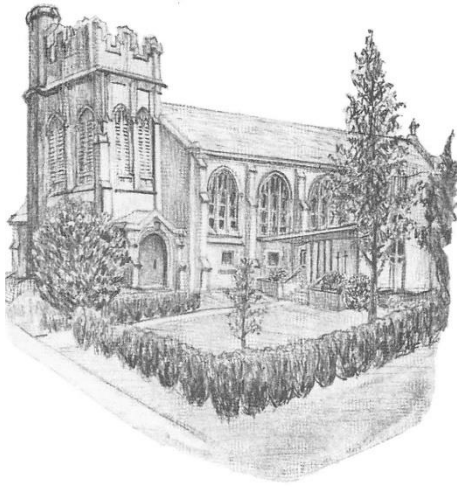


HOLY SATURDAY



Trinity Church

JACKSONVILLE, ILLINOIS

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (BCP p. 283)

Celebrant 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 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.*

FIRST READING: Job 14:1-14

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of Job.

¹A mortal, born of woman, few of days and full of trouble,
²comes up like a flower and withers,
flees like a shadow and does not last.

³Do you fix your eyes on such a one?
Do you bring me into judgment with you?

⁴Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean?
No one can.

⁵Since their days are determined,
and the number of their months is known to you,
and you have appointed the bounds that they cannot pass,

⁶look away from them, and desist,
that they may enjoy, like laborers, their days.

⁷For there is hope for a tree,
if it is cut down, that it will sprout again,
and that its shoots will not cease.

⁸Though its root grows old in the earth,
and its stump dies in the ground,

⁹yet at the scent of water it will bud
and put forth branches like a young plant.

¹⁰But mortals die, and are laid low;
humans expire, and where are they?

¹¹As waters fail from a lake,

and a river wastes away and dries up,
¹²so 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.
¹³O 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!
¹⁴If mortals die, will they live again?
All the days of my service I would wait
until my release should come.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

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

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

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 4:1-8

A Reading from the First letter of Peter.

¹Since therefore Christ suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same intention (for whoever has suffered in the flesh has finished with sin), ²so as to live for the rest of your earthly life no longer by human desires but by the will of God. ³You have already spent enough time in doing what the Gentiles like to do, living in licentiousness, passions, drunkenness, revels, carousing, and lawless idolatry. ⁴They are surprised that you no longer join them in the same excesses of dissipation, and so they blaspheme. ⁵But they will have to give an accounting to him who stands ready to judge the living and the dead. ⁶For 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.

⁷The end of all things is near; therefore be serious and discipline yourselves for the sake of your prayers. ⁸Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Matthew 27:57-66

All stand.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

⁵⁷When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus. ⁵⁸He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. ⁵⁹So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth ⁶⁰and 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. ⁶¹Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

⁶²The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate ⁶³and said, “Sir, we remember what that impostor said while he was still alive, ‘After three days I will rise again.’ ⁶⁴Therefore 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.”

⁶⁵Pilate said to them, “You have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can.” ⁶⁶So they went with the guard and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE HOMILY (BCP p. 283)

ANTHEM (BCP p. 283)

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 (BCP p. 283)

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

THE GRACE (BCP p. 283)

The Celebrant then says

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.*

