

Morning Prayer of The Church for HOLY SATURDAY



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: Let all that is within me cry Holy

Let all that is within me cry Holy
Let all that is within me cry Holy
Holy, holy, Holy is the Lamb that was slain

Let all that is within me cry Mighty
Let all that is within me cry Mighty
Mighty, mighty, mighty is the Lamb that was slain

Let all that is within me cry Worthy
Let all that is within me cry Worthy
Worthy, worthy, worthy is the Lamb that was slain

***Ant. 1 They will mourn for him as for an only son,
since it is the innocent one of the Lord who has been slain.***

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.

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 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.



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 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.***

All: *They will mourn for him as for an only son,
since it is the innocent one of the Lord who has been slain.*

Ant. 2 *Save my soul from the gates of hell, Lord.*

I said, In the noontide of my days I must depart;
I am consigned to the gates of Sheol for the rest of my years.

I said, I shall not see the Lord in the land of the living;
I shall look upon man no more among the inhabitants of the world.

My dwelling is plucked up and removed from me like a shepherd's tent;
like a weaver I have rolled up my life; he cuts me off from the loom.

From day to night you bring me to an end; I cry for help until morning;
like a lion he breaks all my bones; from day to night you bring me to an end.

Like a swallow or a crane I clamour, I moan like a dove.
My eyes are weary with looking upward. O Lord, I am oppressed; be my security.

Lo, it was for my welfare that I had great bitterness;
but you have held back my life from the pit of destruction,
for you have cast all my sins behind your back.

For Sheol cannot thank you, death cannot praise you;
those who go down to the pit cannot hope for your faithfulness.

The living, the living, he thanks you, as I do this day;
the father makes known to the children your faithfulness.

The Lord will save me, and we will sing to stringed instruments
all the days of our life, at the house of the Lord.

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.

All: *Save my soul from the gates of hell, Lord*



Ant. 3

***I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever,
and I hold the keys of death and of hell.***

Praise God in his holy place,
praise him in 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 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.***

All: ***I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold the
keys of death and of hell.***

Scripture Reading

Hosea 5:15-6:2

The Lord says this: They will search for me in their misery. 'Come, let us return to the Lord. He has torn us to pieces, but he will heal us; he has struck us down, but he will bandage our wounds; after a day or two he will bring us back to life, on the third day he will raise us and we shall live in his presence.'

Short Responsory

All: 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 of Zechariah:

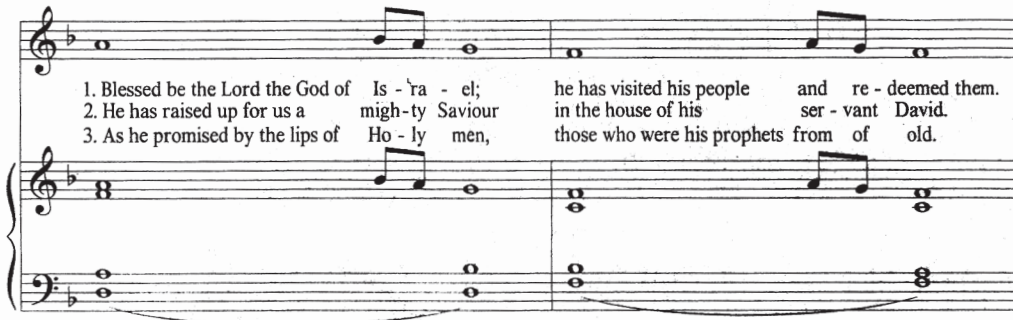
Benedictus

Ant. ***Save us, Saviour of the world.
By your cross and the shedding of your blood you have
redeemed us. Come to help us, Lord, our God.***



Benedictus

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1. Blessed be the Lord the God of Is - ra - el; he has visited his people and re - deemed them.
 2. He has raised up for us a migh - ty Saviour in the house of his ser - vant David.
 3. As he promised by the lips of Ho - ly men, those who were his prophets from of old.

4. A Saviour who would free us **from** our foes, from the hands of **all** who hate us.
5. So his love for our fathers **is** fulfilled, and his holy coven**ant** remembered.
6. He swore to Abraham our father to grant us, that free from fear and saved from the hands **of** our foes, we might serve him in holiness and justice all the days of our life **in** his presence.
7. As for you, little child, you shall be called a prophet of God, **the** Most High, you shall go ahead of the Lord to prepare his **ways** before him.
8. To make known to his people **their** salvation, through forgiveness of **all** their sins.
9. The loving kindness of the heart **of** our God, who visits us like the dawn **from** on high.
10. He will give light to those in darkness, those who dwell in the **shadow** of death, and guide us into the **way** of peace.
11. Glory be to the Father and **to** the Son, and to the **Holy** Spirit.
12. As it was in the beginning, is now, and **ever** shall be, world without **end**, Amen.

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Prayers and intercessions

Let us pray to our Redeemer, who suffered for us, was buried,
and rose from the dead.

Response: *Lord, have mercy on us.*

Christ, our Lord, you saw your mother standing by the cross;
may we share your saving passion in our time of suffering. **R,**
 Christ, our Saviour, you died like a grain of wheat falling into the ground;
gather us to yourself in the harvest of redemption. **R,**
 Christ, our shepherd, lying in the tomb you were hidden from men;
teach us to love our real life, which is hidden with you in God. **R,**
 Christ, the new Adam, you went down into the world of the dead to free the just;
may those who are dead in sin hear your voice and live. **R,**
 Son of the living God, we were buried with you in baptism;
let us rise with you, alive to God for ever. **R,**



At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to pray

Our Father...

Concluding Prayer and Dismissal

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,
one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

The Lord bless us, and keep us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

Amen.

Let us bless the Lord

Thanks be to God

Hymn: Let all that is within me cry Holy

**Let all that is within me cry Blessed
Let all that is within me cry Blessed
Blessed, Blessed, Blessed is the Lamb that was slain**

**Let all that is within me cry Jesus
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Jesus, Jesus, Jesus is the Lamb that was slain**

