

# ST. THOMAS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

# **Hybrid Holy Week: 2021**

### **PART I:**

**Palm/Passion Sunday** 6pm Sat, 8 & 10.30am Sun

**Holy Monday** 7pm **Holy Tuesday** 7pm

**Holy Wednesday** (Said privately in homes.)

28-31 March 2021

These liturgies may be celebrated at any hour convenient to you and those with whom you live. You will be praying them alongside other Christians around the world. You are also welcome to join us online at the times listed above (only 8am on Sunday). The password for joining us on Zoom is "212".

Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday Eucharists will occur in person at their usual times. Our Lenten series, a "Lenten Pilgrimage," will be finishing up on Wednesday night at 7pm.

To join these online services or for more schedule information, visit http://www.stthomasglassboro.org

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- 1. Wearing a mask (covering both mouth and nose)
- 2. Remaining six feet apart from anyone you don't live with
- 3. Refraining from touching, hugging and shaking hands even during the Peace
- 4. Singing is only permitted outdoors, six feet apart, wearing masks
- 5. Service bulletins you have touched must be taken home
- 6. After the service everyone must disperse with no lingering
- 7. No sharing of common objects such as pens, paper, etc.

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# The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

according to the Book of Common Prayer (p. 270) 28 March 2021

# **Preparing for the Liturgy**

Palms or other greens may be gathered. Choose a Celebrant and a reader – or tune in to the online celebration at 8am Sunday morning. *In-person*, *we will not walk in procession*.

# The Liturgy of the Palms

The People stand.

*Celebrant:* Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and

immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Deacon/Lector:* A Reading from Mark's Gospel.

Mark 11:1-11

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately." They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

*Deacon/Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

#### The Blessing of the Palms

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. **People:** And also with you.

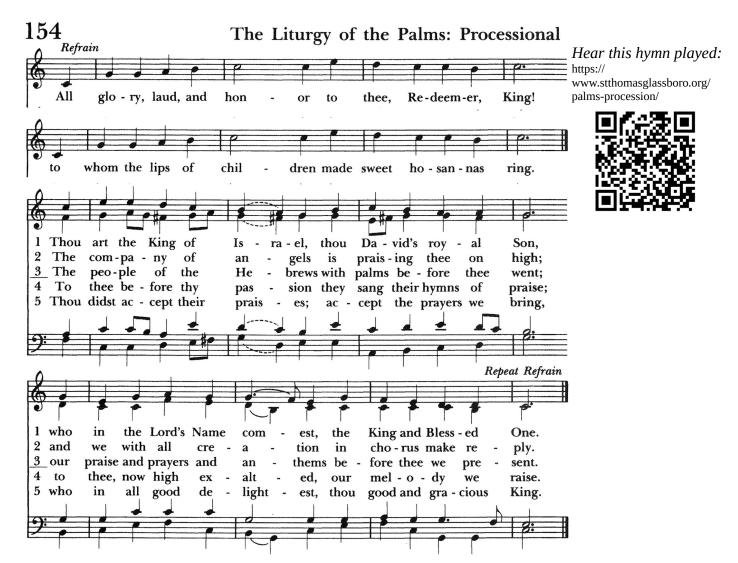
*Celebrant*: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **People:** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*Celebrant:* It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

Celebrant: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

**People:** Hosanna in the highest.

A hymn may be sung at outdoor celebrations or at home:



The stanzas may be sung by choir alone or alternately by contrasted groups; all sing the refrain. Another harmonization, 74. Alternative tune: Gloria, laus, et honor, 155.

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# The Liturgy of the Word

The People stand.

**Salutation** 

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. **People:** And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

#### The Collect Proper to the Day

*Celebrant:* Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.** 

The People are seated.

### We Hear God's Word

**The First Lesson** Isaiah 50:4–9

*Reader:* A Reading from the book of Isaiah.

The LORD God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens—

wakens my ear

to listen as those who are taught.

The LORD God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious,

I did not turn backwards.

I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;

I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.People: Thanks be to God.

The LORD God helps me;

therefore I have not been disgraced;

therefore I have set my face like flint,

and I know that I shall not be put to shame;

he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?

Let them confront me.

It is the LORD God who helps me;

who will declare me guilty?

All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

**Psalm 31.9–16** *In te, Domine, speravi* 

9 Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; \* my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

10 For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; \* my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.

11 I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors, a dismay to those of my acquaintance; \* when they see me in the street they avoid me.

# 12 I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; \* I am as useless as a broken pot.

13 For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around; \* they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.

# 14 But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. \* I have said, "You are my God.

15 My times are in your hand; \* rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

# 16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, \* and in your loving-kindness save me."

**The Second Lesson** Philippians 2:5–11

*Reader:* A reading from the letter to the Philippians.

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord. **People:** Thanks be to God.

#### **The Passion** Mark 14:1–15:47

Additional Passion reading booklets can be found at https://is.gd/PassionMark. The congregation may be seated for the first part of the Passion. At the verse which mentions the arrival at Golgotha all stand.

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# The Passion of our Lord according to MARK

Dramatis personæ: People, Narrator, Jesus, Peter,

High Priest, Judas, Servant, Pilate

Narrator: The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ

according to Mark.

Narrator: It was two days before the Passover and

the festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill

him; for they said,

**People:** Not during the festival, or there may be

a riot among the people.

Narrator: While he was at Bethany in the house of

Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. But some were there who said to

one another in anger,

People: Why was the ointment wasted in this

way? For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and the money given to the

poor.

Narrator: And they scolded her. But Jesus said,

Jesus: Let her alone; why do you trouble her?

She has performed a good service for me. For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me. She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. Truly I tell you,

wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will

be told in remembrance of her.

Narrator: Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the

twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. When they heard it, they were greatly pleased, and promised to give him money. So he began to look

for an opportunity to betray him.

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his

disciples said to him,

People: Where do you want us to go and make

the preparations for you to eat the

Passover?

Narrator: So he sent two of his disciples, saying to

them,

Jesus: Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar

of water will meet you; follow him, and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, "The Teacher asks, Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?" He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished

and ready. Make preparations for us there.

Narrator: So the disciples set out and went to the city, and found everything as he had told

them; and they prepared the Passover

meal.

When it was evening, he came with the

twelve. And when they had taken their

places and were eating, Jesus said,

Jesus: Truly I tell you, one of you will betray

me, one who is eating with me.

Narrator: They began to be distressed and to say to

him one after another,

People: Surely, not I?

Jesus: It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping

bread into the bowl with me. For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for

that one not to have been born.

Narrator: While they were eating, he took a loaf of

bread, and after blessing it he broke it,

gave it to them, and said,

Jesus: Take; this is my body.

Narrator: Then he took a cup, and after giving

thanks he gave it to them, and all of them

drank from it. He said to them,

Jesus: This is my blood of the covenant, which is

poured out for many. Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in

the kingdom of God.

Narrator: When they had sung the hymn, they went

out to the Mount of Olives. And Jesus said

to them,

Jesus: You will all become deserters; for it is

written,

"I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered." But after I am raised up, I will go before

you to Galilee.

Narrator: Peter said to him,

Peter: Even though all become deserters, I will

not.

Jesus: Truly I tell you, this day, this very night,

before the cock crows twice, you will

deny me three times.

Peter: Even though I must die with you, I will

not deny you.

Narrator: And all of them said the same.

They went to a place called Gethsemane;

and he said to his disciples,

Jesus: Sit here while I pray.

Narrator: He took with him Peter and James and

John, and began to be distressed and

agitated. And he said to them,

Jesus: I am deeply grieved, even to death;

remain here, and keep awake.

Narrator: And going a little farther, he threw

himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from

him.

Jesus: Abba, Father, for you all things are

possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want.

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Narrator: He came and found them sleeping; and he

said to Peter,

Jesus: Simon, are you asleep? Could you not

keep awake one hour? Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the

flesh is weak.

Narrator: And again he went away and prayed,

saying the same words. And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to say to him. He came a third

time and said to them,

Jesus: Are you still sleeping and taking your

rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my

betrayer is at hand.

Narrator: Immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. Now the betrayer had given them a sign.

Judas: The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard.

Narrator: So when he came, he went up to him at once and said,

Judas: Rabbi!

Narrator: Judas kissed him. Then they laid hands on him and arrested him. But one of those who stood near drew his sword and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to them,

Jesus: Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit?

Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled.

Narrator: All of them deserted him and fled.

A certain young man was following him, wearing nothing but a linen cloth. They caught hold of him, but he left the linen cloth and ran off naked.

They took Jesus to the high priest; and all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes were assembled. Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest; and he was sitting with the guards, warming himself at the fire. Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for testimony against Jesus to put him to death; but they found none. For many gave false testimony against him, and their testimony did not agree. Some stood up and gave false testimony against him, saying,

People: We heard him say, "I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands."

Narrator: But even on this point their testimony did not agree. Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus,

H Priest: Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?

Narrator: But he was silent and did not answer.
Again the high priest asked him,

H Priest: Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?

Jesus: I am; and "you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power", and "coming with the clouds of heaven."

Narrator: Then the high priest tore his clothes and said,

H Priest: Why do we still need witnesses? You have heard his blasphemy! What is your decision?

Narrator: All of them condemned him as deserving death. Some began to spit on him, to blindfold him, and to strike him, saying to him,

### People: Prophesy!

Narrator: The guards also took him over and beat him.

While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant-girls of the high priest came by. When she saw Peter warming himself, she stared at him and said,

Servant: You also were with Jesus, the man from Nazareth.

Narrator: But he denied it.

Peter: I do not know or understand what you are

talking about.

Narrator: And he went out into the forecourt. Then

the cock crowed. And the servant-girl, on seeing him, began again to say to the

bystanders,

Servant: This man is one of them.

Narrator: But again he denied it. Then after a little

while the bystanders again said to Peter,

People: Certainly you are one of them; for you

are a Galilean.

Narrator: But he began to curse, and he swore an

oath,

Peter: I do not know this man you are talking

about.

Narrator: At that moment the cock crowed for the

second time. Then Peter remembered that

Jesus had said to him,

Jesus: Before the cock crows twice, you will

deny me three times.

Narrator: And Peter broke down and wept.

As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him

over to Pilate. Pilate asked him,

Pilate: Are you the King of the Jews?

Jesus: You say so.

Narrator: Then the chief priests accused him of

many things. Pilate asked him again,

Pilate: Have you no answer? See how many

charges they bring against you.

Narrator: But Jesus made no further reply, so that

Pilate was amazed.

Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. Then he

answered them,

Pilate: Do you want me to release for you the

King of the Jews?

Narrator: For he realized that it was out of jealousy

that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate spoke to them again,

Pilate: Then what do you wish me to do with the

man you call the King of the Jews?

Narrator: They shouted back,

**People:** Crucify him!

Pilate: Why, what evil has he done?

People: Crucify him!

Narrator: So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd,

released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be

crucified.

Narrator: Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And they began saluting

People: Hail, King of the Jews!

Narrator: They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull).

*The Congregation stands at this time.* 

And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, 'The King of the Jews.' And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying,

People: Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!

Narrator: In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying,

People: He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe.

Narrator: Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

When it was noon, darkness came over

the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice,

Jesus: Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?

Narrator: This means, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' When some of the

bystanders heard it, they said,

People: Listen, he is calling for Elijah.

Narrator: And someone ran, filled a sponge with

sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to

him to drink, saying,

People: Wait, let us see whether Elijah will

come to take him down.

Narrator: Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed

his last.

**SILENCE** 

Narrator: Then the curtain of the temple was torn in

two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said,

People: Truly this man was God's Son!

Narrator: There were also women looking on from a distance; among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. These used to follow him and provided for him when he was in Galilee; and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem.

When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where the body was laid.

There follows a great silence. Please remain standing if you are able.

#### The Prayers of the People

*Celebrant:* As we journey this week with Christ and celebrate the paschal mystery of his death

and resurrection, let us earnestly pray to God for those following the way of the cross and for all peoples everywhere,

saying: Lord have mercy.

*Reader:* For the holy catholic church throughout

the world, sharing the death and resurrection of Christ, let us pray.

People: Lord, have mercy.

*Reader:* For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury;

Michael, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church; William, our bishop; for all bishops, presbyters and deacons and all who minister in Christ, and for all

the holy people of God, let us pray.

People: Lord, have mercy.

*Reader:* For all catechumens and their sponsors,

for all seeking baptism, confirmation, or

reaffirmation, let us pray.

People: Lord, have mercy.

*Reader:* For all nations, peoples, tribes, clans, and

families, let us pray.

People: Lord, have mercy.

*Reader:* For all nations and their leaders, including

Joseph, our President; members of the U.S. Congress, Phil, our Governor, and John, our Mayor; for justice, mercy, and

peace in all the world, let us pray.

People: Lord, have mercy.

*Reader:* For all who are tempted, oppressed,

afflicted, or in need, especially... let us

pray.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Reader: For all those who have suffered and have

been affected by the Covid-19 Virus; for

healing in mind, body, spirit and

community; for our governing bodies that

they may respond with dignity and respect for all citizens, let us pray.

People: Lord, have mercy.

*Reader:* For the dying and the dead, remembering...

and for those who mourn, let us pray.

People: Lord, have mercy.

*Reader:* For our families, friends, and companions,

and for all those we love, let us pray.

People: Lord, have mercy.

*Reader:* Remembering the blessed Virgin Mary,

blessed Thomas, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the

living God through Christ.

People: To you, O Lord.

Celebrant: Blessed are you, Lord our God, who sent

your Son among us to bear the pain and grief of humankind. Receive the prayers we offer this day for all those in need in every place and as we near the holy mountain grant us strength on our journey; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

Those not celebrating the Eucharist continue with the Lord's Prayer, the Peace, and the Dismissal.

The Eucharist continues as follows:

The people stand as able.

Passing the Peace is primarily a liturgical practice, not a social one. While the threat of Covid-19 is prominent, the peace will be brief. Please do not move around or make contact (shaking hands, hugs) with others. Instead you are invited to look to the person on either side of you and wish them peace with a bow or a wave.

#### The Peace

*Presider:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

We greet one another in the name of the Lord.

#### **Announcements**



### We Offer Ourselves To God

The altar is prepared in silence. Then the people stand as able.

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A

*Presider:* The Lord be with you.**People:** And also with you.*Presider:* Lift up your hearts.

**People:** We lift them to the Lord.

*Presider:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.**People:** It is right to give God thanks and praise.

#### The Presider continues:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

#### **Sanctus**

Holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

#### The Presider continues:

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

*Presider:* Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People: Christ has died. Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

#### The Presider continues:

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

Presider: All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity

of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

People: AMEN.

*Presider:* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

#### The Lord's Prayer

People: 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,

and the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

#### The Breaking of the Bread

Presider: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**People:** Therefore let us keep the feast.

*Presider:* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

### We Receive the Gift of God

#### **Receiving Communion during Covid:**

Please remain where you are, standing or seated in prayer. After the presider has received the Sacrament in both kinds, donned a mask, and carefully sanitized hands, the presider will bring the sacrament to each person in turn.

If you wish to receive communion physically:

- 1. Hold out your cupped hands to receive the bread. The presider will drop the host into your hands without making contact.
- 2. Wait until the presider has moved away to remove your mask, consume the host, and replace your mask.
- 3. Communion will be offered in one kind only (just the bread). This is still full communion.

If you do not wish to receive communion physically:

- 1. Cross your arms over your chest. The presider will offer you a blessing instead, again without touching.
- 2. You are invited to utter the Prayer for Spiritual Communion while communion is being distributed.

#### **Prayer for Spiritual Communion**

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen. (from The Prayer Book for the Armed Services)

The people stand as able.

#### **The Post-communion Prayer**

*Presider:* Let us pray.

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,** People:

you have graciously accepted us as living members

of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage

to love and serve you

with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### The Prayer over the People

Let us bow down before the Lord. Deacon:

Thanks be to God.

Priest: Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus

Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death

upon the cross; who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

People: Amen.

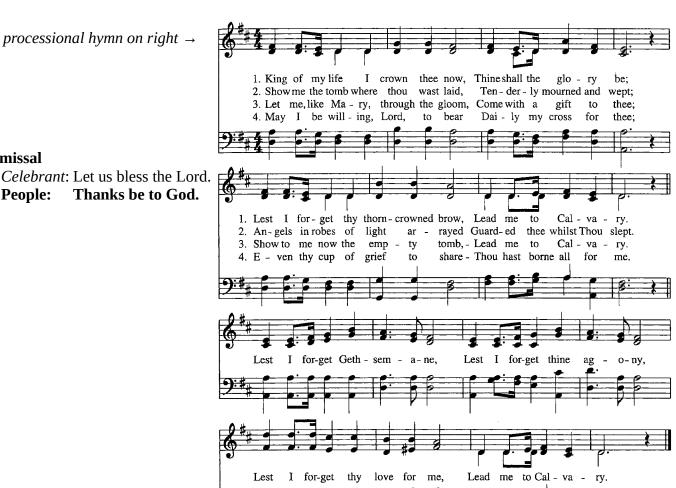
**Dismissal** 

People:

**Lead Me to Calvary** 

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# **Evening Prayer**

according to the Book of Common Prayer (p. 115) 29, 30, 31 March 2021

# **Preparing for the Liturgy**

Preparations for Evening Prayer need not be complex. Locate the readings ahead of time so they will be ready. Light a candle if possible. Invite anyone else who might be in your home to pray with you. There are three traditional roles in Evening Prayer: the officiant, the lector, and the people of God (everyone else).

The Lessons may be found at the back of this booklet.

The Officiant begins the service with one of the following sentences of Scripture:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Let my prayer be set forth in your	Yours is the day, O God, yours	I will bless the Lord who gives me
sight as incense, the lifting up of	also the night; you established the	counsel; my heart teaches me,
my hands as the evening sacrifice.	moon and the sun. You fixed all	night after night. I have set the
Psalm 141:2	the boundaries of the earth; you	Lord always before me; because
	made both summer and winter.	he is at my right hand, I shall not
	Psalm 74:15, 16	fall. Psalm 16:7, 8

#### **Confession of Sin**

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All: Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on us,

forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.** 

# The Invitatory and Psalter

Celebrant: O God, make speed to save us. **People: O Lord, make haste to help us.** 

All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

O Gracious Light Phos hilaron

O gracious light,

pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,

O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

Now as we come to the setting of the sun, and our eyes behold the vesper light, we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices, O Son of God, O Giver of Life, and to be glorified through all the worlds.

#### The Psalm or Psalms Appointed

The People are seated.

The Psalm is sung or said In a suitable manner (e.g., responsively by verse or unison).

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Psalm 36.5–11	Psalm 71.1–14	Psalm 70
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At the end of the Psalms is sung or said:

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \* as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

### The Lessons

#### The First Lesson

*Reader:* A Reading from the prophet Isaiah.

MondayTuesdayWednesdayIsaiah 42:1-9Isaiah 49:1-7Isaiah 50:4-9a

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **People:** Thanks be to God.

The People stand as able.

**The Song of Mary** *Magnificat Luke 1:46-55* 

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; \* for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed: \* the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him \* in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm, \*
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \* and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things, \* and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \* for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

The promise he made to our fathers, \*
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \* as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The People are seated.

#### The Second Lesson

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Reader: A Reading from the book	Reader: A Reading from Paul's	Reader: A Reading from the book
of Hebrews.	first letter to the church in Corinth.	of Hebrews.
Hebrews 9:11-15	1 Corinthians 1:18-31	Hebrews 12:1-3

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The People stand as able.

**The Song of Simeon** Nunc Dimittis Luke 2:29-32

Lord, you now have set your servant free \* to go in peace as you have promised;

For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, \* whom you have prepared for all the world to see:

A Light to enlighten the nations, \* and the glory of your people Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \* as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

#### The Third Lesson

*Reader:* A Reading from John's Gospel.

MondayTuesdayWednesdayJohn 12:1-11John 12:20-36John 13:21-32

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **People:** Thanks be to God.

A brief homily, spiritual conversation, or moment of silence may be placed here.

#### The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People together, all standing

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.

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.



## The Prayers

The people stand or kneel

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. And also with you. People:

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

Officiant and People

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen

#### **Suffrages**

*Celebrant:* That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful,

People: We entreat you, O Lord.

Celebrant: That your holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and goodwill,

We entreat you, O Lord. People:

*Celebrant:* That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and offenses,

We entreat you, O Lord. People:

*Celebrant:* That there may be peace to your Church and to the whole world,

We entreat you, O Lord. People:

*Celebrant:* That we may depart this life in your faith and fear, and not be condemned before the great

judgment seat of Christ,

We entreat you, O Lord. People:

*Celebrant:* That we may be bound together by your Holy Spirit in the communion of the Blessed Virgin

Mary, Blessed Thomas, and all your saints, entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,

We entreat you, O Lord. People:

Collects may be said by the Officiant or by the people together, or they may be said in turn.

#### Monday in Holy Week

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

#### **Tuesday in Holy Week**

O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be whipped and his face to be spit for us the means of life: Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ, that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

#### **Wednesday in Holy Week**

Lord God, whose blessed Son our Savior gave his body to be upon: Give us grace to accept joyfully the sufferings of the present time, confident of the glory that shall be revealed; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

#### A Collect for the Presence of Christ

Lord Jesus, stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past; be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope, that we may know you as you are revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of your love. **Amen.** 

#### A Prayer for Mission

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. **Amen.** 

Here may be sung a hymn or anthem.

Intercessions and thanksgivings may follow.

#### The General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

*Celebrant:* Let us bless the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.** 

The Officiant then concludes with one of the following sentences of scripture:

Monday
The grace of our Lord Jesus
Christ, and the love of God, and
the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all evermore. **Amen.**2 Corinthians 13:14

Tuesday
May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** Romans 15:13

Wednesday
Glory to God whose power,
working in us, can do infinitely
more than we can ask or imagine:
Glory to him from generation to
generation in the Church, and in
Christ Jesus for ever and ever.

**Amen.** *Ephesians 3:20, 21* 

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# **Lessons for Monday in Holy Week**

#### Psalm 36:5-11

Dixit injustus

- 5 Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens, \* and your faithfulness to the clouds.
- 6 Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like the great deep; \* you save both man and beast, O LORD.
- 7 How priceless is your love, O God! \* your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.
- 8 They feast upon the abundance of your house; \* you give them drink from the river of your delights.
- 9 For with you is the well of life, \* and in your light we see light.
- 10 Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you, \* and your favor to those who are true of heart.
- 11 Let not the foot of the proud come near me, \* nor the hand of the wicked push me aside.

#### Isaiah 42:1-9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it:

I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.

(Isaiah 42:1–9 continued)
I am the LORD, that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.
See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.

#### Hebrews 9:11-15

When Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God!

For this reason he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, because a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions under the first covenant.

#### John 12:1-11

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me." When the great crowd of the Jews learned that he was there, they came not only because of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Lazarus to death as well, since it was on account of him that many of the Jews were deserting and were believing in Jesus.

# **Lessons for Tuesday in Holy Week**

#### Psalm 71:1-14

In te, Domine, speravi

- 1 In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; \* let me never be ashamed.
- 2 In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; \* incline your ear to me and save me.
- 3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe; \* you are my crag and my stronghold.
- 4 Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, \* from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.
- 5 For you are my hope, O Lord GOD, \* my confidence since I was young.
- 6 I have been sustained by you ever since I was born; from my mother's womb you have been my strength; \* my praise shall be always of you.
- 7 I have become a portent to many; \* but you are my refuge and my strength.
- 8 Let my mouth be full of your praise \* and your glory all the day long.
- 9 Do not cast me off in my old age; \* forsake me not when my strength fails.
- 10 For my enemies are talking against me, \* and those who lie in wait for my life take counsel together.
- 11 They say, "God has forsaken him; go after him and seize him; \* because there is none who will save."
- 12 O God, be not far from me; \* come quickly to help me, O my God.
- 13 Let those who set themselves against me be put to shame and be disgraced; \* let those who seek to do me evil be covered with scorn and reproach.
- 14 But I shall always wait in patience, \* and shall praise you more and more.

#### Isaiah 49:1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The LORD called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his guiver he hid me away. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD, and my reward with my God." And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant,

(Isaiah 49:1-7 continued)

to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the LORD,

and my God has become my strength--

he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations,

that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

#### 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,

and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

#### John 12:20-36

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say-- `Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world

(John 12.20–36 continued)

will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw is with you for a little longer. Walk while you have the light, so that all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die. The crowd answered him, "We have heard from the law that the do not know where you are going. While you have the light, believe in Messiah remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?" Jesus said to them, "The light

the darkness may not overtake you. If you walk in the darkness, you the light, so that you may become children of light." After Jesus had said this, he departed and hid from them.

# **Lessons for Wednesday in Holy Week**

#### Psalm 70

Deus, in adjutorium

- 1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; \* O LORD, make haste to help me.
- 2 Let those who seek my life be ashamed and altogether dismayed; \* let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.
- 3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back, \* because they are ashamed.
- 4 Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; \* let those who love your salvation say for ever, "Great is the LORD!"
- 5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; \* come to me speedily, O God.
- 6 You are my helper and my deliverer; \* O LORD, do not tarry.

#### Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens-wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.

The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious. I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced: therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me?

(Isaiah 50:4-9a continued) Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

#### Hebrews 12:1-3

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinners, so that you may not grow weary or lose heart.

#### John 13:21-32

At supper with his friends, Jesus was troubled in spirit, and declared, "Very truly, I tell you, one of you will betray me." The disciples looked at one another, uncertain of whom he was speaking. One of his disciples-- the one whom Jesus loved-was reclining next to him; Simon Peter therefore motioned to him to ask Jesus of whom he was speaking. So while reclining next to Jesus, he asked him, "Lord, who is it?" 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. After he received the piece of bread, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, "Do quickly what you are going to do." Now no one at the table knew why he said this to him. 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. So, after receiving the piece of bread, he immediately went out. And it was night.

When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once."

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