



Holy Saturday

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EVENING PRAYER (VESPERS)

PSALMODY

PSALM 40

- P** I waited patiently for the LORD;
and He inclined to me, and heard my cry.
- C** He also brought me up out of a horrible pit, out of the miry clay,
and set my feet upon a rock, and established my steps.
- P** He has put a new song in my mouth—praise to our God;
many will see it and fear, and will trust in the LORD.
- C** Blessed is that man who makes the LORD his trust,
and does not respect the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies.
- P** Many, O LORD my God, are Your wonderful works which You have done; and Your thoughts toward us
cannot be recounted to You in order;
if I would declare and speak of them, they are more than can be numbered.
- C** Sacrifice and offering You did not desire; my ears You have opened.
Burnt offering and sin offering You did not require.
- P** Then I said, "Behold, I come;
in the scroll of the book it is written of me.
- C** I delight to do Your will, O my God,
and Your law is within my heart."
- P** I have proclaimed the good news of righteousness in the great assembly;
indeed, I do not restrain my lips, O LORD, You Yourself know.
- C** I have not hidden Your righteousness within my heart; I have declared Your faithfulness and Your
salvation;
I have not concealed Your lovingkindness and Your truth from the great assembly.
- P** Do not withhold Your tender mercies from me, O LORD;
let Your lovingkindness and Your truth continually preserve me.
- C** For innumerable evils have surrounded me; my iniquities have overtaken me, so that I am not able to
look up;
they are more than the hairs of my head; therefore my heart fails me.
- P** Be pleased, O LORD, to deliver me;
O LORD, make haste to help me!
- C** Let them be ashamed and brought to mutual confusion who seek to destroy my life;
let them be driven backward and brought to dishonor who wish me evil.
- P** Let them be confounded because of their shame,
who say to me, "Aha, aha!"
- C** Let all those who seek You rejoice and be glad in You;
let such as love Your salvation say continually, "The LORD be magnified!"
- P** But I am poor and needy; yet the LORD thinks upon me.
You are my help and my deliverer; do not delay, O my God.

LECTION

READING

1 Peter 3:17-22

For it is better, if it is the will of God, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil.

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit, by whom also He went and preached to the spirits in prison, who formerly were disobedient, when once the Divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water. There is also an antitype which now saves us – baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, angels and authorities and powers having been made subject to Him.

P O Lord, have mercy upon us.

C Thanks be to God.

MEDITATION

CANTICLE

MAGNIFICAT

P The Lord breaks the battles:

C **The Lord is His name.**

P The women, sitting over against the sepulcher made lamentation:

C **weeping for the Lord.**

P My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior.

C **For He has regarded the lowly state of His maidservant;
for behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed.**

P For He who is mighty has done great things for me,
and holy is His name.

C **And His mercy is on those who fear Him
from generation to generation.**

P He has shown strength with His arm;
He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

C **He has put down the mighty from their thrones,
and exalted the lowly.**

P He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich He has sent away empty.

C **He has helped His servant Israel,
in remembrance of His mercy,**

P as He spoke to our fathers,
to Abraham and to his seed forever.

P The women, sitting over against the sepulcher made lamentation:

C **weeping for the Lord.**

PRAYERS

PSALM 51

- P** Christ, for our sake, became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name.
- P** Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Your lovingkindness;
according to the multitude of Your tender mercies, blot out my transgressions.
- C** **Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin.**
- P** For I acknowledge my transgressions,
and my sin is always before me.
- C** **Against You, You only, have I sinned, and done this evil in Your sight—
that You may be found just when You speak, and blameless when You judge.**
- P** Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,
and in sin my mother conceived me.
- C** **Behold, You desire truth in the inward parts,
and in the hidden part You will make me to know wisdom.**
- P** Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- C** **Make me hear joy and gladness,
that the bones You have broken may rejoice.**
- P** Hide Your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.
- C** **Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.**
- P** Do not cast me away from Your presence,
and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.
- C** **Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,
and uphold me by Your generous Spirit.**
- P** Then I will teach transgressors Your ways,
and sinners shall be converted to You.
- C** **Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O God, the God of my salvation,
and my tongue shall sing aloud of Your righteousness.**
- P** O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth shall show forth Your praise.
- C** **For You do not desire sacrifice, or else I would give it;
You do not delight in burnt offering.**
- P** The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, a broken and a contrite heart—
these, O God, You will not despise.
- C** **Do good in Your good pleasure to Zion;
build the walls of Jerusalem.**
- P** Then You shall be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness, with burnt offering and whole burnt offering;
then they shall offer bulls on Your altar.
- P** Christ, for our sake, became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name.

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- P** O Lord,
C have mercy upon us.
P O Christ,
C have mercy upon us.
P O Lord,
C have mercy upon us.

LORD'S PRAYER

- C** 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.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P** Almighty and everlasting God, we beseech You graciously to behold this Your family, for which Our Lord Jesus Christ was contented to be betrayed and given up into the hands of wicked men and to suffer death upon the cross; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C Amen.

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