





**READING FROM THE PASSION John 18:1-11(NIV)**  
*(Betrayal and arrest of Jesus)*

Reader 1: When He had finished praying, Jesus left with His disciples and crossed the Kidron Valley. On the other side there was an olive grove, and He and His disciples went into it. Now Judas, who betrayed Him, knew the place, because Jesus had often met there with His disciples. So Judas came to the grove, guiding a detachment of soldiers and some officials from the chief priests and Pharisees. They were carrying torches, lanterns, and weapons. Jesus, knowing all that was going to happen to Him, went out and asked them,

Reader 2: "Who is it you want?"

**People: "Jesus of Nazareth," they replied.**

Reader 2: "I am He," Jesus said.

Reader 1: (And Judas the traitor was standing there with them.)  
When Jesus said, "I am He," they drew back and fell to the ground. Again He asked them,

Reader 2: "Who is it you want?"

**People: And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth."**

Reader 2: "I told you that I am He. If you are looking for Me, then let these men go."

Reader 1: This happened so that the words he had spoken would be fulfilled: "I have not lost one of those You gave Me." Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant, cutting off his right ear. (The servant's name was Malchus.) Jesus commanded Peter,

Reader 2: "Put your sword away! Shall I not drink the cup the Father has given Me?"

**KYRIE All: Lord, have mercy upon us;  
Christ, have mercy upon us;  
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

The first candle is extinguished

**HYMN "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" # 450**  
(Verse 1)

**READING FROM THE PASSION John 18:12-27 (NIV)**  
*(Jesus before the High Priest and the denial of Peter)*

Reader 1: Then the detachment of soldiers with its commander and the Jewish officials arrested Jesus. They bound Him and brought Him first to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year. Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jews that it would be good if one man died for the people. Simon Peter and another disciple were following Jesus. Because this disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the high priest's courtyard, but Peter had to wait outside at the door. The other disciple, who was known to the high priest, came back, spoke to the girl on duty there and brought Peter in.

**Women: "You are not one of His disciples, are you?" the girl at the door asked Peter.**

**Men: He replied, "I am not."**

Reader 1: It was cold, and the servants and officials stood around a fire they had made to keep warm. Peter also was standing with them, warming himself. Meanwhile, the high priest questioned Jesus about His disciples and His teaching.

Reader 2: "I have spoken openly to the world," Jesus replied. "I always taught in synagogues or at the temple, where all the Jews come together. I said nothing in secret. Why question Me? Ask those who heard Me. Surely they know what I said."

Reader 1: When Jesus said this, one of the officials nearby struck Him in the face.

**People:** "Is this the way You answer the high priest?" he demanded.

Reader 2: "If I said something wrong," Jesus replied, "testify as to what is wrong. But if I spoke the truth, why did you strike Me?"

Reader 1: Then Annas sent Him, still bound, to Caiaphas the high priest. As Simon Peter stood warming himself, he was asked,

**Women:** *"You are not one of His disciples, are you?"*

**Men:** *He denied it, saying, "I am not."*

Reader 1: One of the high priest's servants, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, challenged him,

**People:** "Didn't I see you with Him in the olive grove?"

Reader 1: Again Peter denied it, and at that moment a rooster began to crow.

**KYRIE All: Lord, have mercy upon us;  
Christ, have mercy upon us;  
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

The second candle is extinguished

**HYMN** "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" # 450  
(Verse 2)

**READING FROM THE PASSION John 18:28-40 (NIV)**  
**(Jesus before Pilate)**

Reader 1: Then the Jews led Jesus from Caiaphas to the palace of the Roman governor. By now it was early morning, and to avoid ceremonial uncleanness the Jews did not enter the palace; they wanted to be able to eat the Passover. So Pilate came out to them and asked,

Reader 3: "What charges are you bringing against this man?"

**People:** "If He were not a criminal we would not have handed Him over to you."

Reader 3: Pilate said, "Take Him yourselves and judge Him by your own law."

**People:** "But we have no right to execute anyone," the Jews objected.

Reader 1: This happened so that the words Jesus had spoken indicating the kind of death He was going to die would be fulfilled. Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked Him,

Reader 3: "Are You the king of the Jews?"

Reader 2: "Is that your own idea," Jesus asked, "or did others talk to you about Me?"

Reader 3: "Am I a Jew?" Pilate replied. "It was Your people and Your chief priests who handed You over to me. What is it You have done?"

Reader 2: Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, My servants would fight to prevent My arrest by the Jews. But now My kingdom is from another place."

Reader 3: "You are a king, then!" said Pilate.

Reader 2: Jesus answered, "You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to Me."

Reader 3: "What is truth?" Pilate asked.

Reader 1: With this he went out again to the Jews and said,



Reader 3: "Shall I crucify your king?" Pilate asked.

**People:** **"We have no king but Caesar," the chief priests answered.**

Reader 1: Finally Pilate handed Him over to them to be crucified.

### **KYRIE**

**All: Lord, have mercy upon us;  
Christ, have mercy upon us;  
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

The fourth candle is extinguished

HYMN "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" # 450  
(Verse 4)

### **READING FROM THE PASSION John 19:16b-24 (NIV)** *(The crucifixion of Jesus)*

Reader 1: So the soldiers took charge of Jesus. Carrying His own cross, He went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha). Here they crucified Him, and with Him two others---one on each side and Jesus in the middle. Pilate had a notice prepared and fastened to the cross. It read:

Reader 3: JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS.

Reader 1: Many of the Jews read this sign, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and the sign was written in Aramaic, Latin, and Greek. The chief priests of the Jews protested to Pilate,

**People: "Do not write 'The King of the Jews,' but that this man claimed to be king of the Jews."**

Reader 3: Pilate answered, "What I have written, I have written."

Reader 1: When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took His clothes, dividing them into four shares, one for each of them, with the undergarment remaining. This garment was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom.

**Men: "Let's not tear it, let's decide by lot who will get it."**

Reader 1: This happened that the scripture might be fulfilled which said,

**People: "They divided my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing."**

Reader 1: So this is what the soldiers did.

### **KYRIE**

**All: Lord, have mercy upon us;  
Christ, have mercy upon us;  
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

The fifth candle is extinguished

HYMN "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" # 450  
(Verse 5)

### **READING FROM THE PASSION John 19:25-30 (NIV)** *(Jesus' mother and His death)*

Reader 1: Near the cross of Jesus stood His mother, His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw His mother there, and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby, He said to his mother,

Reader 2: "Dear woman, here is your son,"

Reader 1: and to the disciple,

Reader 2: "Here is your mother."

Reader 1: From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.  
Later, knowing that all was now completed, and so that the  
Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said,

Reader 2: "I am thirsty."

Reader 1: A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a  
sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and  
lifted it to Jesus' lips. When He had received the drink, Jesus  
said,

Reader 2: "It is finished."

Reader 1: With that, He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.

### KYRIE

**All: Lord, have mercy upon us;  
Christ, have mercy upon us;  
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

The sixth candle is extinguished

HYMN "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" # 450  
(Verse 6)

### READING FROM THE PASSION John 19:31-37 (NIV) (Jesus' side is pierced.)

Reader 1: Now it was the day of Preparation, and the next day  
was to be a special Sabbath. Because the Jews did not want the  
bodies left on the crosses during the Sabbath, they asked Pilate  
to have the legs broken and the bodies taken down. The  
soldiers therefore came and broke the legs of the first man who  
had been crucified with Jesus, and then those of the other. But  
when they came to Jesus and found that He was already dead,  
they did not break His legs.



Instead, one of the soldiers pierced Jesus' side with a spear,  
bringing a sudden flow of blood and water. The man who saw  
it has given testimony, and his testimony is true. He knows  
that he tells the truth, and he testifies so that you also may  
believe. These things happened so that the scripture would be  
fulfilled:

**People: "Not one of His bones will be broken,"**

Reader 1: and, as another scripture says,

**People: "They will look on the one they have pierced."**

### KYRIE

**All: Lord, have mercy upon us;  
Christ, have mercy upon us;  
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

HYMN "Go to Dark Gethsemane" # 436  
(Stanzas 1-3)

Pastor: Let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have  
us ask, saying:

LORD'S PRAYER (spoken softly by all)

**Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## **THE LIGHT OF CHRIST IS REMOVED**

The last candle is carried out.  
During the darkness, please meditate  
on Christ's suffering and death.

**THE STREPITUS** (*The stone is rolled in front of the tomb.*)

## **THE CANDLE IS RETURNED**

(A single chime will ring 33 times, once for each year of Jesus' life.)

The last candle is returned, symbolizing the completion of salvation.

## **PARTING**

*After the candle is returned, a recording of "Were You There?", will be played. When you have completed your Good Friday meditation, You are asked to leave in silence anticipating the joys of Easter while contemplating the solemnity of Good Friday. You may remain in the sanctuary for meditation or prayer as long as you like. The omission of the benediction this evening indicates that our worship is not complete until joined with the celebration of Easter. Easter Sunrise worship with Holy Communion is on Sunday at 7 a.m. at the church followed by an Easter breakfast served by our Youth.  
Easter Sunday Celebration with Holy Communion follows at 10:00 a.m.*



*Soli Deo Gratia*