

Holy Saturday

OFFICE OF MORNING PRAYER

ENTRANCE

All STAND as the ministers enter

VERSE

All make the SIGN OF THE CROSS

Presider O God, † come to my assistance.

ALL **Lord, make haste to help me.**

— *All BOW at the waist* —

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

— *All stand upright* —

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

HYMN SUNG BY THE CANTORS

What wondrous love is this
WONDROUS LOVE

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul?

What wondrous love is this, O my soul?

What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss

To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul;

To bear the dreadful curse for my soul?

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;

To God and to the Lamb I will sing;

To God and to the Lamb who is the great I AM,

While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;

While millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,

And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on!

And through eternity, I'll sing on.

PSALM 64

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

- Reader *Hear my voice, O God, as I complain,*
North guard my life from dread of the foe.
Hide me from the band of the wicked,
from the throng of those who do evil.
- South They sharpen their tongues like swords;
they aim bitter words like arrows
to shoot at the innocent from ambush,
shooting suddenly and recklessly.
- North They scheme their evil course;
they conspire to lay secret snares.
They say: "Who will see us?
Who can search out our crimes?"
- South God 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.
- North Their own tongue has brought them to ruin
and all who see them mock.
- South Then will all people fear;
they will tell what God has done.
They will understand God's deeds.
- North The just will rejoice in the Lord
and fly to God for refuge.
All the upright hearts will glory.

The Cantors repeat the Antiphon.

PSALM PRAYER

STAND

CANTICLE: ISAIAH 38:10-14, 17-20

Antiphon sung by the Cantors: *From the jaws of hell, Lord, rescue my soul.*

Cantors *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.”*

*I said, “I shall see the Lord no more
in the land of the living.
No longer shall I behold my fellow mortals
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.
Parents declare to their children,
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.*

The Cantors repeat the Antiphon.

PRAYER

STAND

PSALM 150

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

- Reader *Praise God in his holy place,*
North praise God in his mighty heavens.
Praise God for his powerful deeds,
praise God's surpassing greatness.
- South O praise God with sound of trumpet,
praise God with lute and harp.
Praise God with timbrel and dance,
praise God with strings and pipes.
- North O praise God with resounding cymbals,
praise God with clashing of cymbals.
Let everthing that lives and that breathes
give praise to the Lord.

The Cantors repeat the Antiphon.

PSALM PRAYER

STAND

ALL ARE SEATED

Reading

Hosea 5:15b–16:2

Responsory

PLEASE KNEEL

- Cantors: *Christus factus est pro nobis obediens usque ad mortem,
mortem autem crucis.
Propter quod et Deus exaltavit illum,
et dedit illi nomen, quod est super omne nomen.*
For our sake, Christ was obedient even unto death,
death on a cross.
Therefore God raised him on high
and gave him the name above all other names.

Canticle of Zechariah

PLEASE STAND

The Cantors sing the antiphon: *Over his head they hung their accusation:
Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews.*

The Presider and Cantors chant the Canticle.

All make the SIGN OF THE CROSS as the Canticle begins

✙ *Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel;
God has come to his people and set them free.
God has raised us for us a mighty savior,
born of the house of his servant David.
Through his holy prophets God promised of old
that he would save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all who hate us.
God promised to show mercy to our ancestors
and to remember the holy covenant.
This was the oath God swore to Abraham:
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
free to worship him without fear,
holy and righteous in God's 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 God's 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.
— All BOW at the waist —
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
— All stand upright —
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.*

The Cantors repeat the antiphon.

Intercessions

All respond: Lord, hear our prayer.

Lord's Prayer

Collect of the Day

Blessing and Dismissal

Presider The Lord be with you.

ALL **And with your spirit.**

Presider May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

ALL **Amen.**

Presider Go in peace.

ALL **Thanks be to God.**

