

# Holy Saturday Matins - Praises - 2nd Stasis

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Right it is in-deed, life-be-stow-ing Lord so mag-ni-fy Thee

for u-pen the Cross were Thy most pure hands out-spread,

and the strength of our dread foe hast Thou des-troyed





PART TWO

Right it is indeed. / Life-bestowing Lord, to magnify Thee; / for upon the Cross  
were Thy most pure hands outspread, / and the strength of our dread foe hast Thou  
destroyed.

v. *I am a companion of all who fear Thee, of those who keep Thy precepts.*

Right it is indeed. / Maker of all things, to magnify Thee; / for by Thy  
dear Passion have we all now attained / unto blest dispassion and deliverance.

v. *Teach me good judgment and knowledge, for I believe in Thy commandments.*

Thou hast slept, O Christ, / in the grave the sleep that is lifegiving, / and  
hast raised up with Thyself the whole race of man / from the grievous and most heavy  
sleep of sin.

v. *The godless besmear me with lies, but with my whole heart I keep Thy precepts;*  
Adam, who did fall / and is now raised, was terrified greatly / when God did walk in the  
Garden of Paradise, / but rejoiced when He came down to those in Hades.

v. *It is good for me that I was afflicted, that I might learn Thy statutes.*

Nailed upon the Cross, / Thou wast pierced, and thus Thy Mother saw Thee, / and was  
smitten with the nails of most bitter grief, / and her soul itself was pierced  
as with a sword.



v. *The law of Thy mouth is better to me than thousands of gold and silver.*

Both the sun and moon / were completely darkened, O my Savior, / thus portraying  
servants willing and obedient, / who have clothed themselves in black from their  
great grief.

v. *Thy hands have created and formed me; give me understanding that I may  
learn Thy commandments.*

Adam fell asleep, / and he brought forth from his side all men's death; / but  
by Thy repose and slumber, O Word of God, / from Thy side life hath poured out  
for all the world.

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,  
both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.*

(And again)

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