

Saturday, April 3, 2021

Saturday of Holy Week (Holy Saturday)

There is a silence today. Let us listen to these words “From an ancient homily on Holy Saturday”:

Something strange is happening—there is a great silence on earth today, a great silence and stillness. The whole earth keeps silence because the King is asleep. The earth trembled and is still because God has fallen asleep in the flesh and he has raised up all who have slept ever since the world began. God has died in the flesh and hell trembles with fear.

He has gone to search for a first parent, as for a lost sheep. Greatly desiring to visit those who live in darkness and in the shadow of death, he has gone to free from sorrow the captives Adam and Eve, he who is both God and the son of Eve. The Lord approached them bearing the cross, the weapon that had won him the victory. At the sight of him Adam, the first man he had created, struck his breast in terror and cried to everyone: “My Lord be with all of you.” Christ answered him: “And with your spirit.” He took him by the hand and raised him up, saying: “Awake, O sleeper, and rise from the dead, and Christ will give you light.”

There is more to this homily that can be found in the Liturgy of the Hours, Volume II, Lenten and Easter Seasons.

God Love You!

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