

Benedicamus

- P** Let us bless the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

- P** The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C Amen.

Soli Deo Gloria!



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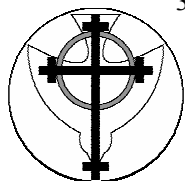
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Holy Saturday

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The Order of Matins

(As you enter the nave, silence should be observed to allow all the opportunity to prayerfully prepare for the presence of the Lord and the reception of His gifts)

Preparatory Prayer

Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells. In the multitude of Your tender mercies prepare my heart that I may enter Your house to worship and confess Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, my God and Lord. Amen.

Service Note

During Holy Week, the order of Matins will be spoken responsively, rather than sung. For your convenience, everything is printed in the bulletin.

(There are no bells this morning; all stand when the pastor stands to begin Service)

Opening Versicles

- P** O Lord, open my lips,
C and my mouth will declare Your praise.
- P** Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
C make haste to help me, O Lord.
- C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
- C** Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.

Psalmody

Antiphon for Holy Week

- P** Christ became obedient to death, even death on a cross.
C O come, let us worship Him.

Venite

- C** O come, let us sing to the Lord, let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving, let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.

For the Lord is a great God and a great king above all gods. The deep places of the earth are in His hand; the strength of the hills is His also.

C The sea is His, for He made it, and His hand formed the dry land.
O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our maker.

For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Antiphon for Holy Week

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Psalm 16 (antiphon: v. 10)

For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,
or let your holy one see corruption.

Preserve me, O God,
for in you I take refuge.

I say to the LORD,

"You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."

As for the saints in the land,

they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight.

The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply;
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names on my lips.

The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup;
you hold my lot.

The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.

I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.

I have set the LORD always before me;

because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;
my flesh also dwells secure.

For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,
or let your holy one see corruption.

You make known to me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;

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

For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,
or let your holy one see corruption.

Prayer

Kyrie Eleison ~ *Lord, have mercy*

P Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

C Lord, have mercy; Christ have mercy; Lord have mercy.

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Lord's Prayer

C Our Father who art in heaven,

hallowed be Thy name,

Thy kingdom come,

They 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.

Salutation and Collects

P The Lord be with you.

C And with your spirit.

P Let us pray:

Collect of the Day

P O God, You made this most holy night to shine with the glory of the Lord's resurrection. Preserve in us the spirit of adoption which You have given so that, made alive in body and soul, we may serve You purely; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Collect for Grace

P O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The belly and hell cried aloud of Your birth and Your resurrection: The belly, which was sealed, conceived You. Hell, which was closed up, brought You forth. Nature did not cause either the belly to conceive You or hell to give You up! . . . Thus do they proclaim that You are of heaven.

Sealed was the tomb to which they had entrusted You, that it might keep You dead, that is, safe, and virgin was the womb, which no man knew. Virgin womb and sealed tomb, like trumpets, proclaimed Him in the ears of deaf people.

P Now the peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus, unto life everlasting.

C Amen.

Stand

Canticle

Te Deum Laudamus ~ We Praise You, O God

C We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord. All the earth now worships You, the Father everlasting. To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the powers therein. To You cherubim and seraphim continually do cry:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; heaven and earth are full of the majesty of Your glory. The glorious company of the apostles praise You. The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise You.

The noble army of martyrs praise You. The holy Church throughout all the world does acknowledge You: The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable, true, and only Son; also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.

You are the king of glory, O Christ; You are the everlasting Son of the Father.

When You took upon Yourself to deliver man, You humbled Yourself to be born of a virgin. When You had overcome the sharpness of death, You opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

You sit at the right hand of God in the glory of the Father. We believe that You will come to be our judge.

We therefore pray You to help Your servants, whom You have redeemed with Your precious blood. Make them to be numbered with Your saints in glory everlasting.

Office Hymn: 564 “Christ Sits at God’s Right Hand” (stanza 2)

Christ was the priest God swore,
Uniquely First and Last,

Who would in righteousness and love

Be unsurpassed:

“A priest forevermore,”

An oath God would not break,

**“A priest within the order of
Melchizedek.”**

Readings

The Old Testament Reading

Lamentations 5:1-22

¹Remember, O LORD, what has befallen us; look, and see our disgrace!
²Our inheritance has been turned over to strangers, our homes to foreigners.
³We have become orphans, fatherless; our mothers are like widows. ⁴We must pay for the water we drink; the wood we get must be bought. ⁵Our pursuers are at our necks; we are weary; we are given no rest. ⁶We have given the hand to Egypt, and to Assyria, to get bread enough. ⁷Our fathers sinned, and are no more; and we bear their iniquities. ⁸Slaves rule over us; there is none to deliver us from their hand. ⁹We get our bread at the peril of our lives, because of the sword in the wilderness. ¹⁰Our skin is hot as an oven with the burning heat of famine. ¹¹Women are raped in Zion, young women in the towns of Judah. ¹²Princes are hung up by their hands; no respect is shown to the elders. ¹³Young men are compelled to grind at the mill, and boys stagger under loads of wood. ¹⁴The old men have left the city gate, the young men their music. ¹⁵The joy of our hearts has ceased; our dancing has been turned to mourning. ¹⁶The crown has fallen from our head; woe to us, for we have sinned! ¹⁷For this our heart has become sick, for these things our eyes have grown dim, ¹⁸for Mount Zion which lies desolate; jackals prowl over it.

¹⁹But you, O LORD, reign forever; your throne endures to all generations.
²⁰Why do you forget us forever, why do you forsake us for so many days?
²¹Restore us to yourself, O LORD, that we may be restored! Renew our days as of old—²²unless you have utterly rejected us, and you remain exceedingly angry with us.

Silence for meditation upon God’s Word

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

The New Testament Reading

Hebrews 7:1-22

¹For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him, ²and to him Abraham apportioned a tenth part of everything. He is first, by translation of his name, king of righteousness, and then he is also king of Salem, that is, king of peace. ³He is without father or mother or genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but resembling the Son of God he continues a priest forever. ⁴See how great this man was to whom Abraham the patriarch gave a tenth of the spoils! ⁵And those descendants of Levi who receive the priestly office have a commandment in the law to take tithes from the people, that is, from their brothers, though these also are descended from Abraham. ⁶But this man who does not have his descent from them received tithes from Abraham and blessed him who had the promises. ⁷It is beyond dispute that the inferior is blessed by the superior. ⁸In the one case tithes are received by mortal men, but in the other case, by one of whom it is testified that he lives. ⁹One might even say that Levi himself, who receives tithes, paid tithes through Abraham, ¹⁰for he was still in the loins of his ancestor when Melchizedek met him.

¹¹Now if perfection had been attainable through the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the law), what further need would there have been for another priest to arise after the order of Melchizedek, rather than one named after the order of Aaron? ¹²For when there is a change in the priesthood, there is necessarily a change in the law as well. ¹³For the one of whom these things are spoken belonged to another tribe, from which no one has ever served at the altar. ¹⁴For it is evident that our Lord was descended from Judah, and in connection with that tribe Moses said nothing about priests.

¹⁵This becomes even more evident when another priest arises in the likeness of Melchizedek, ¹⁶who has become a priest, not on the basis of a legal requirement concerning bodily descent, but by the power of an indestructible life. ¹⁷For it is witnessed of him, "You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek." ¹⁸On the one hand, a former commandment is set aside because of its weakness and uselessness ¹⁹(for the law made nothing perfect); but on the other hand, a better hope is introduced, through which we draw near to God.

²⁰And it was not without an oath. For those who formerly became priests were made such without an oath, ²¹but this one was made a priest with an oath by the one who said to him: "The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind, 'You are a priest forever.'" ²²This makes Jesus the guarantor of a better covenant.

Silence for meditation upon God's Word

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

P In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.

C But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.

Responsory

P Our Shepherd, the source of the water of life, has died. The sun was darkened when He passed away.

C Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name.

P He has destroyed the barricades of hell and overthrown the sovereignty of the devil.

C Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name.

P But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

C Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name.

The Writing (instruction)

Ephraim Syrus

P In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

They sealed You up within the tomb, and set guards, that Your resurrection might be believed among those who deny You. It was for You that they sealed the tomb and set guards, O Son of the Living One! If they had neglected You and left You and gone after they buried You, there would have been room to lie and say that the disciples stole You, O Quickener of all! When they craftily sealed Your tomb, they made Your glory greater.

Daniel was a type of You, so also Lazarus; one in the den, which the Gentiles sealed up, and one in the tomb, which the people opened . . .

If they had left Your tomb open, their mouth [could have remained] open. But they went away because they had shut Your tomb and sealed it and closed their own mouths. Yea, they closed it, and when they had senselessly covered their own heads.

But in Your resurrection You persuade men concerning Your birth. You were pure in the womb that was sealed and alive in the tomb that was sealed. The womb and the tomb, being sealed, were witnesses to You [and to Your divinity].