

Addendum Holy Week Triduum Apl 7-10-11

For Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday, rather than doing all the readings for each day, I will choose only A FEW select passages and give some background.

I have shared what I saw in Israel and when I was in Greece—over the Sundays of Lent. Maybe revisiting them will mean more now during Holy Week. The pics were mostly taken by me.

Holy Thursday and Good Friday  
have their own Intro.

For Holy Saturday:

If you have never spent the 1 ½ to 2 hours for Holy Saturday, I recommend it at least a few times in your life. This year won't be one! LOL—maybe on line.

### **HOLY SATURDAY VIGIL** {order of service}

1<sup>st</sup>

The Easter Candle dipped into the Holy Water of Baptism is the first ceremony,  
All of Holy Saturday is a recapitulation of Salvation History.  
XT sanctifies the Waters of Baptism as He did when He entered the Jordan,  
as WE Xtians do at any Baptism,  
as we later renew OUR OWN Baptismal Promises today on this Holy Saturday.

2<sup>nd</sup>

The Seven Old Testament Readings capture KEY Times  
when God—PERSONALLY—entered OUR History.

We read

1<sup>st</sup>

**Genesis 1-2:2**

God creates US HUMANS. Reflecting HIS goodness:

He made US Good, and ALL THINGS—EVERYTHING He made—is GOOD.

2<sup>nd</sup>

**Genesis 22:1-18**

God calls Abraham, and US, to follow him.

Think: People in the Middle East often offered human sacrifice.

But God says an Animal is a good substitute for Isaac! So is XT—for US!

3<sup>rd</sup>

**Exodus 14:15-15:1**

Using Moses, God rescues His People from “slavery”.

The **CLOUD**, symbol of God's Presence as a **Holy Wind**, keeps Israel safe.

God sustains us through the desert of life, even when we complain and don't deserve it.

4<sup>th</sup>

**Isaiah 54:5-14**

Since Noah listened to God, Noah saved “the world” from the Flood.

God's covenant with Noah promises that ‘destruction’ will never wipe us humans out.

Whether it's a plague of locusts or a Corona Virus, God keeps His promises.

5<sup>th</sup>

**Isaiah 55:1-11**

Even those who **don't expect an invitation** will be invited to be saved by God.

We don't have to pay a price. Even when we ignore God, HE is looking out for us.

. . . let him turn to the LORD for mercy;

to our God, who is generous in forgiving.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts,

nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.

As high as the heavens are above the earth,

so high are my ways above your ways

and my thoughts above your thoughts.

6<sup>th</sup> Baruch [Ch 3:9-15 and from 32 through 4:4]

God is our—ready for this?—MOTHER and a preview of HOLY WISDOM, Hagia Sophia.

Like a Mother calls us to follow **because she loves us**, {Αγία Σοφία}

GOD calls us “follow the Light.” God protects his children like a mother, with His Holy Wisdom.

7<sup>th</sup> Ezekiel 36:16-28

No matter how bad we have been, God will always call us back to Him!

You “*served to profane my holy name, [but] . . . to cleanse you from all your impurities,*

*I will give you a new heart and place a **new spirit** within you,*

*I will put **my spirit** within you. . . You shall be my people; and I will be your God.”*

3<sup>rd</sup>

**GLORIA!** at last the time of Penance and reflection is done! Ring the Bells! Sing GLORIA!

PAUL TO THE ROMANS 6:3-11

We have ‘died’ in Baptism so we can rise, as XT did, to Everlasting Life. Clear, isn’t it?

*4 We were indeed **buried with him through baptism into death**, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in **newness of life.***

*8 If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that **we shall also live with him.***

*11 Consequently, you too must think of yourselves as [being] **dead** to sin and **living** for God in **Christ Jesus.** [Paul uses this phrase a lot, it means: **THE MESSIAH JESUS.** [Christ = Messiah]*

Psalm 118

The stone the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone.

XT is the cornerstone!

Here is an original massive stone of Herod’s Temple.

The Jews had this picture in their mind when they sang this quote from the Psalm 118!

This is  
Schlomo  
{Solomon}  
our guide.

Some stones  
weighed over  
400 TONS

This is an  
Original



FOUNDATION  
STONE  
of Herod’s Temple.

Impressive info;

<https://www.biblicalarchaeology.org/daily/biblical-sites-places/temple-at-jerusalem/the-stones-of-herods-temple-reveal-temple-mount-history/>

Gospel Mt 28:1-10

pics are statues from Groom TX (google, if you forgot)

{I sent The Groom Stations before }

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb. And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, approached, rolled back the stone, and sat upon it.

{They were wondering,  
How will we move it?}

His appearance was like

**lightning**

and his clothing was

**white** as snow.



The guards were shaken with fear of him and became like dead men.

Then the angel said to the women in reply,

“Do not be afraid!

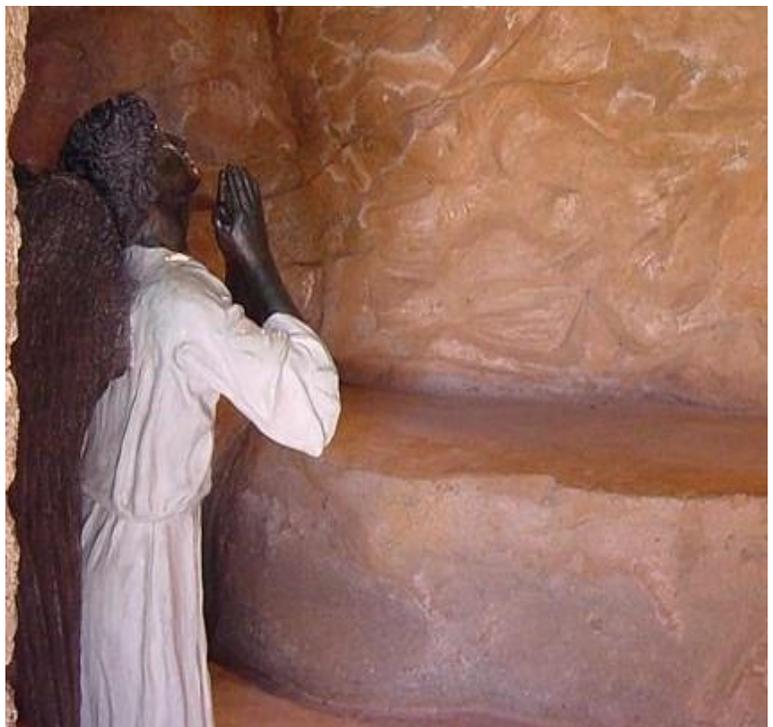
I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified.

He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said.

Come and see the place where he lay.

Then go quickly and tell his disciples,

‘He has been raised from the dead,



and he is going before you to Galilee;  
there you will see him.’  
Behold, I have told you.”  
Then they went away quickly from the tomb,  
fearful yet overjoyed,  
and ran to announce this to his disciples.

And behold, **Jesus met them on their way  
and greeted them.**  
**They approached, embraced his feet,  
and did him homage.**

**XT**  
meets  
Mary Magdalen  
in the garden



Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid.  
Go tell my brothers to go to Galilee,  
and there they will see me.”

**WOMEN could NEVER be witnesses!**  
**Yet They were chosen!** God picks the least  
likely!

THE BAPTISM LITURGY [as it was at Easter  
for all in the Early Church.]

What a wonderful “Family” this **Communion of Saints!**

[ **Communion** means: **COM**=Together **with**—‘union = **ONE**: Partnership  
I never liked translating it “Fellowship”.

**Doesn't bring the idea of shared “oneness” + “together”]**

So we call on **ALL** the Saints—joined with us, whether in Heaven or on Earth.

We are now joined-as-one with all those who have ever been baptized! 2,000 years worth.

Then baptisms. In the Early Church **ALL** those joining the Church prepared during Lent  
and were baptized Holy Saturday Night.

Those of us **ALREADY** baptized, renew our promises.

An anecdote:

I was talking in my college NT class about Baptism. “Some people think it is **magic**. They get the  
little kid baptized and then do nothing after that thinking it’s all done.” Mary {her name, I clearly  
remember her} said under her breath, *to herself*, ‘that’s me’!

I then added that Baptists do not believe in **INFANT** Baptism because they say you ‘need to make a  
commitment and a baby can’t do that’. “True,” I said, “but unless a person who was baptized as a  
child **DOES** make that commitment, the Baptism won’t do much good, will it?”

[Baptists used to be called **ANABaptists**. **ANA** mean ‘anti’ or “non”. So **NO-Baptism** for infants.  
*ANABaptist* and just *Baptist* are the same name. Includes: Quakers, Amish, Mennonites, and Church of the  
Brethren.]

Then I added that the Council of Carthage c. 253 said Infant baptism was good to do. So the  
Baptists’ point about “making a commitment” is true; but from the earliest times **parents** made  
that commitment in the name of the children, until they are old enough to make it themselves. Most  
Protestant Churches follow that tradition with Catholics and Orthodox. Remember it is **NOT**  
magic. Each person must still “commit” to their baptism for make it “work”.

Mary understood my point. We have to continue ‘making’ our promises for Baptism for it to really “work” in us. That is what we do Holy Saturday, joined with all those PAST, in Heaven, and those PRESENT and newly baptized.

### CONFIRMATION

There may also be some people confirmed. Really Confirmation is the exclamation point! of Baptism.

The Orthodox Baptize and Confirm at the same time. So someone may be both Baptized and Confirmed on Holy Saturday. But ANYONE properly baptized, perhaps in a Methodist Church, (for example) cannot be re-baptized. We are not baptized as “a Presbyterian” or a *Lutheran*. We are baptized into CHRIST, as Paul says. After they renew their Baptismal Promises, as we renew ours with them, they will only be confirmed. NOT re-baptized.

Their Baptism is **FIRM**-ed, as in **Confirmed**.

I will do Easter Sunday itself separately.