

## *Holy Saturday Matins*

### *Matthew 27:62-66*

The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said: "Sir, we remember how that imposter said, while He was still alive. After three days I will rise again.' Therefore order the sepulchre to be made secure until after the third day, lest His disciples go and steal Him away, and tell the people, 'He has risen from the dead,' and the last fraud will be worse than the first." Pilate said to them, "You have a guard of soldiers; go make it as secure as you can." So they went and made the sepulchre secure by sealing the tomb with a stone and setting a guard.