

Good Friday

Office of Prayer at the Ninth Hour (3:00 P.M.) - The Hour Christ Died

Stand

- L** Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
- C** **make haste to help me, O Lord.**

Psalm 88; antiphon vv. 13-14



- ¹O LORD, God of my sal- | vation;*
I cry out day and night be- | fore you.
- ²Let my prayer come be- | fore you;*
incline your ear | to my cry!
- ³For my soul is full of | troubles,*
and my life draws near | to Sheol.
- ⁴I am counted among those who go down | to the pit;*
I am a man who | has no strength,
- ⁵like one set loose among the dead, like the slain that lie | in the grave,*
like those whom you remember no more, for they are cut off | from your hand.
- ⁶You have put me in the depths | of the pit,*
in the regions | dark and deep.
- ⁷Your wrath lies heavy up- | on me,*
and you overwhelm me with | all your waves.
- ⁸You have caused my companions to | shun me;*
you have made me a hor- | ror to them.
- I am shut in so that I cannot escape; ⁹my eye grows dim through | sorrow.*
Every day I call upon you, O LORD; I spread out my | hands to you.
- ¹⁰Do you work wonders | for the dead?*
- Do the departed rise up to | praise you?
- ¹¹Is your steadfast love declared | in the grave,*
or your faithfulness in | Abaddon?
- ¹²Are your wonders known in the | darkness,*
or your righteousness in the land of for- | getfulness?
- ¹³But I, O LORD, | cry to you;*
in the morning my prayer comes be- | fore you.
- ¹⁴O LORD, why do you cast my | soul away?*
- Why do you hide your | face from me?
- ¹⁵Afflicted and close to death from my | youth up,*
I suffer your terrors; I am | helpless.
- ¹⁶Your wrath has swept | over me;*
your dreadful assaults de- | stroy me.
- ¹⁷They surround me like a flood | all day long;*
they close in on me to- | gether.
- ¹⁸You have caused my beloved and my friend to | shun me;*
my companions have become | darkness.

Sit

Office Hymn: 571 God Loved the World So That He Gave

sts. 1-5



1 God loved the world so that He gave His on - ly
2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, Who was made
3 God would not have the sin - ner die; His Son with
4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son For - gives all
5 If you are sick, if death is near, This truth your



Son the lost to save, That all who would in
flesh and suf - fered death; All then who trust in
sav - ing grace is nigh; His Spir - it in the
sins which you have done; And, jus - ti - fied by
trou - bled heart can cheer: Christ Je - sus saves your



Him be - lieve Should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
Him a - lone Are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
Word de - clares How we in Christ are heav - en's heirs.
Je - sus' blood, Your Bap - tism grants the high - est good.
soul from death; That is the firm - est ground of faith.

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A Reading from Jeremiah 17:14-18

Jeremiah Prays for Justification

¹⁴Heal me, O LORD, and I shall be healed;
save me, and I shall be saved,
for you are my praise.

¹⁵Behold, they say to me,
“Where is the word of the LORD?
Let it come!”

¹⁶I have not run away from being your shepherd,
nor have I desired the day of sickness.
You know what came out of my lips;
it was before your face.

¹⁷Be not a terror to me;
you are my refuge in the day of disaster.

¹⁸Let those be put to shame who persecute me,
but let me not be put to shame;
let them be dismayed,
but let me not be dismayed;
bring upon them the day of disaster;
destroy them with double destruction!

A Reading from Revelation 5:6-10

The Lamb Stands Who Once Was Slain

⁶And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. ⁷And he went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne. ⁸And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. ⁹And they sang a new song, saying,

“Worthy are you to take the scroll
and to open its seals,
for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God
from every tribe and language and people and nation,
¹⁰and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God,
and they shall reign on the earth.”

A Reading from Matthew 27:33-54

The Crucifixion and Death of Our Lord Jesus Christ

³³And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), ³⁴they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. ³⁵And when they had crucified him, they divided his garments among them by casting lots. ³⁶Then they sat down and kept watch over him there. ³⁷And over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews." ³⁸Then two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left. ³⁹And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads ⁴⁰and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross." ⁴¹So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying, ⁴²"He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. ⁴³He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him. For he said, 'I am the Son of God.'" ⁴⁴And the robbers who were crucified with him also reviled him in the same way.

⁴⁵Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. ⁴⁶And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" ⁴⁷And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, "This man is calling Elijah." ⁴⁸And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink. ⁴⁹But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." ⁵⁰And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit.

⁵¹And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. ⁵²The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, ⁵³and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. ⁵⁴When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, "Truly this was the Son of God!"

Responsory

- L** O Lord, have mercy upon us.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**
- L** God spared not His own Son.
- C** **But delivered Him up for us all.**

Meditation

Kneel/Stand

Kyrie

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- C** Lord, have mercy;
Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy.

Lord's Prayer

- C** 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
forever and ever. Amen.

Collects

- L** O Lord, hear my prayer.
- C** **And let my cry come to You.**

Collect of the Day

P Almighty and Everlasting God, who has willed that Your Son should bear for us the pains of the cross so that You might remove from us the power of the adversary, help us so to remember and give thanks for our Lord's Passion, that we may obtain remission of sins and redemption from everlasting death; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Collect for Peace

L O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Stand

Benedicamus

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L Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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