

# The Liturgy of the Word

## Holy Saturday

March 30, 2024—10:00 a.m.



**Saint Luke's Episcopal Church**

Los Gatos, California

*On this day that our Lord Jesus Christ rested in the grave, there is no celebration of the Holy Eucharist. The church is bare of all ornaments and decorations. The cross from the Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday is still in place near the altar, without candles.*

## **Ante-Communion and Meditation**

**Introit** – Psalm 88:1-5    Domine, Deus

V.     O Lord, my God, my Savior, \*  
by day and night I cry to you

**R:     My soul is full of trouble; my life is at the brink of the grave.**

V.     Let my prayer enter into your presence; \*  
incline your ear to my lamentation.

**R:     My soul is full of trouble; my life is at the brink of the grave.**

V.     I am counted among those who go down to the Pit; \*  
I have become like one who has no strength

**R:     My soul is full of trouble; my life is at the brink of the grave.**

V.     Lost among the dead, \*  
Like the slain who lie in the grave.

**R:     My soul is full of trouble; my life is at the brink of the grave.**

## **Collect**

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, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**Reading**    *Job 14:1-14*

**Psalm 31:1-4, 15-16**

- 1      In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;  
let me never be put to shame; \*  
deliver me in your righteousness.
- 2      Incline your ear to me; \*  
make haste to deliver me.
- 3      Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,  
for you are my crag and my stronghold; \*  
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.
- 4      Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, \*  
for you are my tower of strength.
- 15     My times are in your hand; \*  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,  
and from those who persecute me.
- 16     Make your face to shine upon your servant, \*  
and in your loving-kindness save me.

**Epistle**      *1 Peter 4:1-8*

**Gospel**        *Matthew 27:57-66*

*The Nicene Creed is omitted today.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Christ, have mercy upon us.

**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, on this day you rested in the tomb, and thereby sanctified the grave to be a bed of hope for your people: Make us so to abound in sorrow for our sins, that when our mortal natures rest in dust, we may put on the immortality of your glorious Resurrection; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## **Responsory**

In the midst of life we are in death; from whom can we seek help?

From you alone, O Lord, who by our sins are justly angered.

**Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and merciful Savior,  
deliver us not into the bitterness of eternal death.**

Lord, you know the secrets of our hearts; shut not your ears to our prayers, but spare us, O Lord.

**Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and merciful Savior,  
deliver us not into the bitterness of eternal death.**

O worthy and eternal Judge, do not let the pains of death turn us away from you at our last hour.

**Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and merciful Savior,  
deliver us not into the bitterness of eternal death.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*Said by all*

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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.





# Server—March 30, 2024

Officiant    The Rev. Ricardo Avila



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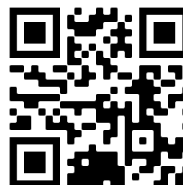
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