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GOOD FRIDAY – TRINITY

The congregation and Pastor enter in silence.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Opening Versicles

- L** O Lord, open my lips,
- C** and my mouth will declare Your praise.
- L** Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
- C** make haste to help me, O Lord.

Passion Narrative

Scripture Readings and *candles extinguished*.

Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Hymn “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” *LSB* 449

Candle extinguished.

Reading *John 19:1–16a*

Hymn “Go to Dark Gethsemane” *LSB* 436

Reading *John 19:16b–42*

Reading Response

- L** O Lord, have mercy on us.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Candle extinguished.

Responsory for Lent

- L** We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.
- C** He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.
- L** Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven and whose sin is put away.
- C** He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.
- L** We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.
- C** He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.

Hymn “Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted” *LSB* 451

Sermon “Return to Truth”

Prayers

- P** Lord, have mercy;
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- P** Christ, have mercy;
- C** Christ have mercy.
- P** Lord, have mercy;
- C** Lord, have mercy.

Lord’s Prayer

Collects

Choral Selection "In Silent Pain"

Candle extinguished.

Strepitus Closing of the Tomb

The *strepitus* consists of a loud noise that is made by banging on a pew or slamming shut a large book. This action is to symbolize the closing of the tomb.



Behold,
THE LAMB OF GOD,
who takes away
THE SIN
OF THE WORLD!"
JOHN 1:29. ESV

Jesus, the Lamb of God, is led to the slaughter of His cross as the Sacrifice of Atonement for the sin of the world. *Despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief* (Is. 53:3), He is the righteous Servant who justifies many by His innocent suffering and death. He bears our griefs and sorrows; He is wounded for our transgressions; He is crushed for our iniquities; He suffers our chastisement; *and with his wounds we are healed* (Is. 53:4–5). As the Son of God, He fulfills the Law for us in human flesh, and so fulfills the Scriptures (John 19:7, 24). In perfect faith and faithfulness, He shares all our weaknesses and temptations, *yet without sin* (Heb. 4:15). As our merciful High Priest, He brings us to the Father in peace, *makes intercession for the transgressors* (Is. 53:12), and joins our prayers to His own, so that we are heard *because of his reverence* (Heb. 5:7). From His cross, He gives us His Spirit (John 19:30), washes us with water from His side and covers us with His blood (John 19:34).