

## HOLY SATURDAY

### Evening Prayer

O God come to our aid.

**O Lord make haste to help us.**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

**As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end.**

**Amen.**

### Hymn

Sole hope of all the world and Lord,  
Bestower of the great reward,  
Receive the prayers thy servants raise  
Mixed with meet psalms and chants of praise.

And though our conscience doth proclaim  
Our deep transgressions and our shame,  
Cleanse us, O God, we humbly plead,  
From sins of thought and word and deed.

Our sins remember thou no more;  
Forgive: thou art of mighty pow'r:  
So take upon thee, Lord, our care  
That pure in heart we make our prayer.

Therefore accept, O Lord, this tide  
Of fast which thou hast sanctified,  
That we may reach by mystic ways  
The sacraments of Easter days.

**Antiphon:** O Death, I will be your death. Sheol, I will be your destruction.

**Psalm 115 (116B)**

I trusted, even when I said:  
'I am sorely afflicted,'  
and when I said in my alarm:  
'No man can be trusted.'

How can I repay the Lord  
for his goodness to me?  
The cup of salvation I will raise;  
I will call on the Lord's name.

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil  
before all his people.  
O precious in the eyes of the Lord  
is the death of his faithful.

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;  
you have loosened my bonds.  
A thanksgiving sacrifice I make;  
I will call on the Lord's name.

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil  
before all his people,  
in the courts of the house of the Lord,  
in your midst, O Jerusalem.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end.

**Amen.**

**Antiphon: O Death, I will be your death. Sheol, I will be your destruction.**

**Antiphon 2:** As Jonah was inside the belly of the whale for three days and three nights, so will the Son of Man be held in the heart of the earth.

**Psalm 142 (143)**

Lord, listen to my prayer:  
turn your ear to my appeal.

You are faithful, you are just; give answer.  
Do not call your servant to judgement  
for no one is just in your sight.

The enemy pursues my soul;  
he has crushed my life to the ground;  
he has made me dwell in darkness  
like the dead, long forgotten.  
Therefore my spirit fails;  
my heart is numb within me.

I remember the days that are past:  
I ponder all your works.  
I muse on what your hand has wrought  
and to you I stretch out my hands.  
Like a parched land my soul thirsts for you.

Lord, make haste and answer;  
for my spirit fails within me.  
Do not hide your face  
lest I become like those in the grave.

In the morning let me know your love  
for I put my trust in you.  
Make me know the way I should walk:  
to you I lift up my soul.

Rescue me, Lord, from my enemies;  
I have fled to you for refuge.  
Teach me to do your will  
for you, O Lord, are my God.  
Let your good spirit guide me  
in ways that are level and smooth.

For your name's sake, Lord, save my life;  
in your justice save my soul from distress.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end.

**Amen.**

**Antiphon: As Jonah was inside the belly of the whale for three days and three nights, so will the Son of Man be held in the heart of the earth.**

**Antiphon 3:** 'Destroy this Temple, and in three days I will raise it up', said the Lord. He said this of the temple that was his own body.

## **Canticle**

### **Philippians 2**

Though he was in the form of God,  
Jesus did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped.

He emptied himself,  
taking the form of a servant,  
being born in the likeness of men.

And being found in human form,  
he humbled himself and became obedient unto death,  
even death on a cross.

Therefore God has highly exalted him  
and bestowed on him the name which is above every name,

That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end.  
Amen.

**Antiphon: 'Destroy this Temple, and in three days I will raise it up', said the Lord. He said this of the temple that was his own body.**

Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason – so that you would have faith and hope in God.

**Short Responsory**

**Christ humbled himself for us and, in obedience, accepted death, even death on a cross. Therefore God raised him to the heights and gave him the name which is above all other names.**

**Magnificat**

**Antiphon:** Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and in him God has been glorified, and God will glorify him now and forever.

My soul glorifies the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour.  
He looks on his servant in her lowliness;  
henceforth all ages will call me blessed.

The Almighty works marvels for me.  
Holy his name!  
His mercy is from age to age,  
on those who fear him.

He puts forth his arm in strength  
and scatters the proud-hearted.  
He casts the mighty from their thrones  
and raises the lowly.

He fills the starving with good things,  
sends the rich away empty.

He protects Israel, his servant,  
remembering his mercy,  
the mercy promised to our fathers,  
to Abraham and his sons for ever.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end.

**Amen.**

**Antiphon: Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and in him God has been glorified, and God will glorify him now and forever.**

### **Intercessions:**

Let us pray to our Redeemer, who suffered for us, was buried, and rose from the dead.

**Lord, have mercy on us.**

Lord Jesus, from your opened side you poured out blood and water, the wonderful sign of the Church;

**bring your bride to life through your death, burial and resurrection.**

You remembered those who had forgotten your promise of rising from the dead;

**give new hope to all when life has lost its meaning.**

Lamb of God, you became our paschal sacrifice;

**draw all people to yourself.**

Lord of the universe, you were enclosed in the walls of a tomb;

**deliver humanity from hell and grant them the glory of immortal life.**

Son of the living God, you gave paradise to a thief on the cross;

**look on your brothers and sisters who have died and share with them your resurrection.**

**Our Father**

## **Concluding Prayer**

Almighty, ever-living God,  
whose Only-Begotten Son descended to the realm of the dead,  
and rose from there to glory,  
grant that your faithful people,  
who were buried with him in baptism,  
may, by his resurrection, obtain eternal life.  
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
(one) God, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

## **Dismissal**

May the Lord bless us and keep us from all evil and bring us to everlasting life.

**Amen**

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**