

Holy Saturday: Burial

God Calls You to Worship

Opening Words

As you light a candle:

I light this candle to remember that Jesus is with me.

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

As a prayer: Have mercy on me and grant me your peace.

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

As a prayer: Praise and glory to you, O God.

-John 1:29

Gathering Song

Choose a favorite song that draws you into worship.

- *Holy, Holy, Holy* LUYH 538 | [YouTube](#) | [Music and Lyrics](#)
- *Come, Now Is the Time to Worship* LUYH 526 | [YouTube with Lyrics](#)
- *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,
I worship you today deeply aware
of the world's grief and pain --and my own.
Send your Holy Spirit here and
comfort me with the sure knowledge
that my Lenten journey will end in Easter joy.
Amen.

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God Speaks and You 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 hold 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. Or simply sit in darkness 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 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](#)

Prayer

Offer your own prayer or use the following one.

O Lord Jesus Christ, suffering Son of God,
my mind does not grasp the length and breadth,
the height and depth of your love for sinners,
that has been poured out in your precious blood.
My mind does not grasp your unfathomable love,
but my heart holds it; my heart does hold it.

Amen.

*-Adapted from *The Worship Sourcebook*, M.9.1.7, p. 628*

God Sends

While you may not be leaving your home during this week, you are still called to be Christ's presence in your relationships, on zoom calls, and social media posts, thus continuing your worship of God in all you do and say. Read this verse of praise aloud.

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

Hear these words of blessing spoken to you from God. 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.

**I, your God will 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 forth in peace.**