

Salutation and Collects

The congregation bows as the pastor extends his hands and says:

P The Lord be with you.

The pastor bows as the congregation extends their hands and says:

G **And with your spirit.**

Collect of the Day

P O God, Creator of heaven and earth, grant that, as the crucified body of Your dear Son was laid in the tomb and rested on this Holy Sabbath, so we may await with Him the coming of the third day, and rise with Him to newness of life; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Additional Collect (Collect for Humility)

P Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us perfectly to know Your Son, Jesus Christ, to be the way, the truth, and the life, that following His steps we may steadfastly walk in the way that leads to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Benedicamus

P Let us bless the Lord.

G **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!

Matins

Holy Saturday

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(All stand when the pastor stands to begin prayer)

Opening Versicles

The sign of the cross may be made with the thumb over your mouth where indicated:

P O Lord, open my ✝ lips,

G **and my ✝ mouth will declare Your praise.**

The full sign of the cross may be made where indicated:

P Make haste, O God, to deliver ✝ me;

G **make haste to help ✝ me, O Lord.**

The Gloria Patri is omitted during Passiontide.

C **Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.**

Psalmody

Antiphon

P Christ became obedient to death, even death on a cross.

G **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.

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

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

Antiphon

P Christ became obedient to death, even death on a cross.

G **O come, let us worship Him.**

Additional Psalm: Psalm 16

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.**

Sit

Office Hymn: 564 “Christ Sits at God’s Right Hand”

Readings

(Readings are those appointed for today in The Treasury of Daily Prayer)

Old Testament Reading: Lamentations 5:1-22

New Testament Reading: Hebrews 7:1-22

After each reading:

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Responsory—Holy Saturday

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.

Catechetical Instruction

Ephraim Syrus

(Our Catechetical Instruction is today’s Writing in The Treasury of Daily Prayer)

Stand

Canticle

Te Deum

C We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord. All the earth now (*bow*) worships You, the Father everlasting (*cease bowing*).

To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the powers therein.
To You cherubim and seraphim continually do cry:

(Bow) Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; heaven and earth are full of the majesty of Your glory (*cease bowing*). 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.

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 overcame 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.

O Lord, save Your people and bless Your heritage. Govern them and lift them up forever. Day by day we magnify You. And we (*bow*) worship Your name forever (*cease bowing*).

Grant, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin. O Lord, (*bow head*) have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us. O Lord, let Your mercy be upon us (*cease bowing head*), as our trust is in You. O Lord, in You have I trusted; let me never be † confounded.

Prayer

Kyrie and Lord’s Prayer

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

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.