

Good Friday Daytime Prayer (Terce)

All Stand and make the Sign of the Cross as we begin.

Presider: God, come to my assistance.

All: Lord, make haste to help me.

Presider: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

All: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Hymn/Recite:

Save us, Redeemer, noble creatures formed by you,
sealed with the radiance from your sacred countenance;
keep us uninjured by the demons' sly deceit,
since for this reason you once paid the price of death.
Pity your servants held in base captivity,
pardon the guilty, lift the shackled from their bonds;
King, good and holy, bring to your eternal joy
those whom you ransomed by your own redeeming blood. Amen.

All Sit

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Psalm 40:2-14, 17-18

Right Side: I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry.

Left Side: He drew me from the deadly pit,
from the miry clay.
He set my feet upon a rock
and made my footsteps firm.

Right Side: He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God.
Many shall see and fear
and shall trust in the Lord.

Left Side: Happy the man who has placed
his trust in the Lord
and has not gone over to the rebels
who follow false gods.

Right Side: How many, O Lord my God,
are the wonders and designs that you have worked for us;
you have no equal.
Should I proclaim and speak of them,
they are more than I can tell!

Left Side: You do not ask for sacrifices and offerings,
but an open ear.
You do not ask for holocaust and victim.
Instead, here am I.

Right Side: In the scroll of the book it stands written
that I should do your will.
My God, I delight in your law
in the depth of my heart.

Left Side: Your justice I have proclaimed
in your great assembly.
My lips I have not sealed;
you know it, O Lord.

Right Side: I have not hidden your justice in my heart
but declared your faithful help.
I have not hidden your love and your truth
from the great assembly.

Left Side: O Lord, you will not withhold
your compassion from me.
Your merciful love and your truth
will always guard me.

Right Side: For I am beset with evils
too many to be counted.
My sins have fallen upon me
and my sight fails me.
They are more than the hairs on my head
and my heart sinks.

Left Side: O Lord, come to my rescue,
Lord, come to my aid.

Right Side: O let there be rejoicing and gladness
for all who seek you.
Let them ever say: "The Lord is great,"
who love your saving help.

Left Side: As for me, wretched and poor,
the Lord thinks of me.
You are my rescuer, my help,
O God, do not delay

Right Side: Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit:

**All: as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be for ever. Amen.**

Psalm Prayer

Presider: Lord, Jesus Christ, you were made obedient unto death, and your name was exalted above all others. Teach us always to do the Father's will, so that, made holy by obedience which unites us to the sacrifice of your body, we can expect your great love in times of sorrow and sing a new song to our God.

Psalm 54:1-6, 8-9

Right Side: O God, save me by your name;
by your power, uphold my cause
O God, hear my prayer;
listen to the words of my mouth.

Left Side: For proud men have risen against me,
ruthless men seek my life.
They have no regard for God.

Left Side (*cont.*): But I have God for my help.

The Lord upholds my life.

Right Side: I will sacrifice to you with willing heart
and praise your name for it is good:
for you have rescued me from all my distress
and my eyes have seen the downfall of my foes.

Left Side: Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit:

**All: as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be for ever. Amen.**

Psalm Prayer

Presider: We humbly ask you, Father, to save us from every evil and trial on earth, that we may seek with our hearts and deeds our Lord and helper, Jesus Christ, whom we look to in the heavens.

Psalm 88

Right Side: Lord, my God, I call for help by day;
I cry at night before you.
Let my prayer come into your presence.
O turn your ear to my cry.

Left Side: For my soul is filled with evils;
my life is on the brink of the grave.
I am reckoned as one in the tomb:
I have reached the end of my strength,

Right Side: like one alone among the dead;
like the slain lying in their graves;
like those you remember no more,
cut off, as they are, from your hand.

Left Side: You have laid me in the depths of the tomb,
in places that are dark, in the depths.
Your anger weighs down upon me:
I am drowned beneath your waves.

Right Side: You have taken away my friends
and made me hateful in their sight.
Imprisoned, I cannot escape;
my eyes are sunken with grief.

Left Side: I call to you, Lord, all the day long;
to you I stretch out my hands.
Will you work your wonders for the dead?
Will the shades stand and praise you?

Right Side: Will your love be told in the grave
or your faithfulness among the dead?
Will your wonders be known in the dark
or your justice in the land of oblivion?

Left Side: As for me, Lord, I call to you for help:
in the morning my prayer comes before you.
Lord, why do you reject me?
Why do you hide your face?

Right Side: Wretched, close to death from my youth,
I have borne your trials; I am numb.
Your fury has swept down upon me;
your terrors have utterly destroyed me.

Left Side: They surround me all the day like a flood,
they assail me all together.
Friend and neighbor you have take away:
my one companion is darkness.

Right Side: Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit:

**All: as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be for ever. Amen.**

Psalm Prayer

Presider: Lord Jesus, redeemer of all and author of our salvation, for us you went down to the realm of death and became free of death. Hear the prayers of your family and lift us from our slavery to evil, that we may be redeemed by you and see your Father's glory.

Antiphon

All: It was about nine in the morning when they nailed Jesus to the cross.

Reading: Isaiah 53:2-3

He grew up like a sapling before him, like a shoot from the parched earth; There was in him no stately bearing to make us look at him, nor appearance that would attract us to him. He was spurned and avoided by men, a man of suffering, accustomed to infirmity, One of those from whom men hide their faces, spurned, and we held him in no esteem.

Response

Reader: We worship you, O Christ, and we praise you.

All: Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Concluding Prayer:

Presider: *Let us pray.* Father, look with love upon your people, the love which our Lord Jesus Christ showed us when he delivered himself to evil men and suffered the agony of the cross, for he lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

All: Amen.

Presider: Let us praise the Lord.

All: And give him thanks.