

HOLY WEEK AT HOME

HOLY SATURDAY: Evening Prayer

INTRODUCTION

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.

FIRST PSALM

Psalm 115 (116B)

O Death, I will be your death. Sheol, I will be your destruction.

I trusted, éven when I said: *
'I am sórely afflicted,'
and whén I said in my álarm: *
'No mán can be trusted.'

How cán I repáy the Lórd *
for his góodness to mé?
The cúp of salvátion I will ráise; *
I will cáll on the Lórd's name.

My vóws to the Lórd I will fulfil *
befóre all his péople.
O précious in the éyes of the Lórd *
is the déath of his fáithful.

Your sérvant, Lord, your sérvant am Í; *
you have lóosened my bónds.
A thánksgiving sácifice I máke; *
I will cáll on the Lórd's name.

My vóws to the Lórd I will fulfil *
befóre all his péople,
in the cóurts of the hóuse of the Lórd, *
in your mídst, O Jerúsalem.

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and to the Holy Spirit,
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is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

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SECOND PSALM

Psalm 142 (143)

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

Lórd, lísten to my práyer: †
túrn your éar to my appéal. *
You are fáithful, you are júst; give ánsWER.
Do not cáll your sérvant to júdgement *
for nó one is júst in your síght.

The énemy pursúes my sóul; *
he has crúshed my lífe to the gróund;
he has máde me dwéll in dárkness *
líke the déad, lóng forgóttén.

Thérefore my spírit fáils; *
my héart is númb wíthín me.
I reméber the dáyS that are pást: *
I pónder áll your wórks.

I múse on what your hánd has wróught †
and to yóu I strétch out my hánds. *
Líke a párched land my sóul thirsts for yóu.
Lórd, make háste and ánsWER; *
for my spírit fáils wíthín me.

Dó not híde your fáce *
lest I becóme líke thóse in the gráve.
In the mórning let me knów your lóve *
for I pút my trúst in yóu.

Make me knów the wáy I should wálk: *
to yóu I líft up my sóul.
Réscue me, Lórd, from my énemies; *
I have fléd to yóu for réfuge.

Téach me to dó your wíll *
for yóu, O Lórd, are my Gód.
Let yóur good spírit guíde me *
in wáys that are lével and smóoth.

For your náme's sake, Lórd, save my lífe; *
in your jústice save my sóul from dístréss.

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and to the Holy Spirit,
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world without end. Amen.

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CANTICLE

Philippians 2

'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.

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.

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and to the Holy Spirit,
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SHORT READING

1 Peter 1:18-21

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.

CANTICLE

Magnificat

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 glóirifies the Lórd, *
my spirit rejóices in Gód, my Sáviour.
He looks on his sérvant in her lówliness; *
henceforth all áges will cáll me bléssed.

The Almíghty works márvels for me. *
Hóly his náme!
His mércy is from age to áge, *
on thóse who féar him.

He púts forth his árm in stréngth *
and scátters the proud-héarted.

He casts the míghty from their thrónes *
and ráises the lówly.

He fills the stárving with good things, *
sends the rich away éempty.
He protects Ísrael, his sérvant, *
remémbering his mércy,
the mercy prómised to our fáthers, *
to Ábraham and his sóns for éver.

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and to the Holy Spirit,
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PRAYERS AND 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. Lord, have mercy on us.

You remembered those who had forgotten your
promise of rising from the dead; give new hope to
men when life has lost its meaning. Lord, have
mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you became our paschal sacrifice;
draw all people to yourself. Lord, have mercy on us.

Lord of the universe, you were enclosed in the walls
of a tomb; deliver men from hell and grant them the
glory of immortal life. Lord, have mercy on us.

Son of the living God, you gave paradise to a thief
on the cross; look on your brothers who have died
and share with them your resurrection. Lord, have
mercy on us.

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.

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.