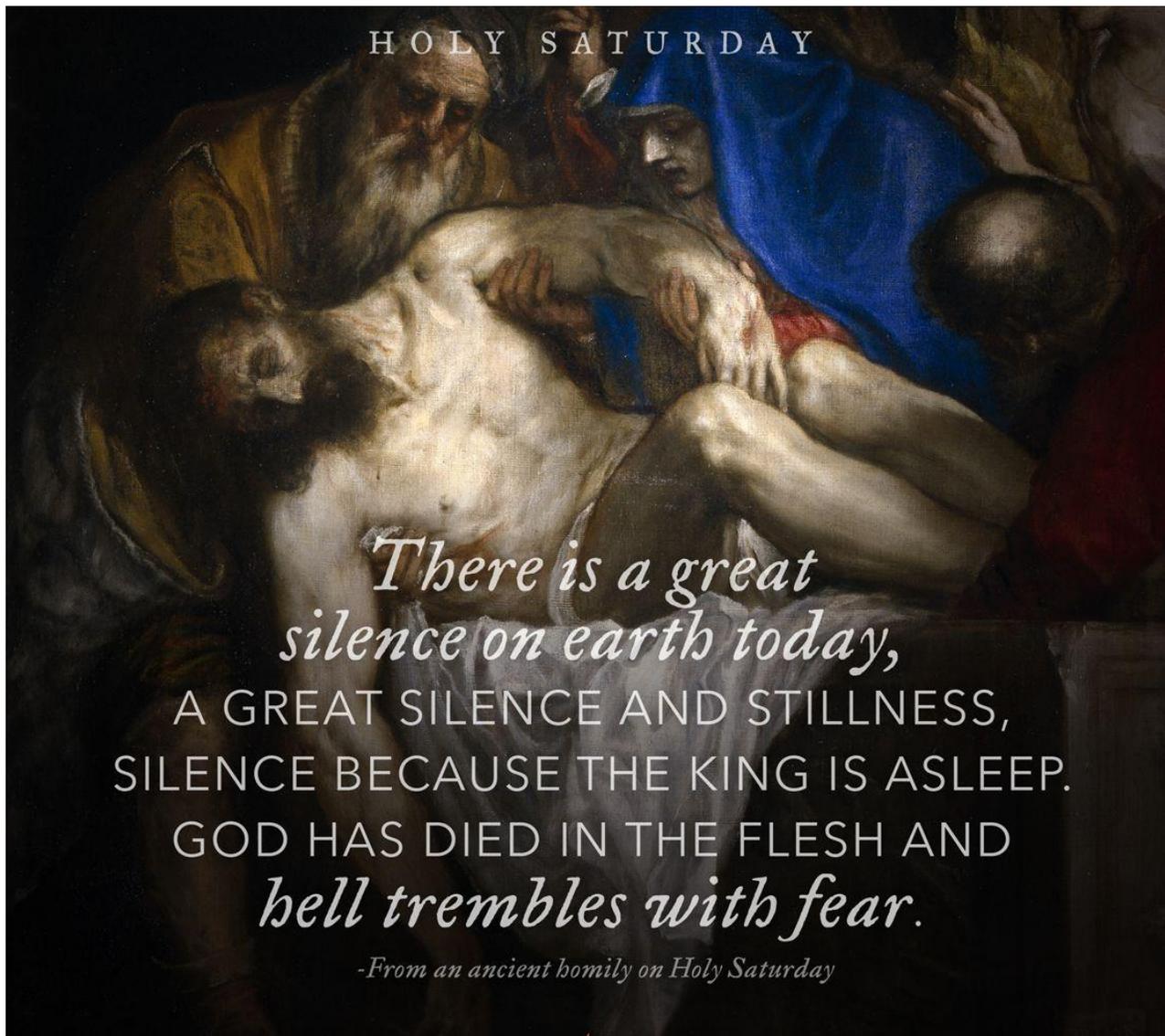


CALVARY EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
CINCINNATI, OHIO



HOLY SATURDAY  
SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 2026  
10:00 AM

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**THE WORD OF GOD**

Please stand as you are able.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Officiant            The Lord be with you.

**People            And also with you.**

Officiant            Let us pray.

O God, Creator of heaven and earth: Grant that, as the crucified body of your dear Son was laid in the tomb and rested on this holy Sabbath, so we may await with him the coming of the third day, and rise with him to newness of life; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated*

### READING Job 14:1-14

Job said, "A mortal, born of woman, few of days and full of trouble,  
comes up like a flower and withers,  
flees like a shadow and does not last.

Do you fix your eyes on such a one?

Do you bring me into judgment with you?

Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean?

No one can.

Since their days are determined,

and the number of their months is known to you,

and you have appointed the bounds that they cannot pass,

look away from them, and desist,

that they may enjoy, like laborers, their days.

"For there is hope for a tree,

if it is cut down, that it will sprout again,

and that its shoots will not cease.

Though its root grows old in the earth,

and its stump dies in the ground,

yet at the scent of water it will bud

and put forth branches like a young plant.

But mortals die, and are laid low;

humans expire, and where are they?

As waters fail from a lake,

and a river wastes away and dries up,

so mortals lie down and do not rise again;

until the heavens are no more, they will not awake

or be roused out of their sleep.

Oh that you would hide me in Sheol,

that you would conceal me until your wrath is past,

that you would appoint me a set time, and remember me!

If mortals die, will they live again?

All the days of my service I would wait

until my release should come."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 31:1-4, 15-16 said by ALL**

**1 In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness.**

**2 Incline your ear to me; make haste to deliver me.**

**3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.**

**4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, for you are my tower of strength.**

**15 My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.**

**16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, and in your loving-kindness save me."**

**READING Matthew 27:57, 66**

When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock. He then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and went away. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said, "Sir, we remember what that impostor said while he was still alive, 'After three days I will rise again.' Therefore, command the tomb to be made secure until the third day; otherwise his disciples may go and steal him away, and tell the people, 'He has been raised from the dead,' and the last deception would be worse than the first." Pilate said to them, "You have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can." So, they went with the guard and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please be seated.*

**HOLY SATURDAY REFLECTIONS**

The Reverend Allison English, Rector

*Please stand as you are able.*

"In the Midst of Life," from the Burial Rite:

Officiant     In the midst of life, we are in death; from whom can we seek help?  
People        **From you alone, O Lord, who by our sins are justly angered.**

Officiant     Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and merciful Savior,  
People        **deliver us not into the bitterness of eternal death.**

Officiant Lord, you know the secrets of our hearts; shut not your ears to our prayers,  
People **but spare us, O Lord.**

Officiant Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and merciful Savior,  
People **deliver us not into the bitterness of eternal death.**

Officiant O worthy and eternal Judge, do not let the pains of death  
People **turn us away from you at our last hour.**

Officiant Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and merciful Savior,  
People **deliver us not into the bitterness of eternal death.**

### Officiant and People

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

*The Officiant concludes*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

**Worship Leader: The Reverend Allison English, Rector**



The graphic is a vertical rectangle with a dark purple top half and a light purple bottom half. At the top is a white cross. Below the cross, the text reads: "Easter Sunday April 5th". The bottom half lists three services: "6:30 a.m. The Great Vigil of Easter", "9:15 a.m. Family Worship with Communion followed by Easter Egg Hunt", and "11:00 a.m. Festival Choral Eucharist". At the very bottom, it says "Festive coffee hour follows each worship service."

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