

**Friday, April 15, 2022**

**Friday of The Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)**

***Mass Readings***

- 1) Isaiah 52:13—53:12
- 2) Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9
- 3) John 18:1—19:42

**FOCUS:** The passion of our Lord reveals the depth of God's love for all humanity.

In gathering to remember the pain and humiliation Jesus endured in dying to save us, we open our hearts to humbly acknowledge the depth of God's love for humanity and his persistent desire to be reconciled with us. Nothing can separate us from his love! In humble gratitude for Christ's sacrifice, let us imitate him in loving, serving, and forgiving others.

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

Isaiah prophesies of a servant of the Lord who suffers and *gives his life as an offering for sin* in order to bring about salvation. The Letter to the Hebrews says that in Jesus Christ we have a high priest who has been tested similarly as we have but without sin, and that we can confidently approach him for mercy and grace. In the Gospel, Jesus goes to a garden with his disciples, and it is there he is betrayed by Judas. Jesus is then seized, subjected to trial and questioning by Pilate, and scourged. The crowd calls for Jesus' crucifixion, which takes place almost immediately. After his death, he is buried in a garden tomb.

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