

Christ Episcopal Church



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1521 N. Patterson St.
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March 30, 2024

The Holy Saturday Liturgy

Welcome to Christ Church!

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

There is no celebration of the Eucharist on this day.

When there is a Liturgy of the Word, the Celebrant begins with the 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; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

First Lesson

Lamentations 3:1-9,19-24

¹I am one who has seen affliction under the rod of God's wrath; ²he has driven and brought me into darkness without any light; ³against me alone he turns his hand, again and again, all day long. ⁴He has made my flesh and my skin waste away, and broken my bones; ⁵he has besieged and enveloped me with bitterness and tribulation; ⁶he has made me sit in darkness like the dead of long ago. ⁷He has walled me about so that I cannot escape; he has put heavy chains on me; ⁸though I call and cry for help, he shuts out my prayer; ⁹he has blocked my ways with hewn stones, he has made my paths crooked. ¹⁹The thought of my affliction and my homelessness is wormwood and gall! ²⁰My soul continually thinks of it and is bowed down within me. ²¹But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: ²²The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; ²³they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. ²⁴"The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him."



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10:00 a.m.

**¹ 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."**

Epistle

1 Peter 4:1-8

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.

The Gospel

John 19:38-42

³⁸After these things, 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. ³⁹Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds. ⁴⁰They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the

spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom of the Jews. ⁴¹Now 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. ⁴²And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

The Homily

The Rev. Dcn Nancy Sartin

After the homily, the Anthem "In the midst of life" is sung or said.

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.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ – Philippians 1:2