



*Holy Saturday*  
*Morning Prayer*

*Saint Peter Cathedral*  
*Erie, Pennsylvania*

# MORNING PRAYER

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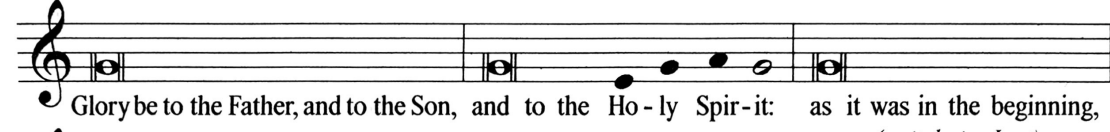
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**Invitatory:** (*please stand*)

*All make the sign of the cross as the Priest intones:*

Presider:	All:
	
	
	



# Hymn: (sung by all)

# We Praise Your Cross, O Christ

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- (cantor) 1. Be - cause you bore the scourge for us, be -  
(cantor) 2. You wore a crown of thorns for us; you -  
(All) 3. Be - cause your throat was parched for us, be -  
(All) 4. You car - ried all our sins for us; you  
(All) 5. Be - cause you gave your life for us, be -



cause you knew the nails for us, be - cause you  
bore the tree of shame for us; you wore a  
cause you tast - ed gall for us, be - cause your  
crushed the ser - pent's head for us; you con - quered  
cause you died for love of us, be - cause you



shed your blood for us, we praise your cross, O Christ!  
bur - ial shroud for us. We praise your cross, O Christ!  
side was pierced for us, we praise your cross, O Christ!  
death by death for us. We praise your cross, O Christ!  
in - ter - cede for us, we praise your cross, O Christ! (please sit)

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# Psalmody: (sung antiphonally)

## Psalm 64



### ANTIPHON: (cantor/all)

Though sinless, the Lord has been put to death.  
(f) The world is in mourning as for an only SON.

- 1 Hear my voice, O God,  
as I com-PLAIN,  
guard my LIFE  
from dread of the FOE.  
Hide me from the band of the WICK-ed,  
from the throng of those who do EVIL.
  
- 2 They sharpen their tongues like swords;  
they aim bitter words like AR-rows  
to shoot at the innocent from AM-bush,  
shooting sudden-ly and RECK-lessly.  
They scheme their ev-il COURSE;  
they conspire to lay secret SNARES.
  
- 1 They say: "Who will see us?  
(f) Who can search out our CRIMES?" (cont.)





2 He will search who searches the mind  
and knows the depth of the HEART.  
God has shot them with his AR-row  
and dealt them sud-den WOUNDS.  
Their own tongue has brought them to RU-in  
and all who see them MOCK.

1 Then will all the world fear;  
they will tell what God has DONE.  
They will understand God's DEEDS.  
The just will rejoice in the LORD.  
and fly to him for REF-uge.  
All the upright hearts will GLO-ry.

**All** Glory be to the Father,  
and to the SON,  
and to the Ho-ly SPI-rit,  
as it was in the be-GIN-ning,  
is now, and ev-er SHALL be,  
world without end, a-MEN.

**ANTIPHON:** (*sung by all*)

(*f*) Though sinless, the Lord has been put to death.  
The world is in mourning as for an only SON.



**Canticle:** Isaiah 38: 10-14, 17-20



**ANTIPHON:** (*cantor/all*)

From the jaws of HELL,  
(d) rescue my soul, O LORD.

1 Once I said, "In the noon-time of LIFE  
I must de-PART!  
To the gates of the nether world I shall be con-SIGNED  
for the rest of my YEARS."

2 I said, "I shall see the Lord no MORE  
in the land of the LIV-ing.  
No longer look on an-y MOR-tals  
among those who dwell in the WORLD."

1 My dwelling, like a shep-herd's TENT,  
is struck down and borne a-way from ME;  
You have folded up my life, like a WEAV-er  
who severs the last THREAD.

2 Day and night you give me o-ver to torment;  
I cry out un-til the dawn.  
Like a lion he breaks all my bones;  
Day and night you give me o-ver to TOR-ment. (*cont.*)





- 1 Like a swallow I ut-ter shrill CRIES;  
I moan like a DOVE.  
My eyes grow weak, gaz-ing HEAVEN-ward:  
O Lord, I am in straits; be my SUR-ety!
  
- 2 You have pre-served my LIFE  
from the pit of de-STRUC-tion,  
When you cast behind your BACK  
all of my SINS.
  
- 1 For it is not the nether world that gives you THANKS,  
nor death that PRAIS-es you;  
Neither do those who go down into the PIT  
a-wait your KIND-ness.
  
- 2 The living, the living give you THANKS,  
as I do to-DAY.  
Fathers declare to their SONS,  
O God, your FAITH-fulness. (*cont.*)





1 The Lord is our SAV-ior;  
we shall sing to stringed IN-struments  
In the house of the LORD  
all the days of our LIFE.

**All** Glory be to the Father, the Son and Ho-ly SPIR-it,  
as it was in the be-GIN-ning,  
is now, and ev-er shall BE,  
world without end, a-MEN.

**ANTIPHON:** (*sung by all*)

From the jaws of HELL,  
(d) rescue my soul, O LORD.





## Psalm 150

(d) St. Meinrad Abbey



**ANTIPHON:** (*cantor/all*)

I was dead, but now I live for-EV-er,  
(d) and I hold the keys of death and of HELL.

- 1 Praise God in his ho-ly PLACE,  
praise him in his might-y HEAV-ens.  
Praise him for his pow-er-ful DEEDS,  
praise his sur-pas-sing GREAT-ness.
- 2 O praise him with sound of TRUM-pet,  
praise him with lute and HARP.  
Praise him with tim-bre! and DANCE,  
praise him with strings and PIPES.
- 1 O praise him with resound-ing CYM-bals,  
praise him with clash-ing of CYM-bals.  
Let everything that lives and that BREATHES  
give praise to the LORD.

**All** Glory be to the Father, the Son and Ho-ly SPIR-it,  
as it was in the be-GIN-ning,  
is now, and ev-er shall BE,  
world without end, a-MEN.

**ANTIPHON:** (*sung by all*)

I was dead, but now I live for-EV-er,  
(d) and I hold the keys of death and of HELL.



## Reading

Hosea 5: 15b-16:2

Thus says the Lord: In their affliction, they shall look for me:  
“Come let us return to the Lord, For it is he who has rent, but  
he will heal us; he has struck us, but he will bind our wounds.  
He will revive us after two days; on the third day he will raise  
us up, to live in his presence.”

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## Homily

### Holy Saturday Antiphon



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**ANTIPHON:** (*cantor/all*)

For our sake Christ was a-BE-dient,  
accepting death, death on a CROSS.  
Therefore God raised him on HIGH  
and gave him the name a-BOVE all OTHER names.



# Benedictus: *(please stand)*



## Luke 1:68-79

### ANTIPHON: *(cantor/all)*

Save us, O Savior of the WORLD.  
On the cross you re-DEEMED us  
by the shedding of your blood;  
we cry out for your help, O GOD.

- 1 Blessed + be the Lord, the God of IS-rael,  
he has come to his people and set them FREE.  
He has raised up for us a mighty Savior,  
born of the house of his ser-vant DAV-id
- 2 Through his holy PROH-ets  
he prom-ised of OLD  
that he would save us from our enemies,  
from the hands of all who HATE us.
- 1 He promised to show mercy to our FA-thers  
and to remember his ho-ly COV-enant.  
This was the oath he swore  
to our fa-ther A-braham: *(cont.)*





- 2 to set us free from the hands of our EN-emies,  
free to worship him with-out FEAR,  
holy and righteous in his sight  
all the days of our LIFE.
- 1 You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the most HIGH;  
for you will go before the Lord to pre-pare his WAY,  
to give his people knowledge of salvation  
by the forgiveness of their SINS.
- 2 In the tender compassion of our GOD,  
the dawn from on high shall break up-ON us,  
to shine on those who dwell in darkness  
and the shadow of death,  
and to guide our feet into the way of PEACE.
- All** Glory be to the Father, the Son and Holy SPI-rit,  
as it was in the be-GIN-ning,  
is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end, a-MEN.

**ANTIPHON:** (*sung by all*)

Save us, O Savior of the WORLD.  
On the cross you re-DEEMED us  
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## Intercessions

Our Redeemer suffered and was buried for us in order to rise again. With sincere love we adore him, and aware of our needs we cry out:

*all respond:* **Lord, have mercy on us.**

Christ our Savior, your sorrowing Mother stood by you at your death and burial, in our sorrows may we share your suffering.

*all respond:* **Lord, have mercy on us.**

Christ our Lord, like the seed buried in the ground, you brought forth for us the harvest of grace, may we die to sin and live for God.

*all respond:* **Lord, have mercy on us.**

Christ the Good Shepherd, in death you lay hidden from the world. Teach us to love, a life hidden with you in the Father.

*all respond:* **Lord, have mercy on us.**

Christ, the new Adam, you entered the kingdom of death to release all the just since the beginning of the world, may all who lie dead in sin hear your voice and rise to life.

*all respond:* **Lord, have mercy on us.**

Christ, Son of the living God, through baptism we were buried with you, risen also with you in baptism, may we walk in newness of life.

*all respond:* **Lord, have mercy on us.**



# The Lord's Prayer

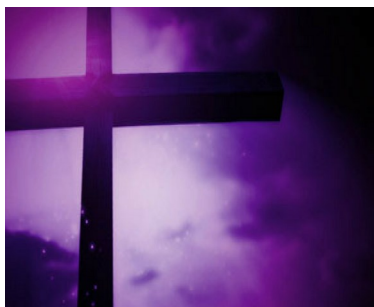
## Final Prayer:

All-powerful and ever-living God, your only Son went down among the dead and rose again in glory. In your goodness raise up your faithful people, buried with him baptism, to be one with him in the eternal life of heaven, where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

*all respond: Amen.*

## Blessing and Dismissal

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*Please return the program before leaving the Cathedral.*

*Thank You!*

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