

Friday, April 2, 2021

Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)

The Fourth oracle of the Servant of the Lord from Isaiah is proclaimed and thus fulfilled by Jesus. John's account of the Passion is read in four parts: Christ, Narrator, Voice, and Crowd. We are in this Gospel and we need only find ourselves in what strikes us as true. Am I Peter, confident one moment and then coward the next? Are we like someone who goes along with the crowd, just to be one of them? Do we want to fight for human justice, using the sword and violence to get our way? Are we like Pilate, asking, "What is truth?" Are we simply a puzzled onlooker, wondering what is happening? Do we live in fear of what others may think of us because we are following Jesus and under pressure, we, too, deny Him? Jesus knows us all too well and He went to the Cross because we need to be freed from fear, weakness, and sins. He did this for us and He does not think bad of us because we failed Him, just like his disciples. Today we recall how He courageously accomplished a very important part of His mission. "It is finished." These last words of Jesus means He has finished our enemy, fulfilling the words of the Psalm: "Take your throne at my right hand, while I make your enemies your footstool" (110:1). Now we wait for the cry of victory.

God Love You!

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