# The Word of God




*Good Friday* *March 26, 2027*

## Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, look with mercy on your family of faith who are gathered here and across the world, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and given over into the hands of sinners and to suffer death on the cross; and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## First Reading: Isaiah 52:13- 53:12

13 Behold, my servant shall act wisely; he shall be high and lifted up, and shall be
exalted. 14 As many were astonished at you — his appearance was so marred, beyond
human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of mankind — 15 so shall
he sprinkle many nations. Kings shall shut their mouths because of him, for that
which has not been told them they see, and that which they have not heard they
understand.
1 Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the
LORD been revealed? 2 For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root
out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no
beauty that we should desire him. 3 He was despised and rejected by men, a man of
sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he
was despised, and we esteemed him not. 4 Surely he has borne our griefs and carried
our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. 5 But he
was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was
the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. 6 All we
like sheep have gone astray; we have turned — every one — to his own way; and the
LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. 7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep
that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth. 8 By oppression and
judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was
cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people? 9 And
they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he
had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. 10 Yet it was the will of
the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for
guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall
prosper in his hand. 11 Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied;
by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted
righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. 12 Therefore I will divide him a portion
with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out
his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of
many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

## Psalm 22 or Psalm 31 (omitted here due to space constraints)

## Second Reading: Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9

14 Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus,
the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. 15 For we do not have a high priest who
is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been
tempted as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us then with confidence draw near to the
throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.
7 In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries
and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because
of his reverence. 8 Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he
suffered. 9 And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all
who obey him,

## Gospel: John 18:1-19:42 (18:29-19:42 omitted here due to space constraints)

1 When Jesus had spoken these words, he went out with his disciples across the brook
Kidron, where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. 2 Now Judas,
who betrayed him, also knew the place, for Jesus often met there with his disciples.
3 So Judas, having procured a band of soldiers and some officers from the chief priests
and the Pharisees, went there with lanterns and torches and weapons. 4 Then Jesus,
knowing all that would happen to him, came forward and said to them, "Whom do
you seek?" 5 They answered him, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus said to them, "I am he."
Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. 6 When Jesus said to them, "I am
he," they drew back and fell to the ground. 7 So he asked them again, "Whom do you
seek?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." 8 Jesus answered, "I told you that I am he.
So, if you seek me, let these men go." 9 This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken:
"Of those whom you gave me I have lost not one." 10 Then Simon Peter, having a sword,
drew it and struck the high priest's servant and cut off his right ear. (The servant's
name was Malchus.) 11 So Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword into its sheath; shall I not
drink the cup that the Father has given me?" 12 So the band of soldiers and their captain
and the officers of the Jews arrested Jesus and bound him. 13 First they led him to
Annas, for he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year. 14 It was
Caiaphas who had advised the Jews that it would be expedient that one man should
die for the people. 15 Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did another disciple. Since that
disciple was known to the high priest, he entered with Jesus into the courtyard of the
high priest, 16 but Peter stood outside at the door. So the other disciple, who was known
to the high priest, went out and spoke to the servant girl who kept watch at the door,
and brought Peter in. 17 The servant girl at the door said to Peter, "You also are not one
of this man's disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not." 18 Now the servants and officers
had made a charcoal fire, because it was cold, and they were standing and warming
themselves. Peter also was with them, standing and warming himself. 19 The high
priest then questioned Jesus about his disciples and his teaching. 20 Jesus answered
him, "I have spoken openly to the world. I have always taught in synagogues and in
the temple, where all Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. 21 Why do you
ask me? Ask those who have heard me what I said to them; they know what I said."
22 When he had said these things, one of the officers standing by struck Jesus with his
hand, saying, "Is that how you answer the high priest?" 23 Jesus answered him, "If what
I said is wrong, bear witness about the wrong; but if what I said is right, why do you
strike me?" 24 Annas then sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest. 25 Now Simon
Peter was standing and warming himself. So they said to him, "You also are not one
of his disciples, are you?" He denied it and said, "I am not." 26 One of the servants of
the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, "Did I not see
you in the garden with him?" 27 Peter again denied it, and at once a rooster crowed.
28 Then they led Jesus from the house of Caiaphas to the governor's headquarters. It
was early morning. They themselves did not enter the governor's headquarters, so that
they would not be defiled, but could eat the Passover.

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