

Lambs at Pasture™

Holy Saturday

2018

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Psalm 88:1, 6-7, 9b; antiphon: Psalm 88:3

My soul is full of troubles,
and my life draws near to Sheol.

O LORD, God of my salvation;
I pray out day and night before you.

You have put me in the depths of the pit,
in the regions dark and deep.

Your wrath lies heavy upon me,
and you overwhelm me with all your waves.

Every day I call upon you, O LORD;
I spread out my hands to you.

(The Gloria Patri is omitted during Holy Week)

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DAILY READINGS & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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CATECHISM CONNECTION: The Second Article of the Creed (pages 16-17)

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The Church never treats Good Friday or Holy Saturday as a funeral or memorial service for Jesus, because the Church also knows Jesus arose from the dead. Rather, Good Friday and Holy Saturday are days to reflect on the great price Jesus paid for us, and that we, though we may die, will also be raised with Him because He has ransomed us from the grave.

THE GOSPEL

Read Matthew 27:57–66

Who asked Pilate for Jesus’ body? (verses 57–58)

Joseph of Arimathea — a disciple of Jesus

What did he do with Jesus’ body? (verses 59–60)

Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen, and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had cut in the rock. And he rolled a great stone to the entrance of the tomb and went away.

Who observed this? (verse 61)

Mary Magdalene and the other Mary

Why did the Pharisees ask Pilate for guards to secure Jesus’ tomb? (verses 62–66)

The Pharisees remembered that Jesus said He would rise from the dead in three days. They were afraid His disciples would steal the body and tell people, “He has risen from the dead.”

When did the events of this Gospel take place?

Before sunset on Good Friday

Why do we hear this then on Saturday?

Saturday was a sabbath day — a day of rest for the Israelites; no work could be done.

Likewise, Jesus rested from His work in the tomb.



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