

THOUGHTS FOR SATURDAY, APRIL 3, 2021

Focus your attention on God and become aware again of God's presence with you.

Thank God for bringing you safely to this day. Ask God to inspire you.

Then read these passages, paying attention to them as you do. What catches your imagination? What puzzles you? How do they make you feel?

Mark 15:47 – 16:1

⁴⁷Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joseph saw where the body was laid. ¹When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him.

Reflection

This is the day when nothing happens. From Friday evening to Saturday evening it is the sabbath, when work and activity are not allowed.

All people could do – all we can do – is dwell on what has happened; try to make sense of it all; and wonder what the implications are of it all. It is hard for us to do that. Was it perhaps easier for them? It is all too easy for us to try to forget about it all for at least a day.

Above all, though, all we can do is wait on God, and try to ensure that we are ready for whatever God might do.

SATURDAY SILENCE

The shadows shift and fly.

The

whole

long

day

the air trembles,

thick with silence,

until, finally,

the footsteps are heard,

and the noise

of the voice of God

is upon us.

The Holy One

is not afraid

to walk

on unholy ground.

The Holy Word is done,

and the world awaits

the dawn of Life.

-- Ann Weems.

As soon as the first star has come out after sunset, the sabbath is over, and the shops have reopened. The women go to buy spices so that they can do what they were unable to do the day before, and tend his body and prepare it for the tomb. Once they have bought them, though, it is too dark to do anything at the tomb.

Out of the depths, I cry to you, O Lord. O Lord, hear my voice!

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,

and in his word I hope.

Psalms 130: 1-2a; 5

Prayer

Living God,
creator of heaven and earth,
as the crucified body of your dear Son
was laid in the tomb and waited on this holy day,
grant that we may wait with him for the stirring of your Spirit;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Book of Common Prayer (adapted)

The Lord's Prayer

ROOM IN THE HEART

Death abides not
on a hill called Golgatha,
but in every heart that makes room.

Life abides not
outside a garden tomb in Jerusalem,
but in every heart that makes room.

--Ann Weems

AMAZED

The people who heard Jesus
were repeatedly amazed.
Are we today too sophisticated
that we are immune to
amazement?
Can we know that he was
crucified,
Goodness and Compassion
Love nailed upon the tree,
and go about our business
of preparing Easter dinner?
Can we know that he arose
from the dead
and walked the earth
and ate and spoke
with his followers
and sit unamazed in the pew
as though we cannot hear
the WORD OF GOD!
O God of Jesus the Christ,
the amazing thing
is our lack of amazement
in the face of your
AMAZING AMEN!!

--Ann Weems