

H O L Y S A T U R D A Y

There is no celebration of the Eucharist on this day.

The Officiant says

Let us pray.

O God, Creator of heaven and earth: Grant that, as the crucified body of thy 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; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

or this

O God of the living, on this day thy Son our Savior descended to the place of the dead: Look with kindness upon all of us who wait in hope for liberation from the corruption of sin and death, and grant unto us a share in the glory of the children of God; through the same Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

JOB 14:1-14

PSALM 130 *or* 88 *or* 31:1-6^v

1 PETER 4:1-8

MATTHEW 27:57-66 *or* JOHN 19:38-42

After the Gospel, a homily may follow.

The following is then sung or said.

THE ANTHEM

Man that is born of a woman hath but a short time to live,
and is full of misery.

He cometh up, and is cut down like a flower;
he fleeth as it were a shadow,
and never continueth in one stay.

In the midst of life we are in death:
of whom may we seek for succor,
but of thee, O Lord,
who for our sins art justly displeas'd?

Yet, O Lord God most holy,
O Lord most mighty,
O holy and most merciful Savior,
deliver us not into the bitter pains of eternal death.

Thou knowest, O Lord, the secrets of our hearts;
shut not thy merciful ears to our prayer;
but spare us, Lord most holy,
O God most mighty,
O holy and merciful Savior,
thou most worthy Judge eternal,
suffer us not, at our last hour,
for any pains of death, to fall from thee.

The Officiant and People together pray the Lord's Prayer. The concluding doxology is customarily omitted.

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is 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. Amen.**

The Officiant concludes

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

Amen.

2 CORINTHIANS 13:14^T