

March 21, 2008
Good Friday of the Lord's Passion

Readings of the day may be found on the following link:

<http://www.nccbuscc.org/nab>

Isaiah 52:13—53:12

Psalms 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25

Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9

John 18:1—19:42

When Jesus had taken the wine, he said, "It is finished." And bowing his head, he handed over the spirit.

I remember the words Jesus prayed in the garden the night before his death. "They will be done" In anticipation of the worst; he surrendered himself to his father. I see the lines of today's gospel paralleling my life at times. At the threshold of difficult times, I will bargain, complain, hesitate, get anxious, and even whine about it, but in the end it is about handing over our spirit to God.

A life is either all spiritual or not spiritual at all. No man can serve two masters. Your life is shaped by the end you live for. You are made in the image of what you desire.

Thomas Merton