

Anthem

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

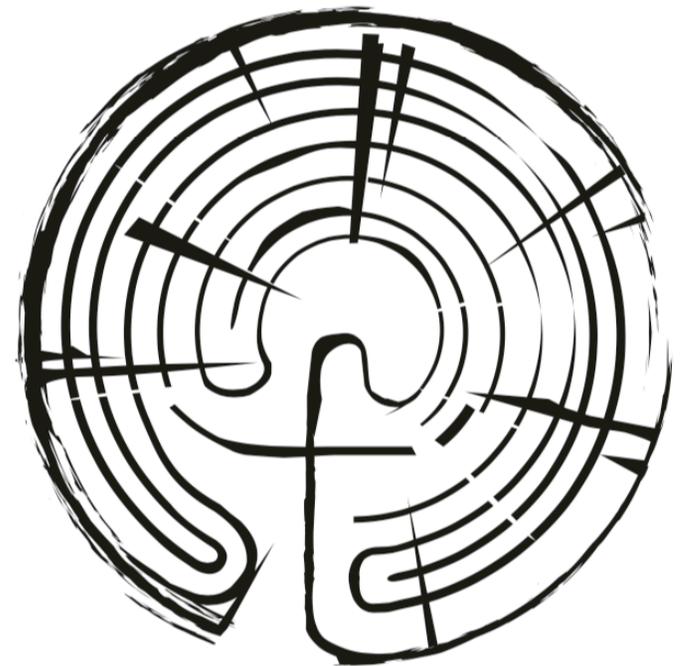
**Our Father, who art in heaven
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The Grace

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of
the Holy Spirit be with you all evermore. Amen.

2 Corinthians 13:14

Holy Saturday



Sacred Saunter

There is no celebration of the Eucharist on this day.

Collect for Holy Saturday

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

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 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, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A Reading from the Book of Job (14:1-14)

Job said, "A mortal, born of woman, few of days and full of trouble, comes up like a flower and withers, flees like a shadow and does not last.

Do you fix your eyes on such a one?

Do you bring me into judgment with you?

Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean?

No one can.

Since their days are determined,
and the number of their months is known to you,
and you have appointed the bounds that they cannot pass,
look away from them, and desist,
that they may enjoy, like laborers, their days.

"For there is hope for a tree,
if it is cut down, that it will sprout again,
and that its shoots will not cease.

Though its root grows old in the earth,
and its stump dies in the ground, yet at the scent of water it will bud
and put forth branches like a young plant. But mortals die, and are laid low;
humans expire, and where are they? As waters fail from a lake,
and a river wastes away and dries up, so mortals lie down and do not rise again;
until the heavens are no more, they will not awake
or be roused out of their sleep. Oh that you would hide me in Sheol,
that you would conceal me until your wrath is past,
that you would appoint me a set time, and remember me! If mortals die, will
they live again?

All the days of my service I would wait
until my release should come."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 31:1-5

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.**

Into your hands I commend my spirit,
for you have redeemed me,
O LORD, O God of truth.



A Reading from the Gospel of John (19:38-42)

Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, though a secret one because of his fear of the Jews, asked Pilate to let him take away the body of Jesus. Pilate gave him permission; so he came and removed his body. Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds. They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom of the Jews. Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified, and in the garden there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

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