

## HOMILY FOR FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (GOOD FRIDAY) – APRIL 18, 2025



*Isaiah 52: 13 - 53: 12, Psalm 31: 2,6,12-13, 15- 17, 25 Hebrew 4: 14 -16; 5: 7- 9, John 18: 1- 19:42*

My dear brothers and sisters, "Hosanna" and "Crucify him" are definitely not the same, but this is the paradox of life. We see Jesus, who earlier was hailed, being crucified soon after.

However, the love of Christ for us was revealed by his crucifixion and death. *"No man has greater love than to lay down his life for his friend"* (John 15: 13).

For our salvation, Our Lord Jesus Christ loved us to the end by taking on himself our sins and offering himself as a sacrifice for all.

Today is called "Good Friday" because through his death, Our Lord Jesus Christ brings greater good for all.

In his great love for us God the Father gives us the promise of eternal life. The Father also gives us the abiding Spirit of Christ as our constant consolation.

My dear friends in Christ, as we pray before the Cross today, let us embrace his love by renouncing our sins and beginning anew with him.

Let us focus not only on the pain and suffering of Jesus but on the grace, he bestows on us from the Cross.

Peace be with you all!

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