



St Mark's Parish

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HOLY Saturday

Morning Prayer (Lauds)

Every time we say the creed, we note that Jesus "descended into hell." **Holy Saturday** is the day that commemorates this event.

What happened on the first Holy Saturday?

Here on earth, Jesus' disciples mourned his death and, since it was a Sabbath day, they rested. Luke notes that the women returned home "and prepared spices and ointments. On the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment" (Luke 23:56). At the tomb, the guards that had been stationed there kept watch over the place to make sure that the disciples did not steal Jesus' body.

Introduction

Leader: Lord, open our lips.

Response: And we shall praise your name.

Hymn

O loving wisdom of our God!
When all was sin and shame,
A second Adam to the fight
And to the rescue came.

O generous love! That he who smote
In man for man the foe,
The double agony in man
For man should undergo;

And in the garden secretly,
And on the cross on high,
Should teach his brethren, and inspire
To suffer and to die.

Praise to the Holiest in the height,
And in the depth be praise,
In all his words most wonderful,
Most sure in all his ways.



Psalm 63 (64)

A prayer against enemies

"This psalm in particular invites us to think about the passion of the Lord" (St Augustine).

Antiphon:

They will mourn for him as for an only son, since it is the innocent one of the Lord who has been slain.

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.

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

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

He will search who searches the mind
and knows the depths 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.

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.

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.

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Canticle Isaiah 38

The psalm of Hezekiah on recovering from sickness

"I was dead and behold, I am alive and I hold the keys of death" (Rev 1:17-18).

Antiphon:

Save my soul from the gates of hell, Lord.

I said, In the noontide of my days I must depart;

I am consigned to the gates of Sheol
for the rest of my years.

I said, I shall not see the Lord

in the land of the living;

I shall look upon man no more

among the inhabitants of the world.

My dwelling is plucked up and removed from me
like a shepherd's tent;

like a weaver I have rolled up my life;

he cuts me off from the loom.

From day to night you bring me to an end;

I cry for help until morning;

like a lion he breaks all my bones;

from day to night you bring me to an end.

Like a swallow or a crane I clamour,

I moan like a dove.

My eyes are weary with looking upward.

O Lord, I am oppressed; be my security.

Lo, it was for my welfare

that I had great bitterness;

but you have held back my life

from the pit of destruction,

for you have cast all my sins

behind your back.

For Sheol cannot thank you,

death cannot praise you;

those who go down to the pit

cannot hope for your faithfulness.

The living, the living, he thanks you,

as I do this day;

the father makes known to the children your
faithfulness.

The Lord will save me,

and we will sing to stringed instruments

all the days of our life,

at the house of the Lord.

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:

Save my soul from the gates of hell, Lord.

IN STILLNESS
EARTH AWAITS
THE RESURRECTION

Psalm 150

Praise the Lord

"Sing praise in your spirit, sing praise with your soul, that is: give glory to God in both your soul and your body" (Hesychius).

Antiphon:

I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of hell.

Praise God in his holy place,

praise him in his mighty heavens.

Praise him for his powerful deeds,

praise his surpassing greatness.

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.

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

Antiphon:

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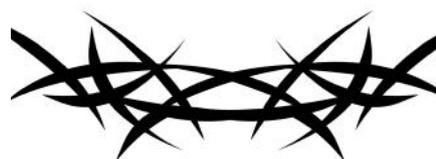
Short Reading Hosea 5:15-6:2

The Lord says this: They will search for me in their misery.
'Come, let us return to the Lord. He has torn us to pieces,
but he will heal us; he has struck us down, but he will
bandage our wounds; after a day or two he will bring us
back to life, on the third day he will raise us and we shall
live in his presence.'

In place of the short responsory the following antiphon is said:

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*United in Baptism,
Nourished by the Eucharist,
Guided by the Holy Spirit,
We Form a Vibrant and Caring
Community,
Living and Proclaiming the Gospel,
Reaching Out to Those in Need,
Journeying Together,
Growing in Faith.*

Canticle Benedictus

The Messiah and the one who was sent before him

Antiphon:

Save us, Saviour of the world. By your cross and the shedding of your blood you have redeemed us. Come to help us, Lord, our God.

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel!

He has visited his people and redeemed them.

He has raised up for us a mighty saviour
in the house of David his servant,
as he promised by the lips of holy men,
those who were his prophets from of old.

A saviour who would free us from our foes,
from the hands of all who hate us.

So his love for our fathers is fulfilled
and his holy covenant remembered.

He swore to Abraham our father to grant us,
that free from fear, and saved from the hands
of our foes, we might serve him in holiness and justice
all the days of our life in his presence.

As for you, little child,
you shall be called a prophet of God, the Most High.

You shall go ahead of the Lord
to prepare his ways before him,

To make known to his people their salvation
through forgiveness of all their sins,
the loving-kindness of the heart of our God
who visits us like the dawn from on high.

He will give light to those in darkness,
those who dwell in the shadow of death,
and guide us into the way of peace.

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
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Holy Saturday (*Latin: Sabbatum Sanctum*), the Saturday of Holy Week, also known as Holy and Great Saturday, the Great Sabbath, Black Saturday, Joyous Saturday, or Easter Even, and called "Joyous Saturday" or "the Saturday of Light" among Coptic Christians, is the day after Good Friday.

It is the day before Easter and the last day of Holy Week in which Christians prepare for Easter.

It commemorates the day that Jesus' body lay in the tomb and the Harrowing of Hell.



Prayers and intercessions

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

R/ Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, our Lord, you saw your mother standing by the cross; may we share your saving passion in our time of suffering.

R/ Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, our Saviour, you died like a grain of wheat falling into the ground; gather us to yourself in the harvest of redemption.

R/ Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, our shepherd, lying in the tomb you were hidden from men; teach us to love our real life, which is hidden with you in God.

R/ Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, the new Adam, you went down into the world of the dead to free the just; may those who are dead in sin hear your voice and live.

R/ Lord, have mercy on us.

Son of the living God, we were buried with you in baptism; let us rise with you, alive to God for ever.

R/ Lord, have mercy on us.

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,

and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us,

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.



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, God for ever and ever.

Amen.



The Lord bless us, and keep us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

Amen.

Genuflecting on Holy Saturday Morning.

Should I genuflect to the tabernacle on Holy Saturday morning when I enter or leave the church?

No. The Blessed Sacrament is not reserved in the tabernacle. From Good Friday after the 3pm Celebration of the Passion of the Lord we genuflect to the Cross until the Easter Vigil.



Easter Sunday



Holy Saturday Blessing of the Food:

Baskets containing a sampling of Easter foods and eggs are brought to church to be blessed on Holy Saturday after Morning Prayer.

The tradition of food blessing at Easter, which has early-medieval roots in Christian society, possibly originated from a pagan ritual. The tradition is said to date from the 7th century in its basic form, the more modern form containing bread and eggs (symbols of resurrection and Christ) are said to date from the 12th century.



Eastertide for the sick and housebound

If you know of anyone who is sick or housebound and would like a visit or to receive Holy Communion or have their home blessed, please let us know.

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- † You are required to register when attending any event in the Parish Centre.
- † You will need to use the Services NSW QR Code to register when you enter the Church. A different QR code is used when you enter the Parish Centre.
- † You will need to have the Services NSW App on your phone.
- † Please help us by registering with your Smart Phone with the QR Code when you come to Mass or enter the Parish Centre.
- † We realise that some people do not have a Smart phone, contact the Parish Centre to register for Mass.
- † It is IMPORTANT that EVERYONE who enters the Church registers, QR Code and sanitisers.
- † Masks are no longer Mandatory however are highly recommended.
- † Please do not become complacent and make sure you continue to be vigilant.

