

# The Good Friday Service, 6 p.m.

## PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

### Consider

The purpose of the service is to recreate the betrayal, abandonment, and agony of the events of Christ's passion. It is left unfinished, because the story isn't complete until Easter Day. Worshipers should enter humbly, worship, and leave quietly meditating on the suffering of Christ for their salvation. At the close of the service the bell tolls seven times to represent the fullness of Christ's sacrifice.

The Prelude

## COMING TO WORSHIP

### \*The Call to Worship Luke 24:44-47

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

### \*Song of Adoration "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" TH 247

### \*Prayer of Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

## THE LESSONS

**The First Lesson:** Betrayal Matthew 26:20-25; 30-35; Ps. 41:7-10

**The Response** "Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended" stanzas 1 & 2 TH 248

**The Second Lesson:** Rejection John 15:18-27

**The Response** (in unison) Psalm 35:1-3

Contend, O Lord, with those who contend with me; fight against those who fight against me! Take hold of shield and buckler and rise for my help! Draw the spear and javelin against my pursuers! Say to my soul, "I am your salvation!"

**The Third Lesson:** Trial John 18:33 - 19:15; Psalm 64:1-6

**The Response** "Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended" stanzas 3 & 4 TH 248

**The Fourth Lesson:** Mocking Matthew 27:24-34

**The Response** (in unison) Psalm 69:17-21

*Hide not your face from your servant; for I am in distress; make haste to answer me. Draw near to my soul, redeem me; ransom me because of my enemies! You know my reproach, and my shame and my dishonor; my foes are all known to you. Reproaches have broken my heart, so that I am in despair. I looked for pity, but there was none, and for comforters, but I found none. They gave me poison for food, and for my thirst they gave me sour wine to drink.*

### Choral Anthem or Hymnal Response

**The Fifth Lesson: Crucifixion** John 19:17-24

**The Response** "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" stanzas 1-3 TH 252

**The Sixth Lesson: Darkness** Matthew 27:45-49

**The Response** (in unison) Psalm 69:13-15

*But as for me, my prayer is to you, O Lord. At an acceptable time, O God, in the abundance of your steadfast love, answer me in your saving faithfulness. Deliver me from sinking in the mire; let me be delivered from my enemies and from the deep waters. Let not the flood sweep over me, or the deep swallow me up, or the pit close its mouth over me.*

**The Seventh Lesson: Death** John 19:28-37; Psalm 22:1-15

**The Tolling of the Bell and Departure in Silence**