



ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 2026 - 10:00 A.M.

HOLY SATURDAY

The People stand.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Officiant 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.**

The People sit.

THE FIRST LESSON

Job 14:7-9

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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 31:1-3, 15-16 *In te, Domine, speravi*

- 1 Whenever I am in trouble, I always run to you, God.*
There is no shame in hiding with you, you come to my rescue
- 2 Bring your ear close to me now; *
and hurry, because I need rescuing again
- 3 Be like a strong rock to keep me safe
Because you are who you are, show me where I should go.

- 15 I put myself and my future into your hands;
Because you have kept me for yourself, God of all, that is true.
- 16 Every minute of my life is in your hands *
You're the only one who can save me."

THE SECOND LESSON

John 19:38-42

After these things, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, though a secret one because of his fear of the Jews, asked Pilate to let him take away the body of Jesus. Pilate gave him permission; so he came and removed his body. Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came. They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom. Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified, and in the garden there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE HOMILY

The Rev. Zack Rugenstone

The People stand.

Officiant In the midst of life we are in death;
from whom can we seek help?
From you alone, O Lord,
who loves us greatly

Lord, you know the secrets of our hearts;
shut not your ears to our prayers,

O worthy and eternal Judge,
do not let the pains of this life
turn us away from you as our eternal hope

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

Officiant And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
All **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE GRACE

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

People **Amen.**

The Rev. Zack Rugenstone *Officiant*



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