



# HOLY SATURDAY

## *Morning Prayer*

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**HF** = *same side as the Holy Family Statue.*

**T** = *same side as the Tabernacle.*

### INVITATORY

*The congregation stands.*

**Priest:** ✠ Lord, open my lips.

*(make Sign of the Cross over lips)*

**All:** **And my mouth will proclaim your praise.**

**Priest:** Come, let us worship Christ, who for our sake suffered death and was buried.

*Psalm 95*

**HF:** Come, let us sing to the Lord  
and shout with joy to the Rock who saves us.  
Let us approach him with praise and thanksgiving  
and sing joyful songs to the Lord.

**T:** The Lord is God, the mighty God,  
the great king over all the gods.  
He holds in his hands the depths of the earth  
and the highest mountains as well  
He made the sea; it belongs to him, the dry land, too,  
for it was formed by his hands.

**HF:** Come, then, let us bow down and worship,  
bending the knee before the Lord, our maker,  
For he is our God and we are his people,  
the flock he shepherds.

**T:** Today, listen to the voice of the Lord:  
Do not grow stubborn, as your fathers did in the wilderness,  
when at Meribah and Massah they challenged me and provoked me,  
Although they had seen all of my works.

**HF:** Forty years I endured that generation.  
I said, "They are a people whose hearts go astray  
and they do not know my ways."  
So I swore in my anger, "They shall not enter into my rest."

**T:** Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

**HF:** as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

**All:** **Come, let us worship Christ, who for our sake suffered death and was buried.**

## **HYMN**

*What Wondrous Love at Worship #641*

## **PSALMODY**

*The congregation is seated.*

### **Antiphon 1**

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

*Psalm 64*

**HF:** 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.

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

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

**T:** 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.

**HF:** 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.

**T:** Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

**HF:** as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

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

*A moment of reflection follows.*

### **Antiphon 2**

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

*Canticle – Isaiah 38:10-14,17-20*

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

- T:** 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."
- HF:** My dwelling, like a shepherd's tent,  
is struck down and borne away from me;  
You have folded up my life, like a weaver  
who severs the last thread.
- T:** 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.
- HF:** Like a swallow I utter shrill cries;  
I moan like a dove.  
My eyes grow weak, gazing heavenward:  
O Lord, I am in straits; be my surety!
- T:** You have preserved my life  
from the pit of destruction,  
When you cast behind your back  
all my sins.
- HF:** 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.
- T:** The living, the living give you thanks,  
as I do today.  
Fathers declare to their sons,  
O God, your faithfulness.
- HF:** The Lord is our savior;  
we shall sing to stringed instruments  
In the house of the Lord  
all the days of our life.

**T:** Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
**HF:** as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.  
**All:** **From the jaws of hell, Lord, rescue my soul.**

*A moment of reflection follows.*

### **Antiphon 3**

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

*Psalm 150*

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

**T:** 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.

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

**T:** Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
**HF:** as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.  
**All:** **I was dead, but now I live forever, and I hold the keys of death and of hell.**

*A moment of reflection follows.*

## READING

*Hosea 5:15b—16:2*

Thus says the Lord:  
In their affliction, they shall look for me:  
"Come, let us return to the LORD,  
For it is he who has rent, but he will heal us;  
he has struck us, but he will bind our wounds.  
He will revive us after two days;  
on the third day he will raise us up,  
to live in his presence."

*A moment of reflection follows.*

## RESPONSORY

**All:** 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 other names

*The congregation stands.*

## CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH

**Priest:** 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*

**All:** ✕ Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *(make the Sign of the Cross as usual)*  
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.

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.

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.  
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.

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.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

**All: 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.**

## INTERCESSIONS

**Priest:** 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:

**Lector:** Christ our Savior, your sorrowing Mother  
stood by you at your death and burial,

**All: in our sorrows may we share your suffering.**

**Lector:** Christ our Lord, like the seed buried in the ground,  
you brought forth for us the harvest of grace,

**All: may we die to sin and live for God.**

**Lector:** Christ, the Good Shepherd, in death you lay hidden from the world.

**All: Teach us to love a life hidden with you in the Father.**

**Lector:** Christ, the new Adam, you entered the kingdom of death  
to release all the just since the beginning of the world,

**All: may all who lie dead in sin hear your voice and rise to life.**

**Lector:** Christ, Son of the living God, through baptism we were buried with you,  
**All:** risen also with you in baptism, may we walk in newness of life.

## LORD'S PRAYER

**Priest:** At the Savior's command, and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:  
**All:** **Our Father . . .**

## COLLECT

**Priest:** 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,  
for ever and ever.

**People:** **Amen.**

## BLESSING

**Priest:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And with your spirit.**

**Priest:** May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.

**People:** **Amen.**

**Priest:** Go in peace.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**