

Great Friday of the Crucifixion

April 15, 2022

John 19: 31-37

The Blood and Water.

Now since it was preparation day, in order that the bodies might not remain on the cross on the sabbath, for the sabbath day of that week was a solemn one, the Jews asked Pilate that their legs be broken and they be taken down.

So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and then of the other one who was crucified with Jesus. But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs, but one soldier thrust his lance into his side, and immediately blood and water flowed out.

An eyewitness has testified, and his testimony is true; he knows that he is speaking the truth, so that you also may [come to] believe. For this happened so that the scripture passage might be fulfilled:

“Not a bone of it will be broken.”

And again another passage says:

“They will look upon him whom they have pierced.”



On Good Friday, we commemorate **Christ's passion and death on the cross**. Christ, out of love for each one of us offered himself as a ransom to save us and reconcile us with the Father. Our celebration is somber, reflecting our sorrow and contrition; however, our mourning is not that of despair but more of faith and hope in eternal life.