

Morning Prayer for Holy Saturday, April 3, 2021

Greeting and Announcement by Presider. A worship aid is available on St. Denis' website. Please remind people to mute their cell phones.

Presider: God, come to my assistance.

All — Lord, make haste to help me.

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

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

HYMN All are invited to recite the hymn together.

You are my Lord and my God
and I love you

Alone and rejected, His agony begins
He accepts the chalice of dying for my sins

Oh Jesus, Oh Jesus
Will you let me stay
Share a sip from your cup
Watch with you and pray

Betrayed and abandoned
Dragged into a hall
Though scourged by Roman Soldiers,
Our sins hurt you most of all

Oh Jesus, Oh Jesus
Defended by so few
So much blood from your wounds
How can I comfort you

You are my Lord and my God
And I love you

The crown of the thorns
is forced upon your head
I turn to face the guilty
I see my sins instead

Oh Jesus, Oh Jesus
In your suffering
In your tears, in your blood
You stand as Christ the King

Embracing your cross
You start towards Calvary
Crushed by so much evil
You turn to look at me

Oh Jesus, Oh Jesus
Did I hear you call
Asking me to stay by you
To help you if you fall

You are my Lord and my God
And I love you
You are my Lord and my God
And I love you

Raised on the hilltop
It seems though all has failed
For our salvation, Jesus,
For us you were nailed

Oh Jesus, Oh Jesus
I have come to stay
As you die upon your cross
Trembling you say

Love (me), why don't you love (me)
Please love (me)

Love me, I call out
Why don't you love me
I reach out
Please love me
Oh how I long for your love

Love me, I call out
Why don't you love me
I reach out these hands to you
Please love me
Oh how I long for your love

Love me, I call out
Why don't you love me
I reach out these hands to you
Please love me
Oh how I long for your love

You are my lord and my God
And I love you.

You are my lord and my God
And I love you.

Brief pause

PSALMODY

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

Psalm 64

Prayer for help against enemies

This psalm commemorates most particularly our Lord's passion (Saint Augustine).

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.

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

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

Pause for a brief moment of silence

Cantor: Ant. 2 *From the jaws* of hell, Lord, rescue my soul. †

Canticle – Isaiah 38:10-14, 17-20

Anguish of a dying man and joy in his restoration

I am living, I was dead... and I hold the keys of death (Revelation 1:17-18).

*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** men
among those who dwell in the world."

My dwelling, like a shep**herd'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 he**aven**-ward:
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
a wait 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.

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

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All: Ant. *From the jaws* of hell, Lord, rescue my soul. †

Pause for a brief moment of silence

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

Psalm 150

Praise the Lord

Let mind and heart be in your song: this is to glorify God with your whole self (Hesychius).

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.

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

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

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

Brief pause before scripture reading.

READING Hosea 5:15b-16:2 - **Presider**

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.”

Sacred Silence

In place of the Responsory, the following is said:

Presider: 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.

All — 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

Presider will instruct participants to recite the Canticle antiphonally beginning with the Presider’s side of the church, SIDE I, and alternating with the Cantor’s side of the church, SIDE II.

Cantor: Ant. *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. †

Luke 1:68 – 79

The Messiah and his forerunner

Side I

Blessed 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.

Side II

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.

Side I

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.

Side II

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.

Side I

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.

Side II

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

Side I

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

All: Ant. *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. †*

INTERCESSIONS Led by Presider. All respond “*Lord, have mercy on us*”.

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 - Presider invites all to pray.

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.

Announcements may be given at this time.

Concluding Prayer

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 and the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.
— Amen.

DISMISSAL

The Lord be with You.
--- and with your spirit.

May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son,† and the Holy Spirit.
--- Amen.

OR

May the Lord bless us,
protect us from all evil and bring us to everlasting life.
— Amen.