

## MIDDAY PRAYER FOR HOLY SATURDAY

Lord, open our lips,  
**And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Oh God, make speed to save us.  
**Oh Lord, make haste to help us.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Let us pray.

Faithful Midwife,  
as you delivered the Hebrews safely  
out of the long labour of slavery,  
so, morning by morning,  
You draw us forth into the new day.  
Surround us with a cloud of witnesses,  
and sustain us by your powerful word,  
that, in the night of loneliness and fear,  
we being weary, may not lose heart  
but push toward the joy that is to come,  
labouring with Christ  
to give birth to your promised kingdom.  
**Amen**

**Christ our God,  
your love is poured in death for our sakes.  
Hold us in your embrace  
as we wait for Easter's dawn.  
Comfort us with the promise that no power on earth,  
not even death itself, can separate us from your love;  
and strengthen us to wait  
until you are revealed to us  
In all your risen glory. Amen.**

(Revised Common Lectionary Prayers)

Readings  
Psalm 31:1-4, 15&16  
Job 14:1-14  
Matthew 27:57-66

Let us pray.

Lord God, on Holy Saturday, Jesus rested.

He was in the grave. He had finished his work.

To most people's eyes, it looked like it was all over.

He was dead and buried.

But only as a seed dies when it is planted in the earth,  
not to decay, but to spring to new life.

Teach us that death is not our end.

Teach us to hope always in you and in the resurrection,  
the making of all things new. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Dear God, May this Easter grandeur that Spring lavishly imparts awaken faded flowers of faith lying dormant in our hearts, and give us ears to hear, dear God, the Springtime song of birds with messages more meaningful than man's often empty words, telling harried human beings who are lost in deep despair - May we join together and not worry for God has us in his care.**

*A time of silent reflection*

*Sharing of any ways the Spirit may be speaking to you today*

You can mute yourself and say the prayer Jesus taught us in whatever language or paraphrase you wish:

**Our Father Mother God, 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,  
the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**