

*Holy Saturday*  
***Morning Prayer***



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## ***About the Liturgy of the Hours***

*From ancient times, the Church has celebrated the Liturgy of the Hours. It is in the Liturgy of the Hours that the Church fulfills the command, “pray without ceasing.” In the Liturgy of the Hours, we both give praise to God and intercede for the salvation of the world. In addition, the Liturgy of the Hours helps us to keep God in mind throughout the entirety of each day. Though it was formerly thought of as the prayer of priests, the Second Vatican Council encourages all of the faithful to pray the Liturgy of the Hours.*

*Stand*

### **Opening Verse:**

*All trace the sign of the cross on their lips as the following verse is said:*

*Leader:*           + Lord, open my lips,  
*All:*                 And my mouth will proclaim your praise.

# Hymn

# Wondrous Love

No more within the grave does he lie, does he lie,  
No more within the grave does he lie;  
No more within the grave, but risen now to save,  
No more within the earth does he lie, does he lie,  
No more within the earth does he lie.

The God who raised my Lord will raise me, will raise me,  
The God who raised my Lord will raise me;  
The God who raised my Lord, who spoke the living word,  
Will shout into my tomb and raise me, and raise me,  
Will shout into my tomb and raise me.

Up from the holy flood, I will rise, I will rise,  
Up from the holy flood, I will rise;  
Up from the holy flood, the water and the blood,  
To praise the living God, I will rise, I will rise,  
To praise the living God, I will rise.

To God and to the lamb I will sing, I will sing,  
To God and to the lamb I will sing;  
To God and to the lamb, who is the great "I Am,"  
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,  
While millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,  
And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
And through eternity I'll sing on.

*Sit*

# Psalmody

# Psalm 64: All the Upright Hearts

All the up- right hearts will glo- ry in the Lord

*Stand*

# Psalm Prayer

**Canticle**

Isaiah 38:10-14,17-20

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

*Side 1:* Once I said,  
“In the noontime of my life I must depart!  
To the gates of the netherworld I shall be consigned  
for the rest of my years.”

*Side 2:* I said, “I shall see the Lord no more  
in the land of the living.  
No longer shall I behold my brothers and sisters  
among those who dwell in the world.”

*Side 1:* My dwelling, like a shepherd’s tent,  
is struck down and borne away from me;  
You have folded up my life  
like a weaver who severs the last thread.

*Side 2:* Day and night you give me over to torment;  
I cry until the dawn.  
Like a lion he breaks all my bones;  
day and night you give me over to torment.

*Side 1:* Like a swallow, I utter shrill cries;  
I moan like a dove.  
My eyes grow weak, gazing heaven-ward:  
O Lord, I am in straits; by my surety.

*Side 2:* You have preserved my life from the pit of destruction,  
when you cast behind your back all my sins.

*Side 1:* 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  
await your kindness.

*Side 2:* The living, the living give you thanks, as I do today.  
Parents declare to their children, O God,  
your faithfulness.

*Side 1:* The Lord is our savior;  
we shall sing to stringed instruments  
in the house of the Lord all the days of our life.

*All bow for the next line*

*Side 2:* Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

*Side 1:* As it was in the beginning is now and will be forever.  
Amen.

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

*Stand*

## **Canticle Prayer**

*Sit*

## **Scripture Reading**

Hosea 5:15b-16:2

**Reflection** from an ancient homily on Holy Saturday

*This reflection is taken from the Office of Readings for Holy Saturday, a part of the Liturgy of the Hours. Though the original homilist is unknown, this work is included in the Office of Readings.*

## **Responsory**

*Leader:* For our sake, Christ was obedient,  
Accepting even death, death on a cross.

*All:* For our sake, Christ was obedient,  
Accepting even death, death on a cross.

*Leader:* Therefore, God raised him on high,  
And gave him the name above all other names.

*All:* Accepting even death, death on a cross.

*Leader:* Glory to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit.

*All:* For our sake, Christ was obedient,  
Accepting even death, death on a cross.

# Gospel Canticle

Luke 1:68-70

*All make the sign of the cross as the canticle begins.*



1. Now bless the God of Is - ra - el, Who  
2. Re - mem - ber - ing the cov - e - nant, God  
3. In ten - der mer - cy, God will send The



comes in love and pow'r, Who rais - es from the  
res - cues us from fear, That we might serve in  
day - spring from on high, Our ris - ing sun, the



roy - al house De - liv - 'rance in this hour. Through  
hol - i - ness And peace from year to year. And  
light of life For those who sit and sigh. God



ho - ly proph - ets God has sworn To  
you, my child, shall go be - fore To  
comes to guide our way to peace, That



free us from a - larm, To save us from the  
preach, to proph - e - sy, That all may know the  
death shall reign no more. Sing prais - es to the



heav - y hand Of all who wish us harm.  
ten - der love, The grace of God most high.  
Ho - ly One! O wor - ship and a - dore!

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## **Intercessions**

*Response:* Lord, have mercy on us.

## **Lord's Prayer**

## **Closing Prayer**

## **Conclusion**

*The leader and those present leave in silence or remain in prayer. There is no final blessing at the end of morning prayer on Good Friday or Holy Saturday, because the Church remains at prayer throughout the Easter Triduum.*



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