

Daily Worship for Holy Week and Easter

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Holy Saturday: Burial

God Calls us to Worship

Opening Words

As you light a candle:

Why do we light this candle?

To remember that Jesus is with us.

Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

Have mercy on us and grant us your peace

Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

Praise and glory to you, O God.

-John 1:29

Gathering Song

You are encouraged to sing or listen to one or more of the following songs:

- *Oh, How He Loves You and Me* [lyric video](#) | [sheet music](#)
- *Jesus Loves Me* -LUYH 709 | [YouTube](#) | [Music and Lyrics](#)
- *Be Still and Know that I am God* LUYH 907 | [YouTube](#) | [Music and Lyrics](#)

Prayer

Use the following prayer or your own, giving voice to the realities of the day within the greater context of the promise of the resurrection, and ask for the Holy Spirit to work through this time of worship.

God of all hope,
we gather today deeply aware
of the world's grief and pain --and our own.
Send your Holy Spirit here among us and
comfort us with the sure knowledge
that our Lenten journey will end in Easter joy.
Amen.

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God Speaks to Us and We Respond

Scripture Reading

Matthew 27:57-66

Reflecting on God's Word

Choose one or more of the following ways to engage with the scripture passage:

- Gather rocks from outside and place them on your table as a symbol of the sealed tomb. As you pass these rocks and see them, remember the significance of why they are there.
- Build a fort or some sort of cave that keeps the light out. Sit inside for five minutes, thinking about Jesus' death and burial. Say a prayer of thanks that the darkness will not last forever.
- Reflect on the poem "[Easter Saturday](https://theartisticimpulse.blogspot.com/2011/04/poem-for-holy-saturday.html?m=0)" by Elizabeth Rooney
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Sung or Spoken Response

Use one or more of the following songs to reflect and meditate. Listen to the link provided, or read the text from a hymnal, or sing together as you are able.

- *Wait for the Lord* -LUYH 480 | [YouTube](#) | [Music and Lyrics](#)
- *Oh, to See the Dawn/Power of the Cross* -LUYH 177 | [YouTube](#) | [Music and Lyrics](#)
- *Were You There* -LUYH 166 | [YouTube](#) | [Music and Lyrics](#)
- *Abide With Me* -LUYH 466 | [YouTube](#) | [Music and Lyrics](#)
- An option especially for those with young children:
 - God is So Good* -LUYH 777 | [YouTube](#) | [Music and Lyrics](#)
 - There is a Redeemer* -LUYH 833 | [YouTube with Lyrics](#)

Prayer

Offer your own prayer or use the following one.

O Lord Jesus Christ, suffering Son of God,
our minds do not grasp the length and breadth,
the height and depth of your love for us sinners,
poured out in your precious blood.

Our minds do not grasp your unfathomable love,
but our hearts hold it; our hearts do hold it.

Amen.

-The Worship Sourcebook, M.9.1.7, p. 628

God Sends Us

While many of us will not be leaving our homes during this week we are still called to be Christ's presence in our households, on zoom calls, and social media posts, thus continuing our worship of God in all we do and say.

Closing Verse

Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,
to receive power and wealth
and wisdom and strength
and honor and glory
and praise!

-Rev. 5:12

Blessing

Speak this blessing to those gathered with you. As you are comfortable use motions to point before, behind, beneath, above, and beside as this will help you memorize this blessing over the week and truly speak it over each other.

May God go
before you to guide you
behind you to protect you
beneath you to support you
above you to watch over you
beside you to be your friend.

Do not be afraid.

Go in peace.