



# All Saints Anglican Church

BIBLICAL FAITH + APOSTOLIC ROOTS

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Holy Saturday

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## MORNING PRAYER

*The officiant begins the service with the following opening sentence:*

Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by? Look and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow, which was brought upon me, which the LORD inflicted on the day of his fierce anger.

*The congregation kneels*

CONFESSION OF SIN

*Prayer Book, p. 11*

Dearly beloved, the Scriptures teach us to acknowledge our many sins and offenses, not concealing them from our heavenly Father, but confessing them with humble and obedient hearts that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy. We ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before Almighty God, but especially when we come together in his presence to give thanks for the great benefits we have received at his hands, to declare his most worthy praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things which are necessary for our life and our salvation. Therefore, draw near with me to the throne of heavenly grace.

*Silence is kept. All kneeling, the Officiant and People say*

**Almighty and most merciful Father,  
we have erred and strayed from your ways  
like lost sheep.**

**We have followed too much the devices and desires  
of our own hearts.**

**We have offended against your holy laws.**

**We have left undone those things which we ought  
to have done, and we have done those things  
which we ought not to have done;**

**and apart from your grace, there is no health in us.**

**O Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**Spare all those who confess their faults.**

**Restore all those who are penitent, according to  
your promises declared to all people in Christ  
Jesus our Lord.**

**And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,  
that we may now live a godly, righteous, and sober  
life, to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.**

*The Priest alone stands and says*

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, desires not the death of sinners, but that they may turn from their wickedness and live. He has empowered and commanded his ministers to pronounce to his people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins. He pardons and absolves all who truly repent and genuinely believe his holy Gospel. For this reason, we beseech him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that our present deeds may please him, the rest of our lives may be pure and holy, and that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

INVITATORY

*Prayer Book, p. 13*

*All stand.*

*Officiant* O Lord, open our lips;  
*People* **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**  
*Officiant* O God, make speed to save us;  
*People* **O Lord, make haste to help us.**  
*Officiant* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the  
Holy Spirit;  
*People* **As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever  
shall be, world without end. Amen.**  
*Officiant* Praise the Lord.  
*People* **The Lord's Name be praised.**

ANTIPHON

*Prayer Book, p. 30*

*V.* The Lord is full of compassion and mercy:  
*R.* **O come, let us adore him.**

VENITE

*Prayer Book, p. 14*

**O come, let us sing unto the LORD; let us heartily  
rejoice in the strength of our salvation.  
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving  
and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.  
For the LORD is a great God  
and a great King above all gods.  
In his hand are all the depths of the earth,  
and the heights of the hills are his also.  
The sea is his, for he made it,  
and his hands prepared the dry land.  
O come, let us worship and fall down,  
and kneel before the LORD our Maker.  
For he is our God, and we are the people of his  
pasture, and the sheep of his hand.  
Today, if you will hear his voice, harden not your  
hearts as in the provocation, and as in the day of**

temptation in the wilderness, When your fathers tested me, and put me to the proof, though they had seen my works.

Forty years long was I grieved with this generation and said, “It is a people that err in their hearts, for they have not known my ways,” Of whom I swore in my wrath that they should not enter into my rest.

*Psalm 95*

V. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy:

R. **O come, let us adore him.**

*The congregation may be seated for the reading of the Psalm which will be said responsively by whole verse.*

**PSALM: 130**

Out of the deep have I called unto you, O LORD; Lord, hear my voice.

**O let your ears consider well the voice of my supplications.**

If you, LORD, were to mark what is done amiss, O Lord, who could abide it?

**For there is mercy with you; therefore you shall be feared.**

I wait for the LORD; my soul waits for him; in his word is my trust.

**My soul waits for the Lord, more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning.**

O Israel, trust in the LORD, for with the LORD there is mercy, and with him is plenteous redemption;

**And he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

*Please stand for the responsorial anthem which is said in unison*

**Man born of woman has but a short time to live,  
and is full of misery. He springs up, and is cut down  
like a flower; he flees like a shadow,  
and never continues the same.**

**In the midst of life we are in death:  
of whom do we seek strength, but you, O Lord,  
who for our sins are justly displeased?**

**Yet, O Lord God most holy, O Lord most mighty,  
O holy and most merciful Savior,  
deliver us not into the pains of eternal death.**

**You know, O Lord, the secrets of our hearts;  
shut not your ears to our prayer;  
but spare us, Lord most holy,  
O God most mighty, O holy and merciful Savior,  
most worthy Judge eternal,  
do not let us, in this our final hour,  
through the pain of death, fall away from you.**

*The congregation may be seated for the Gospel lesson*

GOSPEL: **Matthew 27.57-end**

*p. 835*

*“The conclusion of the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Matthew”*

**109 Were you there?**

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? ...

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? ...

**HOMILY: Descended into Hell**

*Fr. Michael*

- “Descended into Hell”
  - *1 Peter* 3-4
  - Hades & Sheol vs. Gehenna
  - *Matthew* 12.40: “just as Jonah was three days...in the belly of the great fish”
  - He has *despoiled hell* by descending into hell.  
~ *St. John Chrysostom*
- Nicodemus & Joseph of Arimathea
  - *Read John* 19.38-42
  - Right use of material wealth
  - Risk to position
  - Sacrifice of Passover rights
- Sabbath—resting in the tomb
  - A new creation
- “Third Day”
  - By our count less than two

*The congregation stands for the Apostles’ Creed*

**APOSTLES’ CREED**

*Prayer Book, p. 20*

**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 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.

THE PRAYERS

*Prayer Book, p. 21*

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And with your spirit.**  
*Officiant* Let us pray.

*The People kneel*

Lord, have mercy upon us.  
**Christ, have mercy upon us.**  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Officiant and People*

**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.**

*Officiant* O Lord, show your mercy upon us;  
*People* **And grant us your salvation.**  
*Officiant* O Lord, guide those who govern us;  
*People* **And lead us in the way of justice and truth.**

*Officiant* Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
*People* **And let your people sing with joy.**

*Officiant* O Lord, save your people;  
*People* **And bless your inheritance.**

*Officiant* Give peace in our time, O Lord;  
*People* **And defend us by your mighty power.**

*Officiant* Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
*People* **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

*Officiant* Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
*People* **And take not your Holy Spirit from us.**

#### COLLECT OF THE DAY

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; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### COLLECT FOR SATURDAY

Almighty God, who after the creation of the world rested from all your works and sanctified a day of rest for all your creatures; Grant that we, putting away all earthly anxieties, may be duly prepared for the service of your sanctuary, and that our rest here upon earth may be a preparation for the eternal rest promised to your people in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### COLLECT FOR MISSION

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the Cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. **Amen.**



*Here a time for free intercessions is offered*

GENERAL THANKSGIVING

*Prayer Book, p. 25*

*Officiant and People*

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.**

**We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life; but above all for  
your immeasurable love in the redemption of the  
world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of  
grace, and for the hope of glory.**

**And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your  
mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may  
show forth your praise, not only with our lips,  
but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your  
service, and by walking before you in holiness  
and righteousness all our days;**

**Through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

A PRAYER OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time, with one accord to make our common supplications to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will grant their requests: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.

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

CONCLUDING SENTENCE

*Prayer Book, p. 26*

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.**

*2 Corinthians 13.14*



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