

Rector's  
Ramblings

Reminders: Altar Guild is need of help to prepare the Sanctuary for Easter. They will meet at 9:00 this morning.

Easter Vigil and First Eucharist of Easter: 6AM Tomorrow

Easter Brunch Potluck follows the Vigil.

Second Eucharist of Easter: 10AM.

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Special Good News

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**Holy Saturday**

Holy Sonnet X: Death Be Not Proud  
John Donne

Death, be not proud, though some have callèd thee  
Mighty and dreadful, for thou art not so;  
For those whom thou think'st thou dost overthrow  
Die not, poor death, nor yet canst thou kill me.  
From rest and sleep, which yet thy pictures be,  
Much pleasure, then from thee much more, must low  
And soonest our best men with thee do go,  
Rest of their bones and soul's delivery.  
Thou art slave to fate, chance, kings and desperate men  
And dost with poison, war and sickness dwell,  
And poppy or charms can make us sleep as well  
And better than thy stroke; why swell'st thou then ?  
One short sleep past, we wake eternally,  
And death shall be no more; death, thou shalt die.

**The Collect for Holy Saturday**

**O God, Creator of heaven and earth: Grant that, as the crucified body of your dear Son was laid in the tomb and rested on this holy Sabbath, so we may await with him the coming of the third day, and rise with him to newness of life; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

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