

Holy Saturday Morning Prayer

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Leader: + God, come to my assistance.

All: Lord, make haste to help me.

Leader: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

All: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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PSALMODY

Antiphon 1

Leader: Though sinless, the Lord has been put to death. The world is in mourning
as for an only son.

Psalm 64

Prayer for help against enemies

This psalm commemorates most particularly our Lord's passion.

(Saint Augustine)

E: Hear my voice, O God, as I complain,
guard my life from dread of the foe.
Hide me from the band of the wicked,
from the throng of those who do evil.

W: They sharpen their tongues like swords;
they aim bitter words like arrows
to shoot at the innocent from ambush,
shooting suddenly and recklessly.

E: They scheme their evil course;
they conspire to lay secret snares.
They say, "Who will see us?
Who can search out our crimes?"



W: He will search who searches the mind,
and knows the depth of the heart.
God has shot them with his arrow
and dealt them sudden wounds.
Their own tongue has brought them to ruin
and all who see them mock.

E: Then will all men fear;
they will tell what God has done.
They will understand God's deeds.
The just will rejoice in the Lord and fly to him for refuge.
All the upright hearts will glory.

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Antiphon

All: **Though sinless, the Lord has been put to death. The world is in mourning
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Antiphon 2

Leader: From the jaws of hell, Lord, rescue my soul.

Canticle – Isaiah 38:10-14, 17-20

Joy of God's ransomed people.

Lift up your heads for your redemption is close at hand. (Luke 21:28)

E: Once I said, "In the noontime of life I must depart!
To the gates of the netherworld I shall be consigned
for the rest of my years."

W: I said, “I shall see the Lord no more in the land of the living.
No longer shall I behold my fellow men
among those who dwell in the world.”

E: My dwelling, like a shepherd’s tent,
is struck down and born away from me;
you have folded up my life, like a weaver
who severs the last thread.

W: Day and night you give me over to torment;
I cry out until the dawn.
Like a lion he breaks all my bones;
day and night you give me over to torment.

E: Like a swallow I utter shrill cries; I moan like a dove.
My eyes grow weak, gazing heaven-ward;
O Lord, I am in straits, be my surety!

W: You have preserved my life from the pit of destruction,
when you cast behind your back all my sins.

E: For it is not the nether world that gives you thanks,
nor death that praises you;
neither do those who go down into the pit await your kindness.

W: The living, the living give you thanks,
as I do today.
Fathers declare to their sons,
O God, your faithfulness.

E: The Lord is our savior;
we shall sing to stringed instruments
in the house of the Lord
all the days of our life.



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Antiphon

All: From the jaws of hell, Lord, rescue my soul.

Antiphon 3

Leader: I was dead, but now I live forever, and I hold the keys of death and of hell.

Psalm 150

Praise the Lord

Let mind and heart be in your song;

this is to glorify God with your whole self. (Hesychius)

E: Praise God in his holy place,
praise him in his mighty heavens.
Praise him for his powerful deeds,
praise his surpassing greatness.

W: O praise him with sound of trumpet,
praise him with lute and harp.
Praise him with timbrel and dance,
praise him with strings and pipes.

E: O praise him with resounding cymbals,
praise him with clashing of cymbals.
Let everything that lives and that breathes
give praise to the Lord.

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Antiphon

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and I hold the keys of death and of hell.**

READING
Hosea 6:1-3

“Come, let us return to the Lord;
for he has torn us, that he may heal us;
he has struck us down, and he will bind us up.
After two days he will revive us;
on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him.
Let us know; let us press on to know the Lord;
his going out is as sure as the dawn;
he will come to us as the showers,
as the spring rains that water the earth.”

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.



RESPONSE

Leader: For our sake Christ was obedient, accepting even death,
death on a cross. Therefore, God raised him on high and gave him the name
above all others.

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GOSPEL CANTICLE

Antiphon

Leader: Save us, O Savior of the world. On the cross you redeemed us by the shedding of your blood; we cry out for your help, O God.

Luke 1:68-79

The Messiah and his forerunner.

(Make the sign of the cross)

E: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel;
he has come to his people and set them free.
He has raised up for us a mighty savior,
born of the house of his servant, David.

W: Through his holy prophets he promised of old
that he would save us from our enemies;
from the hands of all who hate us.
He promised to show mercy to our fathers
and to remember his holy covenant.

E: This was the oath he swore to our father, Abraham:
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
free to worship him without fear,
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

W: You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High;
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
to give his people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of their sins.

E: In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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INTERCESSIONS

Our Redeemer suffered and was buried for us in order to rise again. With sincere love we adore him, and aware of our needs we cry out:

– **Lord, have mercy on us.**

Christ our Savior, your sorrowing Mother stood by you at your death and burial. In our sorrow, may we share your suffering.

– **Lord, have mercy on us.**

Christ our Lord, like the seed buried in the ground, you brought forth for us the harvest of grace. May we die to sin and live for God.

– **Lord, have mercy on us.**

Christ, the Good Shepherd, in death you lay hidden from the world. Teach us to live a life hidden with you in the Father.

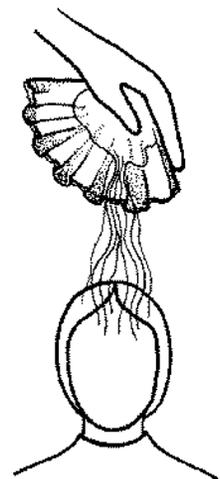
– **Lord, have mercy on us.**

Christ, the new Adam, you entered the kingdom of death to release all the just since the beginning of the world. May all who lie dead in sin hear your voice and rise to life.

– **Lord, have mercy on us.**

Christ, Son of the living God, through baptism we were buried with you. Risen also with you in baptism, may we walk in newness of life.

– **Lord, have mercy on us.**



The Lord's Prayer

Concluding Prayer

Leader: All powerful and ever-living God,
your only Son went down among the dead and rose again in glory.
In your goodness raise up your faithful people,
buried with him in baptism,
to be one with him in the eternal life of heaven,
where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever.

All: Amen.

Dismissal

Leader: May the Lord bless us, protect us from all evil,
and bring us to everlasting life.

All: Amen.

