



*Holy Saturday*  
MORNING PRAYER

THE LITURGIES OF  
**HOLY WEEK**



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## INTRODUCTORY RITES

*Presiding minister:* O God, ✠ come to my as - sis - tance. Lord, make haste to help me.

*Assembly:*

*All:* Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ev - er. A - men.

## HYMN

1. To you, Re - deem - er of us all,  
2. By death up - on the Cross you crushed  
3. For ev - er in your kind - ness, Lord,  
4. You willed in mer - cy to de - scend  
5. Then at the time you have or - dained  
6. O Christ, we beg you, heal our wounds,

1. we sing our hymn with tears and pray:—  
2. the forc - es of our an - cient foe;—  
3. drive far from us our en - e - my,—  
4. and har - row hell on our be - half,—  
5. you shall dis - solve this pass - ing world,—  
6. who with the Fa - ther ev - er blest—

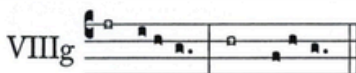
1. For - give us, Lord, for each of - fense,  
2. and we, with brow both signed and sealed,  
3. that he may nev - er wound a - gain  
4. that you might give the gift of life  
5. the Judge who just - ly grants to each  
6. and with the Spir - it ev - er - more

1. for - give the sins that we con - fess.  
2. now raise the ban - ner of our faith.  
3. all those you ran - somed by your blood.  
4. to all who owe a debt to death.  
5. the rec - om - pense their lives de - serve.  
6. are wor - thy of e - ter - nal praise.

6. A - men.

Cantor, then *All*

Antiphon 1: Though sinless, the Lord has been *put* to death. \* The world is in mourning as for an *only* son.



Psalm 64

**H**ear my voice, O God, as I complain, \* guard my life from dread of 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 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.

**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 to the Father, and *to* the Son, \* and to the *Holy* Spirit,

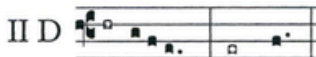
as it was in the *beginning* is now, \* and will be for ever. Amen.

*All*

Antiphon 1: Though sinless, the Lord has been *put* to death. \* The world is in mourning as for an *only* son.

Cantor, then *All*

Antiphon 2: From the *jaws* of hell, \* Lord, rescue my *soul*.



Canticle

Isaiah 38:10-14, 17-20

**O**nce I said, “In the *noon*time of life \* I must *depart*!  
To the gates of the nether world I shall

*be consigned* \* for the rest of my *years*.”

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*."

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*.

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*.

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*!

You have *preserved* my life \* from the

pit of *destruction*, when you cast *behind* your back \* all my *sins*.

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*.

The living, the living *give* you thanks, \* as I do *today*.

Fathers declare *to* their sons, \* O God, your *faithfulness*.

The Lord *is* our savior; \* we shall sing to stringed *instruments*

in the house *of* the Lord \* all the days of our *life*.

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

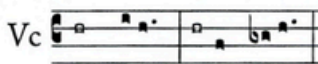
as it was in the *beginning*, is now, \* and will be for ever. *Amen*.

*All*

Antiphon 2: From the *jaws* of hell, \* Lord, rescue my *soul*.

*Cantor, then All*

Antiphon 3: I was dead, but now I live *for* ever, \* and I hold the keys of death *and* of hell.



Psalm 150

**P**raise God in his *holy* place, \* praise him for 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.

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*

Antiphon 3: I was dead, but now I live *for* ever, \* and I hold the keys of death *and* of hell.

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.”

## REFLECTION

## ANITPHON

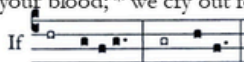
For our sake Christ was obedient, † accepting *even* death; \*  
 death on a cross.

Therefore God raised *him* on high \* and gave him the name above all other names.

## CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH

Cantor, then All

Antiphon: 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.



## Benedictus

**B**lessed ✠ 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.  
 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*

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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 sorrows 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 love 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

*Presider*

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 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

*All*

Amen.

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