets. Our end drew near, our time was up, and our end came.

| Сорн | velociores fuerunt persecutores nostri aquilis caeli super montes persecuti sunt nos in deserto insidiati sunt nobis | Our pursuers were swifter than eagles in the sky. They were hot after us in the mountains; they lay in ambush for us in the desert. |
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| RES | spiritus oris nostri christus dominus captus est in peccatis nostris cui diximus in umbra tua vivemus in gentibus | The breath of our nostrils, the anointed of Yahweh, was caught in their traps, The one of whom we said, "In his shadow we will live among the nations." |
| Sen | gaude et laetare filia Edom quae habitas in terra Hus ad te quoque perveniet calix inebriaberis atque nudaberis | Rejoice and be glad, O Edom, you who dwell in Uz, The cup will come round to you also, and you will get drunk and strip naked. |
| Thav | conpleta est iniquitas tua filia Sion non addet ultra ut transmigret te visitavit iniquitatem tuam filia Edom discoperuit peccata tua | Your punishment is complete, O Zion! He will not exile you again. May he punish your iniquity, O Edom! May he lay bare your sins! |
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| recordare Domine quid acciderit | | Remember, Yahweh, what happened to us; |
| nobis intuere et respice obprobrium nostrum | | Consider, and see our disgrace. |
| hereditas nostra versa est ad alienos | | Our land is turned over to strangers; |
| domus nostrae ad extraneos | | Our houses, to foreigners. |
| pupilli facti sumus absque patre | | We have become orphans, fatherless; |
| matres nostrae quasi viduae | | Our mothers are like widows. |
| aquam nostram pecunia bibimus | | We pay money to drink our own water, |
| ligna nostra pretio conparavimus | | And must buy our own wood. |
| cervicibus minabamur lassis non | | A yoke has been set on our neck; |
| dabatur requies | | We are weary, and have no rest. |
| Aegypto dedimus manum et Assyriis | | We made a pact with Egypt; |
| ut saturaremur pane | | And with Assyria, to get enough bread. |
| patres nostri peccaverunt et non sunt | | Our fathers sinned, and are no more, |
| et nos iniquitates eorem portavimus | | And we suffer for their iniquities. |
| servi dominati sunt nostri non fuit | | Slaves have become our rulers; |
| qui redimeret de manu eorum | | There is none to deliver us from their power. |
| in animabus nostris adferebamus | | To get bread we risk our lives |
| panem nobis a facie gladii in deserto | | Before the pursuer's sword. |
| | nostra quasi clibanus exusta facie tempestatum famis | Our skin is black as an oven From the scorch of famine. |
| mulieres in Sion humiliaverunt | | They raped women in Zion; |
| virgines in civitatibus Iuda | | Virgins in the cities of Judah. |

principes manu suspensi sunt facies

senum non erubuerunt

MONTELASSO

Their hands hanged our princes; They did not honor the elders.

adulescentibus inpudice abusi sunt et pueri in lingo corruerunt

senes de portis defecerunt iuvenes de choro psallentium

defecit gaudium cordis nostri versus est in luctu chorus noster

cecidit corona capitis nostri vae nobis quia peccavimus

propterea maestum factum est cor nostrum ideo contenebrati sunt oculi nostri

propter montem Sion quia disperiit vulpes ambulaverunt in eo

tu autem Domine in aeternum permanebis solium tuum in generatione et generatione

quare in perpetuum oblivisceris nostri derelinques nos in longitudinem dierum

converte nos Domine ad te et convertemur innova dies nostros sicut a principio

sed proiciens reppulisti nos iratus es contra nos vehementer

Biblia Sacra, Iuxta Vulgatem Versionem, Württembergische Bibelanstalt, Stuttgart, 1969. They took young men to grind; And youths stagger from hard work.

The elders are gone from the gate; The young men no longer make music.

The joy of our heart is gone; Our dance has turned to mourning.

The crown has fallen from our head. Alas that we ever sinned!

At this our heart has sickened; These things have darkened our sight.

On Mount Zion, which lies desolate, Foxes prowl about.

Yet you, Yahweh, rule forever; Your throne is eternal.

Why do you never think of us? Why abandon us so long?

Bring us back to you, Yahweh, and we will return. Make our days as they were before.

But instead you have completely rejected us; You have been very angry with us.

Delbert R. Hillers, translator, *The Anchor Bible:* Lamentations, Doubleday & Co., Inc., NY, 1972.

The Yale Collegium Musicum is dedicated to the historically informed performance of music. The group was founded in the 1940's by composer Paul Hindemith as one of the first ensembles in the United States devoted to early music. During the past season an ancient tradition was revived - that of performing contemporary works The current season features works in manuscript at the Beinecke and Music Libraries, some of which have not been heard for centuries, in addition to premieres by Yale composers. Sponsored by the Department of Music and supported by the Friends of Music at Yale, the Collegium is open to all members of the Yale community.

The Beinecke Rare Book & Manuscript Library, Yale University's principal repository for literary papers and for rare books and early manuscript in the humanities and natural sciences, sponsors lectures, readings, conferences, and concerts related to its collections throughout the academic year.

Tenor PAUL BERRY is pursuing his doctorate in musicology at Yale. He is a regular soloist in the New Haven area, focusing on early and 20th century music. In April, Paul performed a concert of Heine settings by Schubert and Schumann in the Beinecke Library with acclaimed pianist and critic Charles Rosen. He has studied voice with Gene Ferguson, Douglas Ahlstedt, and Richard Lalli.

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LISA TERRY, viola da gamba and early cello, has performed with ARTEK, Breve, Dryden Ensemble, Louis Louis, Parthenia, the New York City Opera, Orchestra of St. Lukes, Concert Royal, the American Classical Orchestra, Four Nations Ensemble, and Santa Fe Pro Musica. Ms. Terry has appeared as soloist in the passions of J.S. Bach with Robert Shaw and Lyndon Woodside in Carnegie Hall, in the Jonathan Miller staged performances at the Brooklyn Academy of Music, and with the New York Collegium under the direction of Andrew Parrot.

PAUL WEBER received his BMus in organ performance and theory/composition at Lawrence University in Appleton, WI, and is currently a graduate student in the Yale School of Music and Institute of Sacred Music. He won first prize at the Region VI (AGO) Competition for Young Organists in 2000 and second prize at the Arthur Poister National Competition in Organ Performance. He was awarded the Charles Ives Prize in organ performance at Yale last year, has been invited to perform in the international competition in organ performance in Kotka, Finland, this November.

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EVERYMAN July/August 2002

For two tenors, baritone, violins, viola da gambas, and chamber organ.

Everyman takes as its text the third Lamentation attributed to Jeremiah although the text is altered from a lament of a vengeful people forsaken by God to a call for peace beyond the conflict and injustice between men. The musical material is taken from the opening of Thomas Tallis' *The Lamentation of Jeremiah* (Part I). Rather than directly quoting, I weave this material into canonic textures in which the listener may hear echoes of Tallis' famous lament. – Matthew Suttor

SWIFTER THAN EAGLES August 2002 For chorus, tenor solo, violins, gambas, theorbo, harpsichord and organ.

The fourth chapter of *Lamentations*, a rather gruesome text rarely set by renaissance and baroque composers, is the source for *Swifter than Eagles*. In the first choral section the men quote, in Latin, the chant and text prescribed for the second lesson on Holy Saturday, followed immediately by the women reciting this text in English. The chant melody recurs in many guises, culminating with a phrase sung by three young soprani, "Our pursuers were swifter than eagles in the sky." These same soprani earlier sing the Hebrew alphabet, an ostinato which, along with the descending tetrachord, pervades the piece. —Richard Lalli

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The Yale Collegium Musicum is in the process of procuring a collection of bows made specifically for the performance of baroque music. The Scarlatti concert on November 14 will feature an ensemble of Yale undergraduates, under the direction of Robert Mealy, using these bows, as will a March production of Handel's *Julius Caesar*. If you would like to have your name attached to a bow, please contact <u>richard.lalli@yale.edu</u>.

The Lamentations of Jeremiah. From an 8th-century Bible with neumes (in black) added three centuries later. Beinecke Library, MS 193.