



# St. Martin's Anglican Church

April 3, 2021

**Holy Saturday  
Evening Prayer**

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## **Evening Prayer for Holy Saturday**

*Officiant* O Lord, I call to you; come to me quickly;

*People* **Hear my voice when I cry to you.**

*Officiant* Let my prayer be set forth in your sight as incense,  
The lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as  
it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. **Amen.**

### **The Invitatory**

#### **Psalm 134**

Behold now, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord, \*  
you that stand by night in the house of the Lord.  
Lift up your hands in the holy place and bless the Lord; \*  
the Lord who made heaven and earth bless you out of Zion.

## **First Reading    1 Peter 4:1-8**

A Reading from the First Letter of Peter:

Since Christ suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same intention (for whoever has suffered in the flesh has finished with sin), so as to live for the rest of your earthly life no longer by human desires but by the will of God. You have already spent enough time in doing what the Gentiles like to do, living in licentiousness, passions, drunkenness, revels, carousing, and lawless idolatry. They are surprised that you no longer join them in the same excesses of dissipation, and so they blaspheme. But they will have to give an accounting to him who stands ready to judge the living and the dead. For this is the reason the gospel was proclaimed even to the dead, so that, though they had been judged in the flesh as everyone is judged, they might live in the spirit as God does.

The end of all things is near; therefore be serious and discipline yourselves for the sake of your prayers. Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

*In te, Domine, speravi*

In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge;  
let me never be put to shame;  
deliver me in your righteousness.

Incline your ear to me;  
make haste to deliver me.

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.

Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me,  
for you are my tower of strength.

My times are in your hand;  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,  
and from those who persecute me.

Make your face to shine upon your servant,  
and in your loving-kindness save me.

### **Gospel Reading          Matthew 27:57-66**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew.  
**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock. He then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and went away. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said, "Sir, we remember what that impostor said while he was still alive, 'After three days I will rise again.' Therefore command the tomb to be

made secure until the third day; otherwise his disciples may go and steal him away, and tell the people, 'He has been raised from the dead,' and the last deception would be worse than the first." Pilate said to them, "You have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can." So they went with the guard and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone.

The Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## **Reflection**

### **The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God,  
**the Father almighty,**  
**creator of heaven and earth.**  
I believe in Jesus Christ,  
**his only Son, our Lord.**  
**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit**  
**and born of the Virgin Mary.**  
**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,**  
**was crucified, died, and was buried.**  
**He descended to the dead.**  
**On the third day he rose again.**  
**He ascended into heaven,**  
**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**  
**He will come again**  
**to judge the living and the dead.**  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
**the holy catholic Church,**  
**the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **Intercessions and Thanksgivings**

As we gather in God's presence, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

For the whole People of God, that each one may be a true and faithful servant of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those drawing near to the light of faith, that the Lord will bring them to true knowledge of himself, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For our families and friends, that the Lord will give them joy and satisfaction in all that they do. I leave space for you to pray for those on your hearts and minds...Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who are lonely, sick, hungry, persecuted, or ignored, that the Lord will comfort and sustain them. We pray for all who suffer and are affected by COVID-19 in any way, shape, or form. We pray for those who work to serve the community, those in government and authority, those who work during this time, thinking especially of those who work in health care, hospitals, care homes, clinics, front line businesses, grocery stores, truck drivers, and all other industries. Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

## **The Collect**

O God, creator of heaven and earth,  
as the crucified body of your dear Son  
was laid in the tomb and rested on this holy Sabbath,  
so may we 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 for ever. **Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*Officiant* And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to  
say,

*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,  
the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **Dismissal**

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*Officiant* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**