

**A Service of Morning Prayer  
Wednesday of Holy Week  
April 5, 2023**



**Depiction of Jesus giving bread to Judas**  
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Welcome:

CP 474 Jesus, Where'er Thy People Meet

1 Jesus, where'er thy people meet,  
there they behold thy mercy-seat;  
where'er they seek thee, thou art found,  
and every place is hallowed ground.

2 For thou, within no walls confined,  
inhabitest the humble mind;  
such ever bring you where they come,  
and going, take thee to their home.

3 Here may we prove the power of prayer  
to strengthen faith and sweeten care,  
to teach our faint desires to rise,  
and bring all heaven before our eyes.

4 Lord, we are few, but thou art near;  
nor short thine arm, nor deaf thine ear;  
O rend the heavens, come quickly down,  
and make a thousand hearts thine own!

Gathering: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
And the love of God,  
And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
Be with you all.

**And also with you.**

May his grace and peace be with you.  
**May he fill our hearts with joy.**

Almighty God,  
**To you all hearts are open,  
All desires known,  
And from you no secrets are hidden.  
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
By the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
That we may perfectly love you,  
And worthily magnify your holy name.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Trisagion: Holy God,  
 Holy and mighty,  
 Holy and immortal one,  
 Have mercy on us. (3x)

Psalm 70 *Refrain:* O Lord, make haste to help me.

<sup>1</sup> Be pleased, O God, to deliver me. O Lord, make haste to help me!

<sup>2</sup> Let those be put to shame and confusion who seek my life.

Let those be turned back and brought to dishonour who desire to hurt me.

<sup>3</sup> Let those who say, 'Aha, Aha!' turn back because of their shame.

<sup>4</sup> Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you.

Let those who love your salvation say evermore, 'God is great!'

<sup>5</sup> But I am poor and needy; hasten to me, O God!

You are my help and my deliverer; O Lord, do not delay!

The Gospel:

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

John 13:21-32

<sup>21</sup> After saying this Jesus was troubled in spirit, and declared, 'Very truly, I tell you, one of you will betray me.' <sup>22</sup> The disciples looked at one another, uncertain of whom he was speaking.

<sup>23</sup> One of his disciples—the one whom Jesus loved—was reclining next to him; <sup>24</sup> Simon Peter therefore motioned to him to ask Jesus of whom he was speaking. <sup>25</sup> So while reclining next to Jesus, he asked him, 'Lord, who is it?' <sup>26</sup> Jesus answered, 'It is the one to whom I give this piece of bread when I have dipped it in the dish.' So when he had dipped the piece of bread, he gave it to Judas son of Simon Iscariot. <sup>27</sup> After he received the piece of bread, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, 'Do quickly what you are going to do.' <sup>28</sup> Now no one at the table knew why he said this to him. <sup>29</sup> Some thought that, because Judas had the common purse, Jesus was telling him, 'Buy what we need for the festival'; or, that he should give something to the poor. <sup>30</sup> So, after receiving the piece of bread, he immediately went out. And it was night.

<sup>31</sup> When he had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup> If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once.'

## CP 201 People Draw Near to God in Their Distress

1 People draw near to God in their distress,  
pleading for help and begging peace and bread,  
rescue from guilt and sickness, nearly dead.  
Christian or not, all come in helplessness.

2 People draw near when they see God's distress:  
find God rejected, homeless, without bread,  
burdened with sin and weakness, nearly dead  
Christians reach out to meet God's wretchedness.

3 And God draws near to people in distress,  
feeding their souls and bodies with his bread;  
Christian or not, for both he's hanging dead,  
forgiving, from the cross, their wickedness.

Meditation: – Rev. Alison Westervelt

### Hymn: CCLI 2733786 Immanuel

1 From the squalor of a borrowed stable  
By the Spirit and a virgin's faith  
To the anguish and the shame of scandal  
Came the Savior of the human race  
But the skies were filled  
With the praise of heav'n  
Shepherds listen as the angels tell  
Of the gift of God come down to man  
At the dawning of Immanuel

2 King of heaven now the friend of sinners  
Humble servant in the Father's hands  
Filled with power and the Holy Spirit  
Filled with mercy for the broken man  
Yes He walked my road and He felt my pain  
Joys and sorrows that I know so well  
Yet His righteous steps give me hope again  
I will follow my Immanuel

3 Through the kisses of a friend's betrayal  
He was lifted on a cruel cross  
He was punished for a world's transgressions  
He was suffering to save the lost  
He fights for breath He fights for me  
Loosing sinners from the claims of hell  
And with a shout our souls are free  
Death defeated by Immanuel

4 Now He's standing in the place of honor  
Crowned with glory on the highest throne  
Interceding for His own beloved  
'Til His Father calls to bring them home  
Then the skies will part as the trumpet sounds  
Hope of heaven or the fear of hell  
But the bride will run to her Lover's arms  
Giving glory to Immanuel

### Affirmation of Faith (The Apostles' Creed)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven.  
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
 He will come again  
 to judge the living and the dead.  
 I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
 the holy catholic Church,  
 the communion of saints,  
 the forgiveness of sins,  
 the resurrection of the body,  
 and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Healing Litany:

Let us name before God those for whom we offer our prayers:

Sandra... Merle..... Mary..... Irene ..... Helen.....Tony and Mary Jean..... Bill.....  
 Geraldine.... Florence..... Joan..... Shirley and Cyril..... Lisa..... Marijke..... Chrissie, Cathy,  
 and the family..... Diane..... Janelle..... Rosemary..... Roald..... Sandy..... Luci

Let us offer our prayers for God's healing, saying, Hear and have mercy.

**Hear and have mercy**

Blessed Jesus, your Holy name is medicine for healing and a promise of eternal life

**Hear and have mercy**

Grant us your grace to heal those who are sick. We pray to you, O God,

Befriend all who are anxious, lonely, despondent, or afraid. We pray to you, O God,

**Hear and have mercy.**

Restore those with mental illness to clarity of mind and hopefulness of heart.

We pray to you, O God,

**Hear and have mercy.**

Give rest to the weary and hold the dying in your loving arms. We pray to you, O God,

**Hear and have mercy.**

Help us to prepare for death with confident expectation of Easter joy. We pray to you, O God,

**Hear and have mercy.**

Give your wisdom and compassion to health care workers, that they may minister to the sick and dying with knowledge, skill, and kindness. We pray to you, O God,

**Hear and have mercy.**

Uphold those who keep watch over the sick. We pray to you, O God,

**Hear and have mercy.**

Guide those who search for the causes and cures of sickness and disease. We pray to you, O God,

**Hear and have mercy.**

Jesus, Lamb of God,

**Hear and have mercy.**

Jesus, bearer of our sins,

**Hear and have mercy**

Jesus, redeemer of the world,

**Hear and have mercy**

Compassionate God, you so loved the world that you sent us Jesus to bear our infirmities and afflictions. Through acts of healing, he revealed you as the true source of health and salvation. For the sake of your Christ who suffered and died for us, conquered death, and now reigns with you in glory, hear the cry of your people. Have mercy on us, make us whole, and bring us at last into the fulness of your eternal life. Amen

Collect

Lord God,  
 your Son our Saviour gave his body to be whipped  
 and turned his face for men to spit upon.  
 Give your servants grace to accept suffering for his sake,  
 confident of the glory that will be revealed,  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord  
 who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
 one God, now and for ever.

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
 hallowed be thy name,  
 thy kingdom come,  
 thy will be done,  
 on earth as it is in heaven.  
 Give us this day our daily bread.  
 And forgive us our trespasses,  
 as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
 And lead us not into temptation,  
 but deliver us from evil.  
 For thine is the kingdom,  
 the power, and the glory,  
 for ever and ever. Amen.**

### CP 66 And Now, O Father, Mindful of the Love

1 And now, O Father, mindful of the love  
 that bought us, once for all, on Calvary's tree,  
 and having with us him that pleads above,  
 we here present, we here spread forth to thee  
 that only offering perfect in thine eyes,  
 the one true, pure, immortal sacrifice.

2 Look, Father, look on his anointed face,  
 and only look on us as found in him;  
 look not on our misusings of thy grace,  
 our prayer so languid, and our faith so dim.  
 For lo! Between our sins and their reward  
 we set the passion of thy Son our Lord.

3 And then for those, our dearest and our best,  
 by this prevailing presence we appeal:  
 O fold them closer to thy mercy's breast;  
 O do thine utmost for their souls' true weal;  
 from tainting mischief keep them pure and  
 clear,  
 and crown thy gifts with strength to persevere.

4 And so we come: O draw us to thy feet,  
 most patient Saviour, who canst love us still;  
 and by this food, so awesome and so sweet,  
 deliver us from every touch of ill.  
 In thine own service make us glad and free,  
 and grant us never more to part with thee.

### The Dismissal:

Let us bless the Lord, giving thanks for his living word.  
**Thanks be to God.**

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power  
 of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**