Sola Publishing Worship Worksheet

# Holy Saturday

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## Vigil of Easter (Year B)



As the darkness of Good Friday and Jesus' death became a difficult reality, Joseph of Arimathea went to Pontius Pilate to request the lifeless body of his teacher. Permission was given to him to take and bury Jesus' body, so Joseph placed it in his own unused tomb. The women who had followed Jesus watched them lay his corpse to rest and roll a stone across the entrance. Things seemed so very bleak and final.

## This Week's Scripture Texts

**First Lesson: Daniel 6:1-24** — **Daniel's Faith and God's Faithfulness**

As Daniel rose to authority in King Darius' government, other Persian leaders became jealous of his relationship with the king. They devised a plan to catch Daniel worshiping the Lord God and set it into place with the king's approval. The king, however, was not aware that his advisors were plotting against Daniel until they insisted that Daniel broke the law and must be put into a lion's den as punishment.

**Psalm 16** — **In You I Take Refuge**

The psalmist acknowledged that those who seek after false gods find nothing but trouble and sorrow. Instead, he confessed that the Lord was his God, his chosen portion and cup, meeting all of his needs and giving him a beautiful inheritance.

**Second Lesson: 1 Peter 4:1-8** — **Live in the Spirit**

Peter discussed the issue of living in the flesh. In former days when people did not know Christ they lived in the flesh, but now because of Christ's love, we live in the Spirit. As believers, we are called to live faithfully: sober minded and self-controlled, loving one another for the sake of Christ.

**Gospel Lesson: Matthew 27:57-66** — **Burial of Jesus**

Joseph of Arimathea went to Pilate after Jesus' death on the cross and asked him for the body. He laid Jesus' lifeless body in his own unused tomb. Then he rolled the stone over the opening. Jesus' detractors begged Pilate to seal the tomb to prevent the disciples of Jesus from moving the body and claiming Jesus had been raised from the dead.

***Suggestions for the Day:***

- *Liturgical Color: White*
- *Use the Apostles' Creed.*
- *The Minister's Desk Edition of the LBW details the liturgy for the Easter vigil. It is customary to have a baptism on this evening before Resurrection Sunday.*
- *The lessons on this worksheet reflect a service that is not as lengthy as the Roman Catholic Easter Vigil that includes 12 readings recalling the history of God and his people. The lessons given here focus on the burial of Jesus as we continue to wait for the "third day," when God will raise Jesus from the dead, destroying forever the power of sin, death, and the devil over humanity.*

## Suggested Hymns for Worship

| Hymn Titles: | LBW | WOV | LSB | ELW | REC | Sola |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands | 134 | --- | 458 | 370 | 157 | 157 |
| At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing | 210 | --- | 633 | 362 | 150 | 150 |
| Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain | 132 | --- | 487 | 363 | 155 | 155 |
| Crown Him with Many Crowns | 170 | --- | 525 | 855 | 22 | 22 |
| Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now | 253 | --- | 902 | 527 | 44 | 44 |
| Abide with Me | 272 | --- | 878 | 629 | 62 | 62 |
| Lamb of God Most Holy | --- | --- | --- | --- | 148 | 148 |
| Lead On, O King Eternal | 495 | --- | --- | 805 | --- | --- |
| My Jesus, I Love Thee | --- | --- | --- | --- | 193 | 193 |
| Now the Green Blade Rises | 148 | --- | --- | 379 | --- | --- |

*The hymn suggestions above can be found in: LBW = Lutheran Book of Worship, WOV = With One Voice, ELW = Evangelical Lutheran Worship (Augsburg Fortress); LSB = The Lutheran Service Book (Concordia Publishing), REC = The ReClaim Hymnal for Church and Home (ReClaim Resources), and *** means you can find it on SOWeR at "Hymns and Music."*

## Contemporary Songs

**Praise Song Titles:**

Burial
(CCLI# 5254310)
The Young Man
(CCLI# 6129035)
O Praise the Name (Anastasis)
(CCLI# 7037787)
So Will I (100 Billion X)
(CCLI# 7084123)
King of My Heart
(CCLI# 7046145)

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