



# Holy Saturday

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## MORNING PRAYER (LAUDS)

### PSALMODY

#### PSALM 57

**P** Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me!

For my soul trusts in You; and in the shadow of Your wings I will make my refuge, until these calamities have passed by.

**C** I will cry out to God Most High,  
to God who performs all things for me.

**P** He shall send from heaven and save me;  
He reproaches the one who would swallow me up.

**C** God shall send forth His mercy and His truth.

**P** My soul is among lions;  
I lie among the sons of men who are set on fire, whose teeth are spears and arrows, and their tongue a sharp sword.

**C** Be exalted, O God, above the heavens;  
let Your glory be above all the earth.

**P** They have prepared a net for my steps; my soul is bowed down;  
they have dug a pit before me; into the midst of it they themselves have fallen.

**C** My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast;  
I will sing and give praise.

**P** Awake, my glory! Awake, lute and harp!  
I will awaken the dawn.

**C** I will praise You, O Lord, among the peoples;  
I will sing to You among the nations.

**P** For Your mercy reaches unto the heavens,  
and Your truth unto the clouds.

**C** Be exalted, O God, above the heavens;  
let Your glory be above all the earth.

### LECTION

#### READING

*Matthew 27:57-66*

Now when evening had come, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who himself had also become a disciple of Jesus. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be given to him. When Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, and laid it in his new tomb which he had hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a large stone against the door of the tomb, and departed. And Mary Magdalene was there, and the other Mary, sitting opposite the tomb.

On the next day, which followed the Day of Preparation, the chief priests and Pharisees gathered together to Pilate, saying, "Sir, we remember, while He was still alive, how that deceiver said, 'After three days I will rise.'

Therefore command that the tomb be made secure until the third day, lest His disciples come by night and steal Him away, and say to the people, 'He has risen from the dead.' So the last deception will be worse than the first." Pilate said to them, "You have a guard; go your way, make it as secure as you know how." So they went and made the tomb secure, sealing the stone and setting the guard.

- P** O Lord, have mercy upon us.
- C** Thanks be to God.

## MEDITATION

## CANTICLE

### BENEDICTUS

- 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** Blessed is the Lord God of Israel,  
for He has visited and redeemed His people,
- C** and has raised up a horn of salvation for us  
in the house of His servant David,
- P** as He spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets,  
who have been since the world began,
- C** that we should be saved from our enemies  
and from the hand of all who hate us;
- P** to perform the mercy promised to our fathers  
and to remember His holy covenant,
- C** the oath that He swore to our father Abraham:  
to grant us that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies, might serve Him without fear,
- P** in holiness and righteousness before Him  
all the days of our life.
- C** And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Highest;  
for you will go before the face of the Lord to prepare His ways,
- P** to give knowledge of salvation to His people  
by the remission of their sins,
- C** through the tender mercy of our God,  
with which the Dayspring from on high has visited us;
- P** to give light to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death,  
to guide our feet into the way of peace.
- 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.

#### KYRIE

- 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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