

Holy Saturday

28. Ere Yet the Dawn Hath Filled the Skies

J. Heermann, 1630

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Johann Walther, 1524

1. Ere yet the dawn hath filled the skies, Be -  
 2. O strong - er Thou than death and hell, Where  
 3. If Je - sus lives, can I be sad? I  
 4. He feeds me, com - forts, and de - fends, And

hold my Sav - ior Christ a - rise, He  
 is the foe Thou canst not quell? What  
 know He loves me, and am glad. Though  
 when I die His an - gel sends To

chas - eth from us sin and night, And  
 heav - y stone Thou canst not roll, From  
 all the world were dead to me, E -  
 bear me whith - er He is gone, For

brings us joy and life and light. Hal - le - lu - jah!  
 off the pris - oned, suf - fring soul! Hal - le - lu - jah!  
 nough, O Christ, if I have Thee! Hal - le - lu - jah!  
 of His own He los - eth none. Hal - le - lu - jah! A - men!

5. No more to fear or grief I bow,  
 God and the angels love me now;  
 The joys prepared for me today  
 Drive fear and mourning far away.  
 Hallelujah!

6. Strong Champion! For this comfort, see,  
 The whole world bringeth thanks to Thee!  
 And once we, too, shall raise above  
 More sweet and loud the song we love;  
 Hallelujah!

**#30 Art. IV “Justification” of the Apology of the Augsburg Confession.**

Some, perhaps, when we say that faith justifies before God, apply this merely to the beginning; namely, that faith is only the beginning of, or preparation for justification; not that faith itself makes us acceptable to God, but rather the love and works that follow it. They imagine that faith is commended in the Scriptures, simply because it is a *beginning* of good works,—as much always depends on the beginning. But **this is not our view**, for we hold, on this subject, that we become acceptable to God through faith *itself*. And as the word *justificari* (to be justified, made just,) is used in **two different ways, namely, to designate being converted or born again, and again in the sense of being esteemed just**, we shall first show, that we are converted from evil, impious ways, born anew, and justified by faith alone. (Henkel Translation, p. 170).

**The Order of Lauds**

Psalmody

- Psalm 51..... (printed)
- Psalm 92 ..... (printed)
- Psalm 64 ..... (printed)
- Canticle of Hezekiah (printed)  
 (Isaiah 38:10-20)
- Psalm 150 ..... (printed)

Readings

1 Peter 3:17-22, St. Matthew 27:57-66

The General Responory p.12-13

“Forever, O Lord...”

**Hymn ASBH #28. “Ere yet the dawn hath filled the skies” (left)**

Sermon  
 Offering

Verse: Christ for our sakes became obedient to death, even the death of the Cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted Him, and given Him a Name which is above every name.

+ Benedictus..... p.17  
 “Blessed be the Lord God...”

- Lord's Prayer p.25
- Salutation
- Collect of the Day (back)
- Special Prayers
- Collect for Grace p.25
- + Benedicamus p.26

### 1 Peter 3:17-22

17For it is better, if it is the will of God, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil.

18For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit, 19by whom also He went and preached to the spirits in prison, 20who formerly were disobedient, when once the Divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water. 21There is also an antitype which now saves us—baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, 22who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, angels and authorities and powers having been made subject to Him.

### Matthew 27:57-66

57Now when evening had come, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who himself had also become a disciple of Jesus. 58This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be given to him. 59When Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, 60and laid it in his new tomb which he had hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a large stone against the door of the tomb, and departed. 61And Mary Magdalene was there, and the other Mary, sitting opposite the tomb.

62On the next day, which followed the Day of Preparation, the chief priests and Pharisees gathered together to Pilate, 63saying, “Sir, we remember, while He was still alive, how that deceiver said, ‘After three days I will rise.’” 64“Therefore command that the tomb be made secure until the third day, lest His disciples come by night and steal Him away, and say to the people, ‘He has risen

from the dead.’ So the last deception will be worse than the first.” 65Pilate said to them, “You have a guard; go your way, make it as secure as you know how.” 66So they went and made the tomb secure, sealing the stone and setting the guard.

### Collect

O God, Who didst enlighten this most holy night with the glory of the Lord’s

Resurrection: Preserve in all Thy people the spirit of adoption which Thou hast given, so that renewed in body and soul they may perform unto Thee a pure service; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. **AMEN.**

## Lauds for Holy Saturday April 4, 2026



**Illustrated German Bible of 1483 (I:78 Exodus 14)**  
The Red Sea’s Crossing

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## Psalms for Holy Saturday



Illustrated German Bible of 1483 (I:153 Num.  
20:22-29)  
Aachen, Diocese

## Psalm 51—*Miserere mei Deus, secundum*

Psalm Tone II



Antiphon: **O DEATH, || I will be | your | death;  
Hell, I will be your | de- | struc- | tion.**

|| 1 Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Your loving-  
| kind- | ness; \*

According to the multitude of Your tender mercies, blot  
out my | trans- | gres- | sions.

|| 2 Wash me thoroughly from my in- | *i-qui-* · | ty, \*

And cleanse me | from | my | sin.

|| 3 For I acknowledge my trans- | gres- | sions, \*

And my sin is always | be- | fore | me.

|| 4 Against You, You only, have I *sinned*, (+) and done this  
evil in Your | sight | - \*

—That You may be found just when You speak, and  
blameless | when | You | judge.

|| 5 Behold, I was brought forth in in- | *i-qui-* · | ty, \*

And in sin my mother | con- | ceived | me.

|| 6 Behold, You desire truth in the inward | parts, | - \*

And in the hidden part You will make me to | know |  
wis- | dom.

|| 7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be | clean; | - \*

Wash me, and I shall be whit- | er | than | snow.

|| 8 Make me hear joy and | glad- | ness, \*

That the bones You have broken | may | re- | joice.

|| 9 Hide Your face from my | sins, | - \*

And blot out all my in- | i- | qui- | ties.

|| 10 Create in me a clean heart, O | God, | - \*

And renew a steadfast spirit | with- | in | me.

Psalm Tone II



|| 11 Do not cast me away from Your | pre- | sence, \*  
 And do not take Your Holy Spi- | rit | from | me.  
 || 12 Restore to me the joy of Your sal- | va- | tion, \*  
 And uphold me by Your gener- | ous | Spi- | rit.  
 || 13 Then I will teach transgressors Your | ways, | - \*  
 And sinners shall be convert- | ed | to | You.  
 || 14 Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O God, the  
 God of my sal- | va- | tion, \*  
 And my tongue shall sing aloud of Your | right- | eous- |  
 ness.  
 || 15 O Lord, open my | lips, | - \*  
 And my mouth shall show | forth | Your | praise.  
 || 16 For You do not desire sacrifice, or else I would | give |  
 it; \*  
 You do not delight in burnt | of- | fer- | ing.  
 || 17 The sacrifices of God are a broken | spi- | rit, \*  
 A broken and a contrite heart—these, O God, You will |  
 not | de- | spise.  
 || 18 Do good in Your good pleasure to | Zi- | on; \*  
 Build the walls of Je- | ru- | sa- | lem.  
 || 19 Then You shall be pleased with the sacrifices of  
 righteous -ness, (+) with burnt offering and whole burnt |  
 of-fer- · | ing; \*  
 Then they shall offer bulls on | Your | al- | tar.  
 (*The Gloria Patri is omitted*)  
**O DEATH, || I will be | your | death;**  
**Hell, I will be your | de- | struc- | tion.**

**Psalm 92—*Bonum est confiteri***

Psalm Tone VIII



*Antiphon:* **THEY SHALL || mourn for Him as for an on-  
 | ly | son;**

**For the Lord who is inno- | cent | has | been | slain.**

|| 1 It is good to give thanks to the | Lord, | - \*  
 And to sing praises to Your | name, | O | Most | High;  
 || 2 To declare Your lovingkindness in the | morn- | ing, \*  
 And Your faithful- | ness | ev- | er-y · | night,  
 || 3 On an instrument of ten strings, on the | lute, | - \*  
 And on the harp, with har- | mon- | i- | ous | sound.  
 || 4 For You, Lord, have made me glad through Your | work;  
 | - \*  
 I will triumph in the | works | of | Your | hands.  
 || 5 O Lord, how great are Your | works! | - \*  
 Your thoughts | are | ver- | y | deep.  
 || 6 A senseless man does not | know, | - \*  
 Nor does a fool | un- | der- | stand | this.  
 || 7 When the wicked spring up like *grass*, (+) and when all  
 the workers of iniquity | flour- | ish, \*  
 It is that they may be destroyed forever. 8 But You,  
 Lord, are on high | for- | ev- | er- | more.  
 || 9 For behold, Your enemies, O Lord, for behold, Your  
 enemies shall | per- | ish; \*  
 All the workers of iniquity | shall | be | scat- | tered.  
 || 10 But my horn You have exalted like a wild | ox; | - \*  
 I have been anoint- | ed | with | fresh | oil.

|| 11 My eye also has seen my desire on my | *en-e- ·* | mies;  
\*

My ears hear my desire on the wicked who rise | up |  
a- | gainst | me.

|| 12 The righteous shall flourish like a | palm | tree, \*

He shall grow like a cedar | in | Leb- | a- | non.

|| 13 Those who are planted in the house of the | Lord | - \*

Shall flourish in the | courts | of | our | God.

|| 14 They shall still bear fruit in old | age; | - \*

They shall be fresh | and | flour- | ish- | ing,

|| 15 To declare that the Lord is up *-right*; (+) He is my |  
rock, | - \*

and there is no unright- | eous- | ness | in | Him.

*(The Gloria Patri is omitted)*

**THEY SHALL || mourn for Him as for an on- | ly | son;**

**For the Lord who is inno- | cent | has | been | slain.**

### Psalm 64—*Exaudi, Deus*

Psalm Tone IV



*Antiphon:* **Look, all || - | - | you | na- | tions,**

**And | see | my | suf- | fer- | ing.**

|| 1 Hear my voice, O God, in my | med- | i- | ta- | tion; \*

Preserve my life from fear | of | the | en- | e- | my.

|| 2 Hide me from the secret plots | of | the | wick- | ed, \*

From the rebellion of the workers | of | in- | i- | qui- |  
ty,

|| 3 Who sharpen their tongue | like | a | sword, | - \*

And bend their bows to shoot their | ar- | rows | —bit- |  
| ter | words,

|| 4 That they may shoot in secret | at | the | blame- | less; \*

Suddenly they shoot at | him | and | do | not | fear.

|| 5 They encourage themselves in an evil matter; They talk  
of lay- | ing | snares | *sec-ret- ·* | ly; \*

They | say, | “Who | will | see | them?”



|| 6 They devise iniqui *-ties*: (+) “We have perfected | a |  
shrewd | scheme.” | - \*

Both the inward thought and the | heart | of | man | are  
| deep.

|| 7 But God shall shoot at them | with | an | ar- | row; \*

Suddenly | they | shall | be | wound- | ed.

|| 8 So He will make them stumble over | their | own |  
tongue; | - \*

All who see | them | shall | flee | a- | way.

|| 9 All men shall fear, and shall declare the | work | of |  
God; | - \*

For they shall wisely con- | si- | der | His | do- | ing.

|| 10 The righteous shall be glad in the Lord, and | trust | in |  
Him. | - \*

And all the upright | in | heart | shall | glo- | ry.

*(The Gloria Patri is omitted)*

**Look, all || - | - | you | na- | tions,**

**And | see | my | suf- | fer- | ing.**

## Canticle of Hezekiah(Isaiah 38:10-20)

Psalm Tone II



**Antiphon: FROM THE || gate | of | hell \***

**Deliver my | soul, | O | Lord.**

|| I said, “In the prime of | my | life  
I shall go to the gates of Sheol; I am deprived of the remainder  
| of | my | years.”

|| I said, “I shall not see Yah, The Lord in the land of the | liv- |  
ing;

I shall observe man no more among the inhabitants | of | the |  
world.

|| My life span | is | gone,  
Taken from me like a | shep- | herd’s | tent;

|| I have cut off my life like a | weav- | er.  
He cuts me off from the loom; From day until night You make  
an | end | of | me.

|| I have considered until | morn- | ing,  
Like a lion, So He breaks all my bones; From day until night  
You make an | end | of | me.

|| Like a crane or a swallow, so I | chat- | tered;  
I mourned | like | a | dove;

|| My eyes fail from looking | up- | ward.  
O Lord, I am oppressed; Under- | take | for | me!

|| “What shall | I | say?  
He has both spoken to me, And He Himself | has | done | it.

|| I shall walk carefully all | my | years  
In the bitterness | of | my | soul.

|| O Lord, by these things men live; And in all these things is the life  
of my | spir- | it;

So You will restore me and | make | me | live.

|| Indeed it was for my own peace That I had great | bitter- | ness;

But You have lovingly delivered my soul from the pit of  
corruption, For You have cast all my sins be- | hind | Your |  
back.

|| For Sheol cannot thank You, Death cannot | praise | You;  
Those who go down to the pit cannot hope | for | Your | truth.

|| The living, the living man, he shall praise You, As I do | this | day;  
The father shall make known Your truth to | the | chil- | dren.

|| “The Lord was ready to | save | me;  
Therefore we will sing my songs with stringed instruments All  
the days of our life, in the house | of | the | Lord.”

*(The Gloria Patri is omitted)*

**FROM THE || gate | of | hell \***

**Deliver my | soul, | O | Lord.**

**Psalm 150—*Laudate Dominum in sanctis eius***

Psalm Tone VII



**Antiphon: O - | ALL - || you who | pass | by | the | way,  
Look and see whether there is any  
suffering | like | My | suff’r- | ing.**

|| 1 Praise the Lord! Praise God in His | sanc- | tu- | a- | ry; \*  
Praise Him in His might- | y | firm- | a- | ment! -

|| 2 Praise Him for | His | might- | y | acts; \*  
Praise Him according to His ex- | cel- | lent | great- |  
ness! -

|| 3 Praise Him with the sound | of | the | trum- | pet; \*  
Praise Him with | the | lute | and | harp! -

|| 4 Praise Him with the | tim- | brel | and | dance; \*  
Praise Him with stringed in- | stru- | ments | and |  
flutes! -

|| 5 Praise Him | with | loud | cym- | bals; \*  
Praise Him with | clash- | ing | cym- | bals! -

|| 6 Let everything that has | breath | praise | the | Lord. \*

Praise | — | the | — | **Lord!** -

*(The Gloria Patri is omitted)*

**O - | ALL - || you who | pass | by | the | way,**

**Look and see whether there is any**

**suffering | like | My | suff'r- | ing.**