TRIDUUM: THE SACRED THREE DAYS

HOLY SATURDAY
CHAPEL OF THE RESURRECTION

April 20, 2019
12:00 NOON
The Reverend Canon Jennifer King Daugherty, Canon for Congregational Life, Officiant

COLLECT

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.

READING

Lamentations 3:1–9, 19–24

I am one who has seen affliction under the rod of God’s wrath; he has driven and brought me into darkness without any light; against me alone he turns his hand, again and again, all day long.

He has made my flesh and my skin waste away, and broken my bones; he has besieged and enveloped me with bitterness and tribulation; he has made me sit in darkness like the dead of long ago.

He has walled me about so that I cannot escape; he has put heavy chains on me; though I call and cry for help, he shuts out my prayer; he has blocked my ways with hewn stones, he has made my paths crooked.

The thought of my affliction and my homelessness is wormwood and gall! My soul continually thinks of it and is bowed down within me. But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope:

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

“The Lord is my portion,” says my soul, “therefore I will hope in him.” ✦
PSALM 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.

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

3 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.

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

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

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

READING 1 Peter 4:1-8

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 HOLY GOSPEL 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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ANTHEM  Media vita in morte sumus

Officiant 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.

Assembly Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and merciful Savior, deliver us not into the bitterness of eternal death.

Officiant Lord, you know the secrets of our hearts; shut not your ears to our prayers, but spare us, O Lord.

Assembly Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and merciful Savior, deliver us not into the bitterness of eternal death.

Officiant O worthy and eternal Judge, do not let the pains of death turn us away from you at our last hour.

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THE LORD’S PRAYER

All 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 for ever. Amen.

THE GRACE

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

All Amen.

Our celebration of the Sacred Three Days of the Triduum continues this evening at 8:30 PM with the Great Vigil of Easter, followed by our celebration of the Resurrection on the morning of Easter Day, at 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM.

READER
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