Prayers for Good Friday

These prayers might be used in a variety of settings: Opening Prayers (at the beginning of worship) or concluding collects (after the Prayers of the People); for church websites or newsletters; or in personal, small group, or family devotion.

Loving God, you sent Jesus Christ to save us. We have betrayed him. We have denied him. We have abandoned, mocked, and crucified him. Have mercy, O God, have mercy on us; through Jesus Christ, our only hope. John 18:1—19:42 / Years ABC

Holy God, we remember Pilate's question: What is truth? Now we have seen the truth: Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh, betrayed, denied, mocked and beaten, put to death on a cross, buried in the tomb. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy on us. We have seen the truth. But there is more ... now show us the truth of your saving power; show us the way beyond the grave; show us the life that is everlasting: through Jesus Christ our Lord. John 18:1-19:42 / Years ABC