

Tuesday: Betrayal and Denial

God Calls You to Worship

Opening Words

As you light a candle:

I light this candle to remember that Jesus is with me.

Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

As a prayer: Have mercy on me and grant me your peace.

Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

As a prayer: Praise and glory to you, O God.

-John 1:29

Gathering Song

Choose a favorite song that draws you into worship.

- *Holy, Holy, Holy* LUYH 538 | [YouTube](#) | [Music and Lyrics](#)
- *Come, Now Is the Time to Worship* LUYH 526 | [YouTube with Lyrics](#)
- *Jesus Loves Me* LUYH 709 | [YouTube](#) | [Music and Lyrics](#)
- *Be Still and Know that I am God* LUYH 907 | [YouTube](#) | [Music and Lyrics](#)

Prayer

Use the following prayer or your own, giving voice to the realities of the day within the greater context of the promise of the resurrection, and ask for the Holy Spirit to work through this time of worship.

God of all hope,
I worship you today deeply aware
of the world's grief and pain --and my own.
Send your Holy Spirit here and
comfort me with the sure knowledge
that my Lenten journey will end in Easter joy.
Amen.

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God Speaks and You Respond

Scripture Reading

Matthew 26:14-16; Matthew 26:31-35

Reflecting on God's Word

- Take coins, and place them one by one in metal cans or a glass. Listen to them drop and reflect on how:
 - Judas, because of his greed, informed the chief priest of Christ's location in exchange for coins of silver.
 - Peter, because of his fear, disowned Jesus three times after promising to never leave him.
- Ask yourself the following questions.
 - Knowing that Jesus walked this painful journey for ALL sinners, what are ways that you have betrayed or denied the Son of God?
 - How much is your integrity worth? Would you betray and deny your relationship with Jesus for things of this world? Jesus wants nothing more than a relationship with you!
- Spend time in a personal prayer of confession: write a prayer or create a piece of art that is a reflection of your thoughts.

Sung or Spoken Response

Use one or more of the following songs to reflect and meditate. Listen to the link provided, or read the text from a hymnal, or sing as you are able.

- *Ah, Holy Jesus* -LUYH 172 | [YouTube](#) | [Music and Lyrics](#)
- *All I Have is Christ* | [YouTube](#) | [Music and Lyrics](#)

Prayer

Offer your own prayer or use the following one to express your need and gratitude for forgiveness.

Holy Spirit,
I ask for strength each day to live a godly life
and for your forgiveness when I fail.
My sins are ever before me as I fail like Judas and Peter.
Lord, thank you for your endless mercy and grace.
Amen.

-Rev. Chris Walker

God Sends

While you may not be leaving your home during this week, you are still called to be Christ's presence in your relationships, on zoom calls, and social media posts, thus continuing your worship of God in all you do and say. Read this verse of praise aloud.

Closing Verse

**Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,
to receive power and wealth
and wisdom and strength
and honor and glory
and praise!**

-Rev. 5:12

Blessing

Hear these words of blessing spoken to you from God. As you are comfortable, use motions to point before, behind, beneath, above, and beside as this will help you memorize this blessing over the week.

**I, your God will go
before you to guide you
behind you to protect you
beneath you to support you
above you to watch over you
beside you to be your friend.**

**Do not be afraid.
Go forth in peace.**