

# HOLY SATURDAY

Altar Service 9am

## COLLECT

O God, Creator of heaven and earth: Grant that, as the crucified body of thy dear Son was laid in the tomb and rested on this holy Sabbath, so we may await with him the coming of the third day, and rise with him to newness of life; who now liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## LESSON

*Job 14:1-14*

A Reading from the Book of Job.

Man that is born of a woman is of few days, and full of trouble. He comes forth like a flower, and withers; he flees like a shadow, and continues not. And dost thou open thy eyes upon such a one and bring him into judgment with thee? Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean? There is not one. Since his days are determined, and the number of his months is with thee, and thou hast appointed his bounds that he cannot pass, look away from him, and desist, that he may enjoy, like a hireling, his day. "For there is hope for a tree, if it be cut down, that it will sprout again, and that its shoots will not cease. Though its root grow old in the earth, and its stump die in the ground, yet at the scent of water it will bud and put forth branches like a young plant. But man dies, and is laid low; man breathes his last, and where is he? As waters fail from a lake, and a river wastes away and dries up, so man lies down and rises not again; till the heavens are no more he will not awake, or be roused out of his sleep. Oh that thou wouldest hide me in Sheol, that thou wouldest conceal me until thy wrath be past, that thou wouldest appoint me a set time, and remember me! If a man die, shall he live again? All the days of my service I would wait, till my release should come.

*Reader*           The Word of the Lord.

*Congregation*   **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 130

1 Out of the deep have I called unto thee, O LORD; \* Lord, hear my voice.

2 **O let thine ears consider well \* the voice of my complaint.**

3 If thou, LORD, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss, \* O Lord, who may abide it?

4 **For there is mercy with thee; \* therefore shalt thou be feared.**

5 I look for the LORD; my soul doth wait for him; \* in his word is my trust.

6 **My soul fleeth unto the Lord before the morning watch; \* I say, before the morning watch.**

7 O Israel, trust in the LORD; for with the LORD there is mercy, \* and with him is plenteous redemption.

8 **And he shall redeem Israel \* from all his sins.**

## LESSON

*1Peter 4:1-8*

A Reading from the First Letter of the Blessed Apostle Peter.

Man Since therefore Christ suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves with the same thought, for whoever has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, so as to live for the rest of the time in the flesh no longer by human passions but by the will of God. Let the time that is past suffice for doing what the Gentiles like to do, living in licentiousness, passions, drunkenness, revels, carousing, and lawless idolatry. They are surprised that you do not now join them in the same wild profligacy, and they abuse you; but they will give account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead. For this is why the gospel was preached even to the dead, that though judged in the flesh like men, they might live in the spirit like God. The end of all things is at hand; therefore keep sane and sober for your prayers. Above all hold unfailing your love for one another, since love covers a multitude of sins.

*Reader*           The Word of the Lord.

*Congregation*   **Thanks be to God.**

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

*S. John 19:38-42*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*Congregation* **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant* ☩ The continuation of the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*Congregation* **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

After this Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly, for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus, and Pilate gave him leave. So he came and took away his body. Nicodemus also, who had at first come to him by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pounds' weight. They took the body of Jesus, and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews. Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb where no one had ever been laid. So because of the Jewish day of Preparation, as the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

*Congregation* **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

## THE ANTHEM

In the midst of life we are in death  
**of whom may we seek for succor,  
but of thee, O Lord,  
who for our sins art justly displeased?  
Yet, O Lord God most holy, O Lord most mighty,  
O holy and most merciful Savior,  
deliver us not into the bitter pains of eternal death.  
Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts;  
shut not thy merciful ears to our prayer;  
but spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty,  
O holy and merciful Savior,  
thou most worthy Judge eternal.  
Suffer us not, at our last hour,  
through any pains of death, to fall from thee.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

## THE GRACE

☩ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**