

GREETING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Let us pray:

O God, creator of heaven and earth:

The crucified body of your dear Son was laid in the tomb and rested on this holy Sabbath.

(Silence for 150 seconds.)

So we may await with him the coming of the third day, and rise with him to newness of life.

Amen.

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(Silence for 150 seconds.)

SCRIPTURE

First Reading - JOB 14:1-14

(Silence for 150 seconds.)

The Psalm 31:1-4; 15-16

(If shared in small group, read in unison, pausing in silence for a full breath between verses.)

(Silence for 150 seconds.)

Second Reading - 1 Peter 4:1-8

(Silence for 150 seconds.)

Gospel - Matthew 27:57-66

(Silence for 150 seconds.)

THE PRAYERS

Let us pray for the church and the world.

Hear our silent prayers, O God.

For the leaders and mission of your church in every place...

(Silence)

For all that lives and moves upon the earth, and all that sustains our lives...

(Silence)

For every leader and all who work for justice, freedom, and peace...

(Silence)

For all who labor and the fruits of their work...

(Silence)

For the sick, all prisoners, and the lonely, and all who remember and care for them...

(Silence)

For all who are born this day, and all who will die...

(Silence)

We pray as Jesus taught us...

Matthew 6:9-13

“Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts,

as we also have forgiven our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from the evil one.

SENDING FORTH

Leader: Go in peace.

People: Amen.

“Spirit of Faith, Come Down”

Spirit of faith, come down, reveal the things of God,
And make to us the Godhead known, and witness with the blood.
‘Tis thine the blood to apply, and give us eyes to see,
Who did for every sinner die hath surely died for me.

No one can truly say that Jesus is the Lord,
Unless thou take the veil away and breathe the living Word.
Then, only then, we feel our interest in his blood,
And cry with joy unspeakable, “Thou art my Lord, my God!”

O that the world might know the all-atoning Lamb!
Spirit of faith, descend and show the virtue of his name;
The grace which all may find, the saving power, impart,
And testify to humankind, and speak in every heart.

Inspire the living faith (which whosoe’er receive,
The witness in themselves they have and consciously believe),
The faith that conquers all, and doth the mountain move,
And saves whoe’er on Jesus call, and perfects them in love.

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*A Contemplative Silence
for Holy Saturday*

Individual or Group Prayer